

**GREAT SHELFORD PARISH
COUNCIL**

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

19th April 2017

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2. Approve Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 20 April 2016.
3. Chairman's Report
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9. Items not on the agenda which residents wish to debate with the Parish Council.
10. Close Annual Parish Council meeting.
11. Refreshments and informal discussion.

Agenda Item 1.

Receive apologies for absence

Agenda Item 2.

Approve Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 20 April 2016

Agenda Item 3.

Chairman's Report (Mike Nettleton).

Chair Statement for Year 2016-2017

Recreation and Pavilion

- Work on repairing and improving the riverbank area was completed in late Summer, largely funded by grants. Further work is needed to stabilise the ramps and protect plants during their initial growth period.
- Safety netting installed on Pavilion roof to catch cricket balls.
- Maintenance of football and cricket pitches outsourced to CGM.

Highways

- Zebra crossing and other work requested in 2015 severely delayed by County Council.
- First speed indicator board installed; second to follow.
- Partial grant for flashing school warning signs obtained.

Planning

- Continuing high volumes of planning applications to be reviewed.

Cemetery and Allotments

- Much good work done around the Village, e.g. the Garden Gang.

Communications

- Extensive consultation with residents on:
 - Riverbank
 - Playscape
 - Highways/parking issues
 - Neighbourhood Plan
- New Parish Council website
- Mailshot to all residents about APM and asking for contact details.

Personnel

- Three new councillors: Richard Davies, Stefan Harris-Wright and Carrie Hillard.
- Stephen Chittenden has left the Parish Council, because of work pressures. We'd like to thank him for all his hard work, especially on the Riverbank project. This leaves us with one vacancy.
- Deputies appointed for each of the committee Chairs.
- We are looking to recruit an assistant for Mike Winter

Other issues

- Provided support to ensure that Great Shelford retained its Post Office.
- We are engaging with Network Rail to understand likely increases in rail traffic volumes and to press for improvements to level crossings and signalling.

Finally

- I would like to thank all my fellow councillors for their support and hard work.
- Also Mike Winter our Parish Clerk and Seamus Fegan, our Village Man.

Agenda Item 4.

Key issues for the Village : Mike Nettleton, Chair Parish Council

- a) Traffic and parking issues.
- b) Provision of improved recreation facilities - Playscape and Grange Field.
- c) Pressures on village facilities - school and surgery full, etc.
- d) What else?

Agenda Item 5.

Reports from the Parish's elected representatives

- a) Cambridgeshire County Council: County Councillor Tony Orgee

- b) South Cambridgeshire District Council: District Councillor and Parish Councillor, Ben Shelton

Cambridgeshire County Council Annual Report

Since the county council election in 2013, no one political party has been in control at Shire Hall and no party has a majority on any of the council's committees.

County Council Budget 2017-18

The County Council carried out a survey in late 2016 regarding its 2017-18 Budget and the willingness of residents to pay an increased Council Tax. A majority of residents were prepared to pay an increase, but only a minority felt that any increase should be greater than 2%.

After a lengthy debate at its budget-setting meeting in February 2017, the County Council decided residents were At the Full County Council meeting held on 14 February the County Council decided to support no increase in basic Council Tax and a 2% increase for Social Care. This means an increase in the County Council's portion of Council Tax of about £24 per year for a Band D property, with proportional increases for other Council Tax bands. This 2% rise will bring in an additional £4.8 million.

Social Care budgets all over the country are under great strain, and further financial support for Social Care was announced in the national budget. Cambridgeshire County Council will get an extra £8.33 million for Social Care in 2017-18. This is over and above the additional money raised by the County Council's 2% rise.

Local Highways Improvement (LHI) Bid by Great Shelford Parish Council

Great Shelford Parish Council was one of many parish councils that submitted LHI bids to the County Council. Tony was one of the Panel members who considered and scored these bids, though Panel members could not score schemes in villages that they represent. The Great Shelford bid was for flashing lights in Church Street near the primary school. We supported this bid and are pleased that it was successful, as was the case with last year's bid for financial support for a pedestrian crossing in Woollards Lane. The Parish Council will fund a proportion of the costs of these schemes.

The City Deal and the A1307 Local Liaison Forum (LLF)

At last year's APM we reported that the City Deal Executive Board decided to prioritise two specific routes to/from Cambridge, the A428 to Cambourne and the A1307 Cambridge – Linton – Haverhill route, and that prior to last year's meeting there had been a consultation on high level transport concepts that had emerged from initial study work undertaken regarding the A1307 corridor.

The recently set up A1307 Local Liaison Forum is an opportunity for local residents and parish councils to consider proposals before they go to the City Deal's Joint Assembly and Executive Board for decision. Tony was ratified as Chair at the first meeting of the A1307 Local Liaison Forum held on 20 February. The Forum considered a number of proposals were put forward relating to various parts of the A1307 between Haverhill and Addenbrooke's.

In particular, the proposals included a revised road junction where Haverhill Road meets the A1307 and adjacent access to the Gogs Farm Shop, a bus-only lane from the Gogs to the roundabout at Shelford Bottom, and an on-highway or off-highway link to the Biomedical Campus from the Babraham Park and Ride site.

The agenda papers had recommended that more detailed proposals should come to the Executive Board before the summer, but the Executive Board decided to a delay so that the Local Liaison Forum could consider all the proposals in the agenda papers and other proposals.

Cambridge Sporting Village

The Cambridge Sporting Village is a proposal to build sporting facilities and several hundred houses on land south of the Trumpington Meadows development, though with some facilities on the Hauxton side of the M11. It is associated with the Cambridge Community Stadium proposal, which seeks to develop Cambridge United's Newmarket Road Stadium and immediate surroundings.

It would appear that the main issues relating to the Cambridge Sporting Village application are the special circumstances put forward by the applicants weighed against issues such as loss of Green Belt, loss of high grade agricultural land and the appropriateness of any proposed traffic mitigation measures.

Local Government Boundary Commission – electoral review of the County Council

At last year's APM we reported that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England had carried out a review of County Council divisions and would be making recommendations in September 2016. In the recommendations Great Shelford will stay in the same division, now renamed Sawston and Shelford division, a two-member division enlarged by the addition of Babraham and Haslingfield. The first election to the new county divisions will take place in April this year.

Tony Orgee and Gail Kenney, County Councillors for Great Shelford

South Cambridgeshire District Council Annual Report

Local Plan

The Local Plan and its supporting documents were submitted for independent examination to the Planning Inspectorate on 28 March 2014.

The examination is to establish whether the Local Plan is 'sound', taking into consideration representations made during public consultation.

The planning inspectors wrote to the Council on 7 September 2016 asking for clarification on the progress of a number of areas of work, including the provisional modification to allocate land south of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus.

South Cambs responded on 23 September 2016, by providing schedules outlining the specific work being undertaken, relevant committee dates and the target dates for submission of the work to the Inspectors.

