Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Parish Council Meeting 06.03.2024 Minutes

Shavington-cum-Gresty Council Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Main Road, Shavington, Crewe CW2 5DP



## MINUTES of the Parish Council held on 6 March 2024

In attendance: Cllrs Buchanan, Cruickshank, Ferguson, B Gibbs, K Gibbs, Hancock, McHugh, S Jones, R Jones, McIntyre, Randle, Wain.

ScG/23/10/1	To receive and consider apologies for absence
	No apologies were received.
ScG/23/10/2	To note declarations of Members' interest
	Cllr Randle declared a pecuniary interest in item 8, as declared in his Register of Interests.
	Cllrs R Jones and McHugh declared a personal interest in item 15 due to their houses being close to the area discussed.
	Cllr Buchanan declared a personal interest in item 15 due to being a trustee of the Soccer Centre.
ScG/23/10/3	To confirm and sign the minutes of the Shavington-cum-Gresty Council Meeting held on 7 February 2024
	<b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the previous meeting are approved and signed as an accurate record.
ScG/23/10/4	Public Participation
	A period not exceeding 20 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments
	No comment was raised.

ScG/23/10/5	To receive and consider updates from Committee Chairs in relation to meetings held since the previous Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council meeting on 7 February 2024 or any items arisen since then:
	<u>Committee:</u> Community and Engagement Committee <u>Chair:</u> Councillor K Gibbs
	<u>Committee:</u> Village Hall Committee <u>Chair</u> : Cllr McIntyre
	Committee: Environment and Recreation Committee Chair: Councillor Ferguson
	<u>Committee:</u> Finance & Strategy Committee <u>Chair:</u> Cllr R Jones Meeting held on 28 February 2024 <b>(DRAFT minutes attached)</b> Items for consideration:
	i. that the latest version of the Parish Council Fixed Asset Register is approved and recommended to Full Council.
	ii. that the latest version of the Parish Council Financial Risk Assessment is approved and recommended to Full Council
	iii. that the updated version of the Council's Direct Debit list is approved, and that a recommendation is made to Full Council to approve the use of variable direct debit system as per s.6.5 of the Council's Financial Regulations
	iv. that the following policies are recommend to Full Council for approval:
	<ul> <li>a. Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Training and Development Policy for Councillors and Staff</li> <li>b. Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Publication Scheme Information Guide</li> <li>c. Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Pensions Discretions Policy</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>v. that the Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Councillor-Officer protocol is recommend to Full Council for approval, subject to the following amendment under the paragraph Roles of Councillors and Officers:</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>a. "In any instance where behaviour deviates from the standards outlined in the Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Councillor Code of Conduct or the Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Councillor-Officer Protocol, escalates in tone, or causes someone to</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>feel threatened or uncomfortable, the interaction should be promptly terminated and reported to the line manager." Should be added under s. "Roles of Councillors and Officers" "</li> <li>b. "To represent the council externally if authorised by the Parish Council" should replace the sentence "To represent the council externally;"</li> </ul>
	<u>Committee:</u> Staffing Committee <u>Chair:</u> Cllr Buchanan
	<u>Committee:</u> Planning Committee <u>Chair:</u> Cllr McIntyre Meetings held on 7 February 2024 <b>(DRAFT minutes attached)</b>
	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the update.
ScG/23/10/6	To receive the January report from the Village Beat Manager
	Councillors NOTED the update.
	The Clerk was requested to amend the January Village Beat Manager report from the agenda pack due to sensitive data being present.
ScG/23/10/7	To note the YTD Parish Council finance position
	Members <b>NOTED</b> the YTD Council's finance position.
ScG/23/10/8	To note and approve all payments since 1 April 2023
	<b>RESOLVED:</b> that all payments since 1 April 2023 are approved.
ScG/23/10/9	To receive the revised DRAFT Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Strategy 2024-2029 <sup>1</sup>
	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the report.
ScG/23/10/10	To receive an update on the Main Road Car Park in Shavington
	The Clerk briefed Councillors on the item.
	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the update.

<sup>1</sup> Cllr Cruickshank joined the meeting at 19:40hrs

ScG/23/10/11	To receive an update on the Weston Mitigation Land acquisition project
	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the report.
ScG/23/10/12	To receive and consider the following document as per approved by Finance & Strategy Committee :
	<ul> <li>Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Asset register</li> <li>Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Financial Risk Assessment</li> <li>Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Direct Debit List</li> </ul>
	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the report.
	<b>RESOLVED</b> : that the following documents are approved as per Finance & Strategy Committee recommendation:
	<ul> <li>Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Asset register (subject to amendments of benches as suggested by Cllr Hancock)</li> <li>Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Financial Risk Assessment</li> <li>Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Direct Debit List</li> </ul>
ScG/23/10/13	To receive and consider the following recommendation from the Finance & Strategy Committee:
	- That the Council reconfirm its approval for the use of direct debit payments as per section 6.5 of the Council Financial Regulations.
	Clerk briefed Councillors on the item.
	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the report.
	<b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Council reconfirm its approval for the use of direct debit payments as per s.6.5 of the Council Financial Regulations.
ScG/23/10/14	To receive and consider the following policies, as recommended by the Finance & Strategy Committee
	a. Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Councillor-Officer protocol (with amendments as per Finance & Strategy Committee's recommendation)
	<ul> <li>b. Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Training and Development Policy for Councillors and Staff</li> <li>c. Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Publication Scheme</li> </ul>
	Information Guide

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	d. Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Pensions Discretions Policy
	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the report.
	<b>RESOLVED</b> : That the following policies are approved as per Finance & Strategy recommendation:
	<ul> <li>a. Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Councillor-Officer protocol (with amendments as per Finance &amp; Strategy Committee's recommendation)</li> <li>b. Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Training and Development Policy for Councillors and Staff</li> <li>c. Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Publication Scheme Information Guide</li> <li>d. Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council Pensions Discretions Policy</li> </ul>
ScG/23/10/15	To consider a proposal to request Cheshire East Council to regularly enforce parking restrictions on Crewe Road in Shavington (CW2 5AQ area)
	Cllr McHugh briefed Councillors on the item.
	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the briefing.
	<b>RESOLVED:</b> That a formal request is made to Cheshire East Council to regularly enforce parking restrictions on Crewe Road, Shavington.
	<b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Clerk and the Cheshire East Councillor for the Shavington Ward be asked to discuss this issue with the parties involved and report back to the council with any proposals.
ScG/23/10/16	To note the date of the next Council Meeting – 1 May 7:30PM
	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the date of the next Parish Council meeting.

Meeting Closed 2031 hrs Chair: Cllr B Gibbs Clerk: S Garnero