

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



**MINUTES of the meeting held on**  
**Wednesday 9 October 2024<sup>1</sup>**

In attendance: Cllrs K. Cruickshank, M. Ferguson, K. Gibbs, S. Jones, S. Randle

Mr E. Davies, Gresty Lane Allotments Representative

ScG E&R/24/01/01	<b>To elect the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Environment &amp; Recreation Committee.</b>
	<b>RESOLVED:</b> that Cllrs K. Cruickshank and S. Randle were elected Chair and Deputy Chair of the Environment & Recreation Committee respectively
ScG E&R/24/01/02	<b>To receive and consider apologies for absence.</b>
	Apologies were received from Cllr P. McHugh
ScG E&R/24/01/03	<b>To note declarations of Members' interests.</b>
	Cllr K. Cruickshank declared a pecuniary interest in items 10, 11, and 12
ScG E&R/24/01/04	<b>To note the Terms of Reference of the Environment &amp; Recreation Committee.</b>
	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the terms of reference of the Committee
ScG E&R/24/01/05	<b>To consider the appointment of non-Parish Councillors Members to the Committee as representatives of the community.</b>

<sup>1</sup> Meeting started at 1935hrs

	<b>RESOLVED:</b> that Mr E. Davis and Mr M Tobin are appointed as non-Parish Councillor Members to the Committee as representative of the Gresty Lane allotments.
ScG E&R/24/01/06	<b>To confirm and sign the minutes of the Environment &amp; Recreation Committee Meeting held on 20 March 2024</b>
	<b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the previous meeting are approved and signed as an accurate record.
ScG E&R/24/01/07	<b>Public Participation</b> <i>A period not exceeding 20 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments</i>
	No comment was made
ScG E&R/24/01/08	<b>To receive and consider the YTD financial position of the Environment &amp; Recreation Committee.</b>
	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the YTD position of the Committee.
ScG E&R/24/01/09	<b>To receive and review the Grounds Maintenance Service in Shavington-cum-Gresty, with consideration of any priorities for improvement.</b>
	Mr Beckett updated Councillors on the service.  Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the update.  Cllr S. Randle chaired items 10, 11, and 12 due to a pecuniary interest declared by Cllr K. Cruickshank
ScG E&R/24/01/10	<b>To receive and consider an update on the Gresty Lane Allotments, including any issues raised and actions required.</b>
	Mr Davies briefed Councillors on the item.  Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the brief.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> that a skip will be provided to allotment holders on a goodwill basis, with a budget of up to £250. It will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, specifically for allotment waste, and will remain on-site for two weeks. Plot holders will be responsible for supervising its use, and the Parish Council will not engage in any correspondence or address complaints regarding the skip.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the allotment representatives will inform all plot holders on the details of the skip

	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Clerk will contact the Community Support at Network Rail to address the issue of weeds along the back of the allotment site and request vegetation clearance work along the boundary.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Clerk will contact Mornflake to request assistance in addressing the issue of overgrown trees along their border, which are causing issues for the allotments.</p>
ScG E&R/24/01/11	<b>To consider and inform the budget setting process for 2025/26 financial year</b>
	<p>Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the report.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that the DRAFT E&amp;R Committee budget for 2025/26 is approved and recommended to Finance &amp; Strategy Committee</p>
ScG E&R/24/01/11	<p><b>To consider a proposal to review section 3.12 of the Allotment Policy as follows, in order to ensure compliance with the latest regulations:</b></p> <p><b>“3.12 The tenant shall not keep, or allow others to keep, animals or livestock (except hens, but not cockerels, or rabbits) on the allotment site. While it is lawful to keep hens or rabbits on an allotment, tenants must notify the Council in writing before doing so. The tenant must also demonstrate that the keeping of hens or rabbits will not harm their health or cause a nuisance to other allotment tenants (as per section 12 of the Allotments Act 1950). Any structures required to keep hens or rabbits on a plot must comply with section 5 of these Rules. Additionally, tenants must adhere to all relevant national regulations concerning the keeping of poultry, including the responsibility to register as a keeper.”</b></p>
	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> that a recommendation is made to Full Council to review s3.12 of the Allotment Policy as follows, in order to ensure compliance with the latest regulations:</p> <p>“3.12 The tenant shall not keep, or allow others to keep, animals or livestock (except hens, but not cockerels, or rabbits) on the allotment site. While it is lawful to keep hens or rabbits on an allotment, tenants must notify the Council in writing before doing so. The tenant must also demonstrate that the keeping of hens or rabbits will not harm their health or cause a nuisance to other allotment tenants (as per section 12 of the Allotments Act 1950). Any structures required to keep hens or rabbits on a plot must comply with section 5 of these Rules. Additionally, tenants must adhere to all relevant national regulations concerning the keeping of poultry, including the responsibility to register as a keeper.”</p>
ScG E&R/24/01/12	<b>To note the date of the next Environment &amp; Recreation Committee Meeting – 26 March 2025 7:30PM</b>

	Councillors <b>NOTED</b> the date of the next meeting

Meeting closed at 2054 hrs

Chair: Cllr K. Cruickshank – Cllr S. Randle (item 10, 11, 12)

Clerk: S Garnero

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