On 30 November 2016, a letter was submitted to the Inspectors of the further proposed modifications for their consideration relating to:

Policies for the proposed **New Settlements of Waterbeach New Town** and Bourn Airfield New Village

Proposed allocation of land south of Cambridge Biomedical Campus

Policies for Gypsies and Travellers

Monitoring the Greater Cambridge City Deal commitment to deliver 1,000 additional homes on rural exception sites

Hearing statements regarding Delivering High Quality Homes (Development Management Policies) and Promoting Successful Communities

Strategic policies for the purposes of Neighbourhood Planning

New Settlement of Waterbeach New Town

The hearing for the Waterbeach New Town discussed the following matters:

The size and timing of development, transport/infrastructure/viability and funding.

Addressing residents' concerns about the delivery and funding of improvements to the A10, officers confirmed that policy requires infrastructure to be provided in step with the development.

Concerns about rat-running through the village, were addressed in the policy such that the new station will bring much better facilities and safety improvements whilst still retaining good accessibility for village residents.

Employment and services in the proposed new settlement and relationship to other areas.

Addressing residents' concerns on stretched health and education facilities, officers said that the policy requires the provision of new schools, services and facilities and shops in each phase of the new town.

To enable residents to live and work in the village, officers pointed to the large number of homes in the new town including affordable homes and an appropriate element of employment floorspace.

Character and appearance, separation from Waterbeach village.

There are plans to reduce the dominance of the new town in the landscape by strategic landscaping. The space between the new town and Waterbeach would be carefully designed as required by policy.

Impact on heritage assets – Denny Abbey and World War II structures.

Space allocated for the new town had been modified to ensure an appropriate setting to Denny Abbey and respect World War II structures.

Flooding/Drainage.

The Environment Agency and Internal Drainage Board were content that the site could be developed with appropriate measures put in place.

Environment/Biodiversity.

Impacts on the environment and biodiversity can be mitigated supported by in-depth surveys.

Loss of agricultural land.

It is inevitable that the new town would take out of production some good quality agricultural land was inevitable however, in mitigation, the site covered the largest area of “Brown Field” in the district.

Stephen Kelly, the Joint Director – Planning & Economic Development (Cambridge & South Cambs), believes that the Local Plan is unlikely to be adopted until late 2017 or early 2018. The lack of a Local Plan and lack of a 5 year land supply encourages speculative applications with South Cambs receiving many more applications compared to other district councils because of its economic prospects, quality of life and historic environment. Planning applications therefore have to be guided by the National Planning and policy Framework.

Boundary Commission

Since the last boundary review, about 10 years ago, some areas in the district have grown faster than others resulting in an imbalance in the number of people being represented by their local councillors. There was a proposal to reduce the number of councillors from 57 to 45, for there to be a mix in the number of councillors that represented the Wards and for there to be all out elections every 4 years. After a period of public consultation, and receiving representations from the council, the Boundary Commission confirmed that the District be represented by 45 Councillors (12 less than current) serving 26 Wards (8 less than present) which break down to five three-member wards, nine two-member wards and twelve single-member wards across the district. All out elections of District Councillors will be in May 2018.

Devolution

The Government, through an Act of law, seeks to encourage devolution, whereby it is able to devolve housing, transport, planning and policing powers to a Combined Authority with a directly-elected mayor.

There was a proposal for a Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority that required South Cambs to be a member. A Vote was taken at Full Council for South Cambs to be a member of the Combined Authority. This Combined Authority will be the first non-metropolitan Combined Authority in England.

In the 1st Devo deal, monies were hard fought with

- £100M for South Cambs and £70M for City promised

This should fund 2500 affordable houses in 5 years and 500 new social rented homes (council homes of 60% market rent).

- £600M for economic development over 30 years (£20M per year)

This promised money can be used as security to borrow more money at no interest

This new authority does not replace existing councils.

There are seven candidates in the race to be the first elected Mayor. This post is a first in the Anglia region that has additional powers over education and skills, health and social care, transport, housing, and planning.

The **seven** candidates are

Paul Bullen - UK Independence Party

Rod Cantrill - Liberal Democrat

Stephen Goldspink - English Democrats

James Palmer - Conservative

Paul Bullen - UK Independence Party

Peter Dawe - Independent

Julie Howell - Green Party

Kevin Price - Labour

Planning Performance

Over a number of years, and for a variety of reasons, the planning performance of the Council had slipped. To remedy this, a dedicated team was put together, and a five point plan was implemented. Taking these steps, the planning performance made a 30% jump in the number of applications determined within national targets such that decisions have been issued on time for 91% of major and 79% of non-major applications over the last five months.

For a 24 month rolling period up until September 2016, the Council had determined 47% of major and 63% of non-major applications within 13 weeks and eight weeks respectively.

Business rates

Local businesses are now getting more support from the council due to an increase in the level of

Non Domestic Rate Relief for those businesses operating in rural areas. Mandatory relief has been increased from 50% to 100% meaning some small enterprises will now not have to pay any rates at all.

Larger businesses are also being helped by the creation of 3 Enterprise Zones in our District. These are in Waterbeach, Cambourne and Northstowe. This policy is designed to attract new businesses to the district by offering rate relief for up to 5 years if they move into one of our new enterprise zones.

Businesses who are liable to pay rates are able to appeal the amount they have to pay, by challenging the Valuation Agencies assessment. When appeals are successful any reduction in income is a direct cost to the council, and we have had to make provision

Benefits

Residents who are in receipt of benefits are continuing to receive support from the council in respect of Council Tax payments. The Localised Council Tax Support Scheme continues for another year unchanged, which makes this the fourth year it has been in operation without having to be adjusted. This is a scheme that is fully funded by the council and receives no grant to support it from Central Government.

The hugely successful Community Chest grants program made a total of 63 awards last year, each providing funding of up to £1,500 for community projects. Another £52,000 (or £1,000 per week) will be given out in the coming year, but as the popularity of the scheme increases, so we've had to reduce the maximum amount that can be granted down from £1,500 per award to £1,000. Hopefully this will help the money last a little longer into the coming year, because at £1,500 a time we usually run out of budget within 6 months.

Performance

Our collections teams have put in another superb year, making sure that we collect as much Business Rates and Council Tax as possible. We are regularly in the top quartile for collecting Council Tax and this year collection rates are around the same level as last year, which were 99.4% for both Council Tax and Business Rates. This ranked us at 2nd best in the country for Council Tax collections, and 22nd best for Business Rates.

All district councils in Cambridgeshire, as well as the county council and Peterborough City Council, have signed up for the most generous devolution deal in the country. (In addition, in the Autumn Statement the Chancellor signalled a shift towards directing government spending where it is likely to generate the highest return, not least for the Exchequer.)

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will set up a combined authority, reinforcing the close joint working established over the past decades, enabling the councils to work together ever more efficiently. The leaders of the councils and the Local Enterprise Partnership are meeting regularly so that they will be ready to work with their new chairman as soon as the mayor is elected, on the same day as the county council elections this May. The role has already attracted a lot of interest!

A new £20m annual fund over the next 30 years (£600m in total) will support economic growth, infrastructure and jobs. Road improvements will include things like dualling the A10. Rail investment will unblock Ely North Junction, provide new rolling stock, and strengthen the case for a new station at Addenbrooke's.

