

**Shavington-cum-Gresty Council**  
**Environment and Recreation Committee meeting**  
Main Road,  
Shavington, Crewe  
CW2 5DP



## **MINUTES of the meeting held on** **Wednesday 12 July 2023**

In attendance: Cllrs Ferguson, Buchanan, K Gibbs, Cruickshank, McHugh, Randle

Mr Davis

<b>ScG R&amp;E/23/1/1</b>	<b>To elect the Chair and Deputy Chair</b>
	<b>RESOLVED:</b> that Cllr Ferguson and Cllr Randle were elected Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee respectively
<b>ScG R&amp;E/23/1/2</b>	<b>To receive and consider apologies for absence</b>
	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs S Jones and R Jones
<b>ScG R&amp;E/23/1/3</b>	<b>To note declarations of Members' interests<sup>1</sup></b>
	Cllr McHugh declared an interest in item 12.  Cllr Cruickshank declared an interest in items 9 and 11.
<b>ScG R&amp;E/23/1/4</b>	<b>To note the terms of reference for the Environment &amp; Recreation committee</b>
	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the terms of reference for the Environment & Recreation Committee .
<b>ScG R&amp;E/23/1/5</b>	<b>To consider the appointment of non-Parish Councillors Members to the Committee as representative of the community</b>
	Mr Davis was appointed as non-Parish Councillors Member to the Committee

<sup>1</sup> Cllr Buchanan joined the meeting at 19:32hrs

	as representative of Gresty Lane Allotments.
<b>ScG R&amp;E/23/1/6</b>	<b>To confirm and sign the minutes of the Engagement and Recreation Committee Meeting hold on 16 November 2022</b>
	<b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the previous meeting are approved and signed as an accurate record.
<b>ScG R&amp;E/23/1/7</b>	<b>Public Participation</b>  <i>A period not exceeding 20 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments</i>
	No question was raised.
<b>ScG R&amp;E/23/1/8</b>	<b>To receive and consider the YTD financial position of the Environment and Recreation Committee</b>
	Members <b>NOTED</b> the YTD financial position of the Committee.
<b>ScG R&amp;E/23/1/9</b>	<b>To receive and consider an update on the Gresty Lane Allotments.</b>  <b>To receive and consider representations from the plot holders at Gresty Lane allotments.</b>  <b>And to consider nominations for a Gresty Lane Allotments representative.</b>
	<p>The Chair updated Councillors with regards to the Gresty Lane Allotments site visit.</p> <p>It was <b>NOTED</b> that Cllr Cruickshank declared an interest in the item and abstained from the vote.</p> <p>Members <b>NOTED</b> the update.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that Standing Orders were suspended for the discussion of item 9 to allow plot holders to make representations for Councillors consideration.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that a skip will be provided at the end of the season to clean the site from any residual waste</p> <p>It was <b>NOTED</b> that Cllr McHugh voted against the motion.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that, due to the current state of the plots, plots 13 and 3 are offered at 50% of annual rate for the first year of tenancy</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> subject to clarification around any TPOs, plot holders are delegated to progress with remedial works needed on the oak tree (near plot</p>

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<b>ScG R&amp;E/23/1/10</b>	<b>To receive and consider an update from the Ground Maintenance service provider Mr Beckett</b>
	Mr Beckett updated Councillors on plans for this year.  Members <b>NOTED</b> the update <sup>2</sup>  <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Ground Maintenance Provider is instructed to progress with the removal of the plant next to the bus stop in Crewe Road
<b>ScG R&amp;E/23/1/11</b>	<b>To receive and consider a request for a tenancy transfer under s 2.7 of the Shavington-cum-Gresty Allotment Policy made for plot 14</b>
	The Chair updated Members on the item.  Members <b>NOTED</b> the update.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> that Standing Orders were suspended for the discussion of item 11 to allow plot holder to make representations for Councillors consideration.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> that a recommendation is made to Full Council to accept the request for tenancy transfer of plot 14 under s.2.7 of the Allotment Policy, and to wave an ad-hoc dispensation of the Eligibility Criteria in 2.1  It was <b>NOTED</b> that Cllr Randle abstained from the vote
<b>ScG R&amp;E/23/1/12</b>	<b>To receive and consider an update on IMPACT – Every Leaf Counts</b>
	Members <b>NOTED</b> the report.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Clerk is delegated to appoint a supplier for the refurbishment of the n.2 phone kiosks, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee  <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Clerk is delegated to proceed with works related to replacing the sleepers in Crewe Road (Hickory) and planting as per the Parish Council delivery plan approved on 7 June 2023 (up to £1,500 of budget)
<b>ScG R&amp;E/22/2/13</b>	<b>To receive and consider an update with regards to the Vine Tree play area</b>

<sup>2</sup> Cllr Randle left the meeting 2049hrs and returned the meeting 2051hrs

	<p>The Clerk updated Councillors on ASB activities in the play area, and damages on the signs that had to be replaced.</p> <p>Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the update.</p>
<b>ScG R&amp;E/22/2/14</b>	<b>To consider a proposal for a Call for Quotations for the Parish Ground Maintenance service for 2024/25</b>
	<p>Members <b>NOTED</b> the report.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Call for Quotations is approved subject to the following amendment being made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. P.1 : 23:59 instead of midnight</li> <li>b. P.1: Interested businesses instead of interesting businesses</li> <li>c. photo H is removed</li> <li>d. remove references to wood sleepers from location C, D</li> <li>e. location H refence to a series of tub planters instead of wooden sleepers</li> <li>f. Include maintenance of Cameron Avenue footpath</li> </ul> <p>that the Clerk is requested to seek for three quotes to be considered by the Committee in its next meeting in November</p>
<b>ScG R&amp;E/22/2/15</b>	<b>To consider and inform the budget setting process for 2024/25 financial year</b>
	<p>Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the report.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the DRAFT Environment and Recreation Committee budget 2024/25 is approved and recommended to F&amp;S Committee, subject to the following amendments being made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Allotment maintenance cost (32): £500</li> </ul>
<b>ScG R&amp;E/22/2/16</b>	<b>To note the date of the next Environment and Recreation Committee Meeting – 15 November 2023 7:30PM</b>
	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the date of the next Environment and Recreation Committee meeting

Meeting closed at 2145 hrs

Chair: Cllr Ferguson

Clerk: S Garnero