

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



## **MINUTES of the Parish Council** **held on Friday 26 January 2024**

In attendance: Cllrs Buchanan, Cruickshank, Ferguson, B Gibbs<sup>1</sup>, K Gibbs, Hancock, S Jones, McHugh

<b>ScG/23/08/1</b>	<b>To receive and consider apologies for absence</b>
	Apologies were received from Cllrs McIntyre, Randle, R Jones and Wain.
<b>ScG/23/08/2</b>	<b>To note declarations of Members' interest</b>
	No interest was declared.
<b>ScG/23/08/3</b>	<b>To confirm and sign the minutes of the Shavington-cum-Gresty Council Meeting held on 21 December 2023</b>
	<b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the previous meeting are approved and signed as an accurate record.
<b>ScG/23/08/4</b>	<b>Public Participation</b>
	<i>A period not exceeding 20 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments</i>
	A member of the public expressed interest in the boundary review proposal at Cheshire East Council.  The member of the public also inquired whether the Parish Council has been notified about the planning application related to their particular interest.
<b>ScG/23/08/5</b>	<b>To consider to submit a comment to the Cheshire East Council Electoral Review Sub-Committee concerning the draft proposal for reviewing ward boundaries.</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Joined the meeting at h18:32

	<p><b>To consider delegating the Clerk to attend the Sub-Committee meeting and make representations on behalf of the Council.</b></p>
	<p>Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the report circulated by the Clerk<sup>2</sup>.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Clerk is asked to represent the Parish Council at the upcoming Cheshire East Council Electoral Review Sub-Committee meeting. The Clerk is tasked with speaking during the public participation item and presenting the Parish Council's resolutions on the topic.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that Shavington-cum-Gresty Parish Council strongly opposes any proposals that involve having different ward councillors between Shavington and Gresty.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that, given the current options under discussion by the Electoral Review Sub-Committee, the Parish Council's preferred choice is a single two-member ward. This is to ensure the effective governance of the parish of Shavington-cum-Gresty.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the following statement is supported:</p> <p>“Shavington and Gresty have been linked for over 250 years, as referenced in newspaper articles dating back to 1776.</p> <p>In 2021, the Parish Council conducted a survey of Gresty residents regarding the parish boundary review, asking them about where do they identify with. Out of the Gresty respondents (47% of houses), 93% identified as part of Shavington-cum-Gresty, 1% as Rope, 6% as Wistaston, and none identified as Crewe. In conclusion, the majority of surveyed houses in Gresty, north of A500, strongly identified as part of the Shavington-cum-Gresty community.”<sup>3</sup></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the following statement is supported:</p> <p>“In Shavington-cum-Gresty, there is a lively community stretching from North to South. Gresty, in particular, is home to the parish allotments, and the Shavington-cum-Gresty green initiative centres around Gresty. This includes the ongoing acquisition of an 8-acre nature reserve and the pollinator-friendly community project, IMPACT- Every Leaf Counts.</p> <p>The Parish Council actively collaborates with businesses and community groups in Gresty. Notably, businesses like Hickory have been vital partners in environmental projects led by the council. The Alex Soccer Centre is currently working on a well-being proposal as part of the Neighbourhood Health initiative</p>

<sup>2</sup> Cllr Hancock left the meeting at h.18:54

<sup>3</sup> Cllr Ferguson left the meeting at h1932

	<p>run by Cheshire East Council.</p> <p>Boundaries are not just lines on a map; they are rooted in heritage, belonging, and identity. For those living here, Shavington and Gresty form one parish, one community, one identity.”</p>
<b>ScG/23/08/6</b>	<b>To note the date of the next Council Meeting – 7 February 2024 7:30PM</b>
	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the date of the next Parish Council meeting.

Meeting Closed at 1948 hrs  
Chair: Cllr B Gibbs  
Clerk: S Garnero