Cambridge City Council will get a specific £70m housing grant. Another £100m for "affordable housing", homes for rent and part-ownership provided by the council and housing associations, will be targeted in South Cambridgeshire. We think we can make close to 2,000 of these houses available over the coming five years. These are not extra houses to those in the Local Plan, but we will be bringing them forward earlier than otherwise and within reach of more people.

Local control of the skills and apprenticeship budget will offer opportunities for our young people. The next stages in the handover of powers from Whitehall to town hall will extend to community safety (including police and fire services) and integrating local health and social care.

2016 saw several milestones passed at Northstowe: widening the B1050, excavating balancing ponds to reduce flood risk to Longstanton, opening the first primary school, constructing the first houses; and ending with completion of the legal agreement for phase 2. The first half of the town, 5,000 houses, will be accompanied by financial contributions more than £100m towards education and community facilities, as well as transport improvements including funding for more links in the Cambridgeshire cycleway network. Over 2,000 houses will be offered at prices and/or rents below market rates. No one has ever pretended it's all going to be plain sailing. Among problems experienced recently are mud on the road, trucks carrying away spoil through neighbouring villages and an alarming drop in water levels in ponds and wells in Longstanton (which may or may not be associated with works on phase 1).

Depending on the exact date of your last Annual Parish Meeting, you may or may not have reported that the Marshall application for development of up to 1300 houses at “Wing” got resolution to grant from the Fringes JDCC towards the end of April 2016, and permission was issued November 2016.

Cambourne West (which lies mostly in Caxton parish) received resolution to grant for 2,350 houses from our Planning Committee in January.

The A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme started – expected to finish 2020.

This year began with announcement of two major pieces of government policy.

The first was the Industrial Strategy green paper. This takes forward ideas of empowering local areas to boost their own economies, that were initiated and elaborated by Michael Heseltine, Peter Mandelson and Vince Cable in previous administrations. Cambridge and its surroundings are well placed to benefit both from an area-based approach – especially tying in with London and Oxford – and a sector deal concentrating on life sciences. One of the main objectives of the Industrial Strategy is sharing prosperity, both across the country and among all sections of society.

The second was the Housing White Paper. While there may have been some disappointment with the emphasis on requiring local authorities to get houses built, when land banking by big housebuilders and controlling the release of houses to keep prices up are commonly cited as contributory factors limiting the number of new houses, two shifts were generally well received. The first is a set of measures to make it easier for small building firms to get back into the business of building houses, and the second is a greater willingness to allow local authorities to build houses again. (The public sector used to build half the houses the country needed.) Councillors and staff have already had meetings with Gavin Barwell, the Housing and Planning Minister, and more are expected as we put together a package of measures best suited to the circumstances of South Cambridgeshire.

Major progress was made over Christmas at the site of the new Cambridge North station, which is now 80% complete, to get it ready for its opening in May this year. Work took place over the festive period to build platforms, install tracks for a new bay platform and to fit overhead wires. The footbridge, lift shafts, stairwells and main station building were all built over the course of last year. The new station, which is expected to handle 3,000 passenger journeys a day, will alleviate the pressure on the existing Cambridge station, where people currently leave the train in order to travel by other means to the science and business parks. An interchange between the northern leg of the Busway and the King's Cross to King's Lynn railway line has enormous potential, which is just as well because there is huge pressure growing on the A10 North corridor.

Urban&Civic plc is the development manager appointed by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (the government agency charged with disposal of surplus MoD land) for Waterbeach Barracks and Airfield. South Cambs supports the principle of development of this large area of publicly-owned previously-developed land. A new town north of Waterbeach village is included in the Local Plan still going through examination. Opportunities for broadening the range of new housing are welcomed, as well as innovative approaches to construction. The outline planning application for 6,500 houses, however, raises many questions relating to comprehensive delivery of a whole new settlement, in particular integration with the land held by the other promoters (RLW Estates). It is on their land that a new railway station could be built. We also need to be clear how transport improvements, especially the A10, will go hand-in-hand with occupation of more houses. These issues are fundamental to understand fully before any decision is made.

The county council, City, South Cambs, East Cambs, and private sector interests north and south of the A14 junction have all contributed towards funding a study from transport consultants examining options for a major upgrade of the A10, as well as the contribution that other modes of travel can make to easing congestion. Funding would come from a combination of developer contributions, the City Deal, the Devolution infrastructure grant, Growth Deal money channelled through the Local Enterprise Partnership, and Department for Transport major scheme funding.

Cambridge finds itself the centre of attention from all four cardinal points of the compass. From the south we have the London Stansted Cambridge Consortium, which has set itself the goal of joining the ranks of the top five global knowledge-intensive business clusters. From the east, a newly formed Cambridge-Norwich Tech Corridor seems keen to further the agri-tech and clean-tech interests we have in common. To the north, Peterborough is enlisting our support for the establishment of a university there. And the National Infrastructure Commission is very keen to facilitate links with the other place and points in between. East-West Rail is working out how to bring back a rail link between Bedford and Cambridge, and the next stage of the Oxford to Cambridge expressway is the dualling of the A428 from the Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet, scheduled to start in spring 2020. Three route options were published on 6 March. The public consultation runs for six weeks until 23 April. More information can be found at <http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a428-black-cat-to-caxton-gibbet/>

This year saw the further introduction of new government policies providing additional challenges for the housing service. The first of the 4 years of mandatory 1% reduction in rents has limited the Council's ambition to deliver new build housing but it still managed to continue the programme in a more modest way with completion and handover of 39 new homes this year. Recognising the wide range of aspirations and financial circumstances of its residents the Council is working to identify an appropriate range of solutions. These include affordable rental and shared equity homes as well as Government's new Starter Homes and Rent to Buy and innovative products like Rentplus. The Council is a vanguard authority for the Government's Self & Custom Build policy and is starting to apply for planning permission on its first plots. It also maintained its record of managing homelessness with minimal use of bed and breakfast accommodation.

Agenda Item 6.

Reports from Chairs of Parish Council committees

- a) Planning: Chair Councillor Bridget Hodge
- b) Cemetery & Allotments: Chair Councillor Helen Harwood
- c) Recreation Ground & Pavilion: Councillor Richard Davies
- d) Highways: Chair Councillor Barrie Ashurst

Planning

Over the past year the planning committee has reviewed nearly 100 applications for planning permission and about 40 applications for works to trees which are either subject to a Tree Preservation Order or lie within the Conservation Area.

Most sites are visited and the views of neighbours either written or made direct to the committee are taken into consideration when formulating the comments in the light of the Development Control Policies of SCDC, the National Planning Policy Framework and the Village Design Statement. The final say rests with the District Council. The majority of applications are not contentious ; those where the views of the Parish Council differ from the final decision made by the District Council are usually because of the different weight given to the assessment of the adverse impact of the development on the amenities of adjoining neighbours or the character of the area.

Ian Lorman the tree officer at SCDC is supportive of our policy of retaining the tree cover within the parish and where appropriate will seek a replacement tree for one which has been felled.

As the emerging Local Plan is still in the process of examination in public and the District Council does not have the five year housing supply required by central government it is possible that in the future we may be subjected to speculative development applications within the green belt.

Cemetery & Allotments

The committee exists to manage the parish cemetery in Cambridge Road and the two allotment sites, on Cambridge Road (Cemetery allotments) and off Stonehill Road (Stonehill allotments). Responsibility also falls to me for various flowerbeds around the village, in High Street, in front of the Memorial Hall and on Freestones Corner.

Day-to-day business for the cemetery relates to care and maintenance. The cemetery is managed to provide both a maintained and attractive space, and also a wildlife haven, sitting as it does on the edge of open countryside. Maintenance involves grasscutting in the summer, hedgetrimming in the autumn, and other general work as needed. Grasscutting and hedgecutting are done by contractor CGM, and the last year's performance has been good. This has been achieved through active supervision by the Parish Clerk. Other ad hoc work has been done by the Village Man, and also by a group of volunteers who come to help with gardening tasks. We aim to provide an attractive and peaceful spot for burials and for the bereaved to spend a quiet hour. Work has been done over the last year to tidy up those areas which were letting the site down. To this end we have closed the soil bay, a magnet for rubbish of every sort, instead requiring undertakers to remove excess grave soil. We have removed all the rubbish, and begun the process of planting new plants to make the site more attractive. Previous years' planting has now begun to mature.

The cemetery is one of the few areas of parish council activity that generates income, and the fees for burials and memorials pay for a large proportion of the maintenance work done there.

No progress has been made in resolving the issue of Chancel Repair Liability. Jesus College failed to provide the assistance promised in dealing with the issue, and it seems unlikely that further progress will be made until the college's proposed Science Park development on Rectory Farm is adjudicated by the Local Plan Inspection.

We currently have 26 allotment-holders at the Stonehill site; 15 at the Cemetery site. The Cemetery site is fully-occupied and the plots well-kept. Allotment-holders generally maintain paths themselves.

The Stonehill site is more challenging. The original plots were very large, varying between one fifth and one seventh of an acre. These proved unattractive to modern gardeners, and we have increasingly subdivided the plots. This year we introduced a new charging system based on the actual area of the plot. This has resulted in rent rises for those with larger plots and rent reductions for smaller plots, and has inevitably caused some controversy among allotment-holders.

The Stonehill site has, over the years, suffered periods where not all allotments could be let. This has left areas of the site overrun by brambles and couch-grass. We are currently seeking to address this. So far two plots have been cleared and rotovated, and we are actively seeking to let them. The Village Man now strims paths 2 or 3 times a year. The ongoing problems with the site are shared by most allotment sites across the country: a proportion of allotment-holders fail to maintain their plots, or have moved away without informing the council; new allotment-holders often fail to appreciate the work involved in maintaining an allotment and give up quickly. However, there are some excellent gardeners on the site, and it is clear that both allotment sites are a much valued part of village life. We will continue this year to work to bring the Stonehill site up to a better standard.

Finally, the volunteer Garden Gang has been working on the High Street flowerbeds which were in a poor state of maintenance. Comment from parishioners on the ongoing work has been very favorable. My thanks to the volunteers for their enthusiastic help.

Recreation Ground and Pavilion

River Bank Project – the work on the restoration of the river bank on the recreation ground was completed in August 2016. The bank was rebuilt and three access ramps were provided for ease of getting in and out of the river. The project was led by Councillor Stephen Chittenden (our thanks to Stephen) and funding was mainly provided by Amey CESP, with a grant from South Cambridgeshire District Council and the remainder from Parish Council funds. There is still some tidying up to do and any suggestions for any further improvements welcomed.

Playscape – the Playscape Project has now started with the work on the copse, the willow den and the wildflower planting all being completed. Presentations were held to discuss the final proposal before a planning application was made.

The Tractor and its shed – as all the mowing on the recreation ground is now carried out by our contractor, we were able to sell our tractor, its diesel tank and some implements. We were then able to have a re-organisation of the storage requirements for the village sports' clubs and the Feast, which now means that the Feast's old container in the Memorial Hall car park is now surplus to requirements and will be taken away (hopefully in one piece!).

Sports' Clubs – our clubs all continue to thrive with the cricket club winning promotion and the football club being continually successful.

Pavilion – as an experiment we opened the pavilion during the February half-term break for groups to run as a “cafe”, it worked fairly well and we will probably be looking to repeat this during other school holidays.

2017/2018 – the main focus during the coming year will be on the Playscape Project and to continue our search for additional recreation space for the village within the green belt.

Highways

Key points in 2016-2017

SID. A portable battery operated SID (Speed Indicator Device) was purchased and has been in operation since Dec 2016. The unit can be mounted in six locations within the village (5 lamp post and 1 individual post. The unit spends about a month at a location and is then moved to a new position after a battery change and data download. The data provides speed information and traffic flow for the month. The general consensus of opinion is that the flashing speed indication is a reminder to motorists to keep to the limit and has been effective. The project was protracted because the PC needed permission from Balfour Beatty and the CCC on the siting of the sites.

LHI (Local Highways Initiative 2016). On an annual basis the County allocates a pot of money which local Parish Councils can bid for funds to help finance local projects. In 2016 the PC made a successful bid to fund a zebra crossing in Woollards Lane. This project should have been completed by now but changes in staff resources at the County has meant significant delays. We are now hopeful that work will begin by early June, the position of the crossing has been the subject of a review by the County and it will now be positioned in front of Haarts/Solutions. Associated with the crossing are some “parking changes” and the creation of a “loading bay” and moving the disabled bay in front of Tuckers.

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LHI 2016 associated works. A number of “yellow line” changes will be undertaken at the same time as the crossing is built. To make changes Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) need to be raised, these can be expensive if done individually and to reduce the cost we have bundled them all together. Areas where changes will take place are Westfield Rd, Stonehill Rd, Maris Green, High Green, Elms Avenue, Tunwells Lane, Ashen Green, Chaston Rd, Hinton Way, Mingle Lane, Leeway Ave, Orchard Rd, Buristead Rd, High Street, Church Street and Woollards Lane. It is anticipated that these will take place in early June.

20mph Speed limit. A new limit will be introduced in June within the central areas of the village (Woollards Lane / High Street / Church Street).

LHI 2017. Again the County made funds available for local projects and the Parish Council made a successful bid for part funding of flashing signs for the school.

LHI 2018. We will be submitting an application in Nov 2017 for funds for the financial year 2018-19. Some initial work has been done on ideas to improve the Granhams and High St junction especially for cyclists.

Car Parking. We are aware that there are difficulties sometimes with parking availability and we are actively looking at longer term solutions to try and improve the situation. We undertook a snap survey on the use of McColls and Memorial car parks which produced some data on who the users are. We also undertook a longer study of checking the free spaces available in the car parks over a 5 week period checking at 10am and 2pm, this revealed that spaces are normally available. Parking enforcement is an ongoing issue, at present within South Cambs it is a police matter, we are making waves with South Cambs DC to de-criminalise parking as per the City. If it was decriminalised then wardens could be used to issue notices. Another avenue that may be available is that Chief Constables may be given the power to “sub contract” parking enforcement to a third party. However both of these are longer term fixes.

Road Markings. There are many areas in and around the village where the markings are in a poor state, as part of the crossing works we are hoping to have a lining contractor available to undertake remedial works and we are building a list of priorities.

Agenda Item 7.

Reports from the Parish Council's representatives bodies:

- a) Neighbourhood Plan: Peter Fane, Chair
- b) Playscape: Eleanor McCrone: GSP Chair
- c) Governing Body of Great and Little Shelford Primary School: Peter Ede, Chair of Governors
- d) Governing Body of Sawston Village College: Jonathan Culpin, Principal
- e) Shelford Twinning Association: Colin Jefferson, Chairman
- f) Great Shelford Community Association: Sheila Tilbury-Davis, Secretary
- g) Mobile Warden Scheme: Jenny Morris
- h) Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative: Ollie Leonard, Lead Youth Worker
- i) Great Shelford Village News: Judith Wilson, The editorial committee
- j) Police:
- k) Great Shelford Cricket Club: Brian Higgins, President
- l) Great Shelford Football Club:
- m) Shelford & Stapleford Strikers Football Club: John Swinton, Chairman
- n) Great Shelford Bowls Club: Frank Whaley, President
- o) Great Shelford Tennis Club: James Diver, Chairman
- p) Shelford Feast: Duncan Grey, Secretary

Neighbourhood Plan

Peter Fane

Playscape

Great Shelford Playscape was formed in Feb '15 to engage with the local community, commission an inspiring design to transform the play provision and raise funds to realise this vision. GSP initially conducted many community focus groups & an online questionnaire.

The PC appointed Erect Architecture in Nov '15 to produce a masterplan for the recreation ground.

Update April 2017

This past year has seen the start of fundraising, continued consultation, & collaboration with the SSYI to implement parts of the master plan near the copse. A busy time!

Mar 2016 – Draft Masterplan Public Consultation.

Apr 2016 – Sponsored “It’s A Knockout!” on the rec raised a brilliant £12,000!

May 2017 – Ongoing discussions with the PC & SSYI about the Copse project.

Jul 2016 – Stall at the Feast and further discussions with the Tennis club.

Aug 2016 – Copse Consultation & advice from Wildlife Trust.

Sept 2016 – Copse Project Starts: Landscape Architect Sophie O’Hara Smith appointed to do the detailed design. Project funded generously by the SSYI (both funding and volunteering) and augmented by the Co-op Community Fund.

Oct 2017 - Sponsored Abseil down St Mary’s Church tower. Raised a great £6,000.

Nov 2016 - Pre-planning meeting with Officer. Detailed design briefing with stakeholders

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Dec 2016 – Basketball / Football Practice area online survey.

Jan 2017 – PC agree to fund the pedestrian entrance, service point & new car parking

Feb/Mar 2017 - SSI mark out & plant meadow areas, build willow den.

Mar 2017 - Public consultation on revised masterplan & detailed design of the Playscape.

We continue to welcome any help or expertise, particularly with fundraising, so please get in touch. As demonstrated so far, this is a community effort and we can only do it together!

Thanks for all your support to date.

Eleanor McCrone, GSP Chair

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Shelford School

The school has had another successful year. For the first time in very many years we have been at our capacity of 210 pupils. However, our budget situation remains extremely precarious, as Cambridgeshire is very near the bottom of the list of local authorities as far as school funding is concerned. There has been a concerted campaign over several years for fairer funding, but when the NFF (National Funding Formula) was published in December it became apparent that as far as Shelford is concerned neither “F” was related to fairness. Governors are again faced with very difficult decisions about how to allocate our even scarcer resources. We are also continuing to consider our options in the changing landscape of school academies. Although the government has backtracked on forcing schools to convert to academy status, that still seems to be the direction of travel.

At Christmas we were very sorry to say farewell to Mr Walker after just two years here as Deputy Head. After temporary arrangements for the spring term we are delighted to have appointed Mr Nicholas Cuff to the Deputy Head and Year 4 teacher position from April.

The PTA has continued to do a magnificent job under the enthusiastic leadership of Charlie Russell. Fundraising reached £23,000 in the school year 2015/16, and has continued apace in the current year. The famed Quiz, masterminded by Greg and Maaïke Wall, reached new heights in terms of fundraising, and the “ActiveWear” film (which formed the observation round) brought the house down.

A new successful event this year was the Dinner and Dance held at the Red Lion in Whittlesford, with easy train transport a bonus. The event's fundraising was helped by bidding for (or maybe against??) the auction lot of an evening's babysitting by the Headteacher.

As well as the welcome fundraising, the PTA events have greatly contributed to the community feel of the school and its contribution to village life. Regular bike sales have been held in the Memorial Hall, allowing pupils and others to recycle and upgrade bikes as they grow out of them. The school benefits hugely from the support of the local community, in particular the churches and the Feast, and we were delighted that the children were again able to contribute musically to the Feast celebrations, as well as using the marquee for a disco organised by the PTA.

Peter Ede, Chair of Governors

Sawston Village College

On behalf of Sawston Village College, I am delighted to present a brief summary of our work over the past 12 months for the Annual Parish Meeting of Great Shelford. I have tried to capture some of the key developments and achievements at the College but such is the scope of our work I can give only a flavour of our broad and rich provision.

It has certainly been a very busy 12 months. Perhaps the most significant development was the decision of the College to join forces with Bassingbourn Village College, Bottisham Village College and Netherhall School to form one organisation. The purpose of such a multi academy trust, known as Anglian Learning, is to share best practice, promote collaboration, and support and challenge each other to drive up standards. It is also the case that each school faces huge challenges financially and it is our goal that a larger organisation can drive down costs, so that finite resources can be directed to supporting teaching and learning. At the same time we are committed to retaining the individual identity of each school, something which is paramount at a school like Sawston Village College with its unique history.

Alongside the formation of the Trust, the work of the College continues at pace. In the summer 2016, our examination results placed us just outside the top 10% of state schools in the country. What is especially pleasing is that pupils coming from disadvantaged backgrounds made the same level of progress as all pupils nationally, something that is a key driver of social mobility. The number of pupils achieving A*/A grades also remained very high, and many pupils progressed to Hills Road and the other sixth form colleges.

At a time when there is a debate about the creation of new grammar schools, it is a source of pride to us that Sawston Village College enables all pupils regardless of background or ability, to achieve their potential and support each other.

However, we very firmly believe that school is about much more than simply examination results and we have been proud to develop our opportunities for young people. Residential trips have taken place to France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Iceland; we were one of only eight organisations nationally to be chosen to contribute arts-related projects to the national Holocaust Memorial Day (with generous support from our friends in SCDFAS); one of our pupil made films was a winner in a national competition and shown to astronaut Tim Peake on board the International Space Station; our under-14 boys are national champions in trampolining, and so on, much more than I have space to record here. In all areas of the curriculum, in all subjects, through more than 70 lunchtime and after school clubs, there is truly something for everyone at the College.

And we do not forget our community responsibilities either. The Sawston Community Hub, to be built next to the Marven Centre, looks set to start construction in late spring, providing a much needed local library and children's centre for the village. The Sports Centre has added additional capacity through an enlarged AstroTurf and community orientated classes such as a Cancer Rehabilitation Group, while Adult Learning retains a vibrant and diverse programme.

The College also remains committed to supporting other schools and was extremely pleased to be awarded National Support School status in recognition of its academic achievement and success in school improvement.

There are challenges ahead. There are huge changes in GCSE, the recruitment of teachers at a time of a national shortage (exacerbated by the high costs of living in and around Cambridge), and a decline in real terms funding of about 8% are just some of the pressures we find ourselves under. But we have a great team of staff, engaged and enthusiastic pupils, and a supportive community, and we are determined to keep improving and broadening the opportunities for our young people.

Thank you for inviting me to contribute to your annual meeting.

Jonathan Culpin, Principal

Shelford Twinning Association

We have had another successful year in terms of the growth of activities, the growth in membership, 'balancing the books' through fund-raising activities and continuing to develop our links with Verneuil-en-Halatte. We received a very generous gift from the Shelford Feast Committee and Little Shelford Parish Council towards our children's activities which are much appreciated.

As Chairman, I would like to say a personal thank you to all the committee whose time, ideas, practical help and other methods of support have contributed significantly to the success of Shelford Twinning Association in 2016/17. We continue to be very open to forging links between clubs/societies in Great and Little Shelford with those in Verneuil-en-Halatte. To this end, our secretary has been working closely with choirs in Shelford and in Verneuil-en-Halatte to organise a French choir tour to the Shelfords. I can reveal that the concerts will take place at the beginning of November 2017 in Shelford.

We aim to hold an event every month with a view to promoting Shelford Twinning Association in the area and encouraging people to join with us in this 'Twinning Adventure' participating in the 'Exchange Visits' and developing more links with Verneuil. A fine balance between child-orientated events and adult-orientated events has been struck. Our website, shelfordtwinning.org.uk, is constantly updated by our webmaster, Graham Denton, so we would encourage all Shelfordians to consult it on a regular basis to find out what is happening each month, book the date in their diary, inform the organiser that you'd like to attend then come along! Shelford Free Church has been very kind in allowing us to use their hall and kitchen facilities which give an added ambience to our activities.

One of the keys to the success of the strong links with our twinning counterparts from Verneuil-en-Halatte is forward planning. To that end, we met with them in Calais this year. Each year, friendships old and new go from strength to strength and both groups are continually looking for further ways to develop links. We are always open to ideas from the people of Great and Little Shelford as well as others who would like to get involved.

We are indebted to Sarah Haddow and her team for liaising with our French friends to ensure that the experience of everyone participating in the 'Twinning Visit' continues to be memorable. Again, we were very appreciative of the involvement of Great & Little Shelford Primary School which hosted the French children for a morning of joint activities. As per usual, our guests enjoyed a visit to Holkham Hall in Norfolk as well as a guided tour of Saffron Walden. One of the key aims of the 'exchanges' is to learn from each other. To this end, incorporating spending a 'day with the family' has been a great success. Participants have learned much about each other's culture and language.

We look forward to welcoming new members to the Association in 2017/18 and for the continued development of social activities.

On behalf of the ShTA Committee, I would like to express our thanks to everyone who has helped to make it such a successful year. I'm sure that ShTA will grow from strength to strength in 2017/18 as more people become involved in its activities.

Colin Jefferson, Chairman

Community Association

It has been another busy year for the Gt. Shelford Memorial Hall under the Chairmanship of Simon Sparrow.

Bookings for the Memorial Hall are still at a premium and very often we are unable to accommodate all enquiries. However, we are very fortunate that we do have ample car parking, which is to be extended in the not too distant future, and our rental charges are very competitive.

It is worth noting that the upkeep and continual improvement of the facilities available at the Memorial Hall for the use of all the community are dependent entirely on the income derived from bookings. Of particular importance are those bookings that are made on a regular basis throughout the year.

During the current year we have installed new fire doors throughout the building and the five yearly internal redecoration of the Hall has taken place.

We thank everyone for their support and look forward to another busy and successful year.

Sheila Tilbury-Davis, Secretary

Mobile Warden Scheme

Thank you The Parish Council, for helping make possible the work of The Great Shelford Mobile Warden Scheme Charity. The very generous grant given in 2016 has been vital in enabling us to provide this important help for more people this year. It employs two wardens, who with a special group of volunteers give help and support to older and vulnerable members of our village. Help consists of telephoning every day of the year, visits during the week to reduce social isolation, offering support, friendship, helping with problems/emergencies, arranging essential services and doing errands and shopping.

Jenny Morris

S&SYI

Introduction

SSYI, established in 1997, is a community-based Christian charity serving the villages of Great and Little Shelford and Stapleford, providing youth activities for local 10-18 year olds. Our activities provide opportunities to engage with young people and build relationships, encouraging more positive behaviour, involvement in the community and activities to promote informal education.

2016 - 2017 Report

Overview

We are now entering our 21st year anniversary and we are really pleased that SSYI has grown and served the community and our young people for those 21 years.

SSYI has had a good year, we have engaged with over 115 young people and delivered 416.5 hours of face to face delivery. We have a new member of staff that has enabled us to not only spend more face to face hours with young people, but it also enables us to do more work with social care and secondary school teams, creating a fuller picture and creating a more joined up approach in supporting our young people.

Friday Youth Club

This continues to be the flagship for SSYI and is well established amongst the young people we work with. This year, we have been operating this group for 47 weeks of the year, only missing one Friday for a trip, one for Good Friday and 3 over the Christmas period. We are very pleased that we can keep running most of the year as many groups close during the holidays but we have identified that it is important to keep the Friday Club going because it gives a purpose and a safe place to go for young people to meet friends and engage in fun activities. If they didn't have this provision there would be a risk of boredom, isolation and anti-social behaviour. We have around 35 young people on an average Friday night and we continue to target hard to reach, vulnerable and at risk young people to join the club. We have sadly lost our Centre 33 worker due to funding this year but we have increased our volunteer staff team. As a result, we are able to give more one to one or group support to our young people during the night, discussing a variety of issues such as mental health, sex and relationships, drugs and alcohol, school, social and family life. This youth club is an excellent platform to build relationships, identify areas of need and challenge, and offer support and guidance where needed. We surveyed our members this year with the following positive results:

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Detached Work

We really value our relationship with Sawston Village College as they kindly continue to allow us to do detached work within the school. Detached work is where we have no agenda apart from meeting the young people where they are and engage in conversation with them. It is very encouraging because young people often flock to where we are in expectation of our arrival or to seek us out. They enjoy us coming to school because of our informality compared to teachers. Subsequently, we regularly have conversations about how they are doing at home and during the school, they often share their anxieties, worries, joy or celebrations with us and we are able to provide support for them if they are having a particularly bad day. It is a valuable provision that we do because it aids building our relationship with young people and it also allows us to outreach to new young people.

RED

The RED Group was established last year as a result of identifying a group of young people who were struggling with the pressures of GCSEs and exams. We meet regularly every Tuesday for a couple of hours. Although this group is open to anyone aged 15+, we have intentionally not advertised this group to others because we are focusing on developing the ones that attend as many of them struggle with mental health.

We engage with around 12 young people who meet together, normally over food or milkshakes, and have regular discussions about key aspects of their lives but also delve into deeper discussions around moral and ethical debates. Around 8 of them have also chosen to undergo Jamie Oliver Home Cooking Skills. We are part way through this but once complete, they will gain a BTEC qualification that will aid their academic achievement and CV. Each week we cook a meal from scratch and then evaluate how well the end-product was and reflect on how we could improve it for next time. This group is a great opportunity to support those older younger people who are about or have just left the secondary school phase. Again, we surveyed the young people about RED and SSYI:

71% expressed an improvement in confidence

85% expressed an improvement in social skills

71% expressed an improvement in happiness

86% would be 'sitting at home' if they weren't at the club

57% noted that the club helped them de-stress

100% would recommend SSYI to others

Shred It Up

There was a particular group of young people we were trying to engage with and upon investigation, we realised they had a common interest in skating, or more specifically scootering. Subsequently, we created this group that collects them from school and then each week, we take them via a mini bus to a different skate park in and around Cambridgeshire. The purpose of this group is to engage those who were at particular risk of anti-social behaviour and develop their self esteem, self worth, belief in oneself, encourage positive risk taking and teach them about the consequences involved in our actions.

This has been incredibly successfully at engaging these young people, so much so, we have had to split the group into two smaller groups, that alternate each week as we are unable to fit them all in our minibus. All of them had very little ability in skateboarding, bmxing or scootering to start but their confidence has just grown since taking part while developing their skills and ability. This has had a knock-on effect in other areas of their lives where it has helped them to build more resilience in school and home life and has encouraged them to keep persevering.

Youth Action Committee

YAC is made up of a variety of young people from SSYI who are recognised as having particular skills and are a good role model to others. YAC has been busy meeting all sorts of people, including Heidi Allen, South Cambridgeshire MP and Jason Ablewhite, Crime and Police Commissioner for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. The YAC have done so to offer support and advice to us as Youth Workers as well as to community leaders on particular issues. After Heidi Allen met our young people, she said “Just imagine if we could harness the skills and passions of our young people to help their communities. Well, that is exactly what SSYI are doing. They are getting involved, standing up as young leaders and we should be very proud of them.” And we truly are! They are a fantastic bunch of young people who not only care for their peers, but they truly care for their community. The YAC have also been incredibly busy with the planning and development of The Copse Project.

The Copse Project

The Copse Project was initiated by YAC as they wanted to give something back to the community. After discussing with the Playscape Committee, they agreed to hand over the precious copse at the bottom of the Great Shelford recreational ground over to them to plan, design and implement the development. This has been a lot of work with the Playscape Committee, professional Landscape and Garden Designer, Sophie Harris and the Great Shelford Parish Council.

The YAC really wanted to encourage more people to go down to the copse because of how beautiful it is and therefore, they want to enhance what is already there to encourage exploration, play and engagement in nature. We are incredibly pleased to say all the plans have been approved and we are now doing the fun bit of making it happen! The young people have already made good progress with the implementation as they have measured and marked out the extension of the Copse, built a living willow den structure and planted 1,500 shrubs, bulbs and trees, with some help from SSYI friends! For more information about The Copse Project, please see the noticeboard on the railings of the car park next to the recreational ground.

Leadership Training

As part of our work with young people, we believe it is important to teach them about how to be more community minded. In addition to this, we also want our young people to be equipped to step up as positive strong leaders. Therefore, we encourage our young people to take on responsibility that involves giving back to the community. One of the ways we do this is through volunteering as young leaders. At one of Romsey Mill's provisions, they offer a youth club for ages 11-14 and it is here where young people from SSYI attend as young leaders. They have the responsibility to set up, be positive role models, challenge negative behaviour and offer support and guidance to the members of this group. This has been really positive for those young leaders as it has grown their confidence in themselves, helped them be more aware of their own behaviour and adjust where needed, given them more skills in team work and a greater sense of purpose and achievement.

To give a recent example, we currently support a 17 year old young person who was previously excluded from Sawston Village College in year 10 and identified by the police as someone who was at risk. We have been engaging with her for three years and with our support, we have managed to encourage and keep her studying catering at Cambridge Regional College. For the past year, she has been a young leader at the youth club, engaging with young people, working in the kitchen, training her in various areas, developing her leadership capabilities and understanding her responsibilities as a leader and the impact she can have on other people. Most encouragingly she recently has got a part time job in a catering business that complements her study and is a stepping stone to her ambition of becoming a chef. She herself recognises that this positive outcome and her general changes in behaviour have been a direct result of being involved with SSYI.

Trips

Trips are very important to SSYI as we try to provide opportunities for young people to participate in that they would not otherwise be able to do so. Trips are a fantastic way to grow relationships, outreach to new young people, challenge young people to step out of their comfort zone, learn new things about themselves and build confidence and general well being. We have been able to go to a restaurant, activity centre, paintballing, ice skating, laser quest, indoor skate park, trampoline centre and climbing centre.

Mentoring

As well as our groups, we have now been able to increase our capacity to offer one to one support to our young people through mentoring. Mentoring enables us to meet with the young people, encourage them to share in a more comfortable setting and offer targeted support and advice to them. This is done in a variety of ways such as during school time, in coffee shops, walks and engaging activities such as golfing and bike maintenance. Mentoring is such a valuable provision we can offer to our young people, which they greatly benefit from. In addition to this, we have also been able to provide coaching and counselling for those identified who need further support.

Future Opportunities

We are looking to do a residential trip in the summer of 2017. The purpose of this trip is to invite those who with either low self esteem, confidence, mental health or potential to be at risk of anti social behaviour with then intention of developing these individuals addressing these particular areas. We want to build their confidence in themselves, encourage their interdependence, team work, leadership skills, encourage positive risk taking, help them step out of their comfort zones. This will be taken place in Cumbria and will be an experience that many of them will not easily get the chance to do this again. It is a brilliant way to see young people change and grow in a short space of time. We do however need financial support to make this happen and give this fantastic opportunity to these young people.

Partnership

Our partnerships continue to grow stronger and stronger with local groups. We remain with a well established relationship with Romsey Mill as we jointly employ our Lead Youth Worker through sharing finances, resources, management and professional guidance. We have recently started a new venture with St Andrews Church, Stapleford where we now jointly employ a full time assistant youth worker. This relationship is still very new but we are very excited and hopeful to our future together. Alongside these partnerships, we continue to have amazing supporters from organisations, churches, parish councils, schools and individuals in our three villages. Without all of them, we would not be able to do what we are do and we are truly proud to have their support and friendship for SSYI. Working in conjunction with the local community is very important to us and will always be the reason why SSYI can operate so effectively and has developed so positively over the last 21 years!

Fund raising

We wish to say a massive thank you to all of you who continue to support SSYI financially. Your investment in SSYI and the young people just shows how much you truly care about the local young people and wish to see them flourish as individuals. We see your financial support as a partnership in delivering effective youth work to our local young people. We wish to thank the local parish councils, churches, businesses, organisations and generous individuals who have given us financial support either directly or indirectly, we feel incredibly blessed.

Staff

SSYI is led by our Lead Youth Worker, Ollie O'Meakin, who is full time, in partnership with Romsey Mill. Ollie O'Meakin was formerly known as Ollie Leonard but due to his upcoming marriage, he made the decision to change his last name but he is still in fact the same person! SSYI is still blessed to have the dedicated Tina Mogg, who continues to be a regular ad hoc Assistant Youth Worker. We now have a new member on the team, by the name of Zac Britton. Zac is full time, in partnership with St Andrews Church Stapleford, and operates as an Assistant Youth Worker. With Zac on board, we have increased our capacity significantly and we are now able to deliver for more provision to the young people. SSYI continues to have an amazing, dedicated and inspirational set of volunteers who support our work as well as a committee team that ensures the smooth running of SSYI. David Jones continues as Chair of Trustees, Joan Church as Vice-Chair (a founding committee member 21 years ago),

John Greaves as our Treasurer and Polly Stanton as our Sectary. This committee is also made up of representations of all the local churches, some of whom were also founding committee members.

We are looking for new committee members who may wish to join the excellent team and exciting adventures of SSYI, if you are interested, please do get in touch!

Ollie Leonard, Lead Youth Worker

Great Shelford Village News

The Great Shelford Village News continues to provide information about Village matters including official reports from the Parish Council and County Council, reports from Village institutions including the Medical Practice, Parish Church and Free Church, Clubs and societies, upcoming events in Great Shelford and the surrounding villages and also reports on past events. During the past year, for example, we have kept residents informed about the proposals for improving road safety and parking facilities in the village and the change of location of the Post Office, as well as reporting on regular events such as this year's record-breaking Shelford Feast. As a result of all the activity taking place in the village, the Village News is getting thicker – in March we had our first-ever 56-page edition.

This year the Village News has 442 paid subscribers and 825 copies per month are printed. The cost remains at 40p, which is possible because of revenue from advertising. The Village News continues to support a range of charities from its income; last year we gave a donation of £1500 to the mobile warden scheme.

We would like to thank all those who give up their time to support the editorial committee by collecting the information, proofreading, and distribution of the magazine, and keeping the accounts, as well as our regular and occasional contributors and of course, our readers, who make it all worthwhile.

The Editorial Committee

Police

Great Shelford Cricket Club

Another cricket season is approaching fast and what a season this one promises to be! A unique season.

The first team are going to compete this summer at the highest level the club has ever attained: the Tucker Gardiner League, Division Two. Every game will be tough and we shall have to be at our very best on the field to survive at this grade of cricket. AP Stafford will continue as captain of the firsts and he is looking forward to the challenge. The Seconds are in the CCA Junior League, Division Three South, having leapt two divisions after a rearrangement of the Junior Leagues and they too are anticipating a rewarding though hard-fought summer under skipper, Gion Martin. The aim is to win this league and try over the next few seasons to narrow the gap between the first team and the seconds.

Possibly the most exciting development in the club is that we are starting a third team who will compete in CCA Junior League, Division Five South. This team will be led by Stuart Creed and will play at Stapleford rec.

The youth section is also expanding. We shall have three teams playing League cricket: the Under 15s led by coach Stuart Creed, the Under 13s coached by Mark Milne, the Under 10s whose coach is AP Stafford who will also oversee some Under 9 games.

We now have a new roller which we were able to purchase thanks mainly to the generosity of one of our Vice-presidents and a sizeable donation from the Shelford Feast. This means that our 'old' roller' is now at Stapleford rec and the new one is already at work on the Great Shelford square. We are grateful to Stapleford Parish Council for their help and co-operation in using their facilities.

All of these innovations are very exciting, offering, as they do, opportunities for adults and boys and girls to play cricket in their community. Although we have vastly increased our membership in the last five highly successful years, we remain essentially, a local club, a friendly, welcoming club and a club that tries to play sport in the right way.

Brian Higgins, President,
Great Shelford Cricket Club

Great Shelford Football Club

Shelford and Stapleford Strikers Football Club

The club currently operates 22 teams between our youngest age group – the mini strikers (U6/7) all the way through to the last age group of youth football U18's. We are now the largest youth football club in Cambridgeshire. We currently have just over 300 players registered across these different age groups. Many of our age groups have multiple teams, which demonstrates how the club is flourishing at present. Currently, the teams play at 5 local venues - including Great Shelford Recreation ground. This season (16-17) has seen 5 teams – U14 x 2, U15, U17 and U18, using the pitch on the rec.

The club would like to thank the Parish Council for the use of the pavilion facilities from which we are able to operate a small catering function offering drinks and snacks at the weekends. This facility helps to raise much needed funds for the club.

John Swinton, SASS Chairman

GREAT SHELFORD BOWLING CLUB

The Great Shelford Bowling Club was founded in 1920 and we will soon be celebrating our centenary.

Situated behind the Tennis Club and the Sports Pavilion on the Village Recreation Ground, we are a small but friendly club and are blessed with one of the best Greens in the County, thanks to the hard work of our members.

Our season lasts from April to September and we play in four local leagues. We offer a warm welcome to anyone who wants to see the game played or wishes to try their hand at bowling.

Bowls is a social game of skill, where men and women compete on equal terms in friendly competition, enjoying the fresh air and gentle exercise. Although a game for all ages, it is ideal for retired people and helps them to live longer and healthier lives.

Our Club continues to rely on self help and we are very appreciative of the financial help we get from the Feast and to all those who support our fund raising table-top sales.

We welcome new members of any ability and are happy to provide informal coaching to those who wish to have a go. If you are interested please see me or phone me on 01223 845310.

Frank Whaley, President

Great Shelford Tennis Club

GSTC – serving our local community

GSTC is an LTA-registered tennis venue with 438 members.

Over 60% of our members live in Great Shelford, Little Shelford or Stapleford.

4no. floodlit courts maintained to an excellent standard.

GSTC – a club for the whole community

Membership types to suit those who like to compete as well as for the social players.

243 no. Adults.

195 no. Juniors (4yrs to 18yrs).

Family membership scheme to encourage involvement.

Low cost Junior membership and Free Trial Sessions to encourage participation.

GSTC – Social and Competitive

14 hours per week dedicated court time in evenings and weekends reserved for social play.

We organise a fun open day on an annual basis – where we have had the 280th Ranked player in the world attend for the last few years and Last year we had Marcus Willis who is the British player who lost to Roger Federer in the 2nd Round of Wimbledon 2016.

James Diver GCTC

Cambs Summer League

Mens - 8 teams – 1st and 2nd teams in division 1. 1st Team were 2016 Champions.

Ladies – 6 teams – 1st team in division 1.

Mixed – 5 teams.

Junior teams (Under 8 through to Under 16).

We also participate in the Cambs Winter League and the Vets Leagues along with holding internal Club Singles and Doubles Tournaments.

GSTC – providing coaching excellence

Managed by Over&In (www.overandin.com).

Around 30 hours of group coaching provided per week.

Many hours of individual coaching provided per week.

Tennis camps in school holidays available for all local children.

O&I works with local schools to develop tennis provision.

GSTC – time to expand?

The LTA recommends that a club with 4 courts would have approx. 240 members, GSTC currently has over 400.

Since we run a large number of teams in the Cambs league, court space is very limited in the evenings and at weekends, especially from April to September.

We have demand for additional adult mid week evening group coaching.

We are looking for opportunities to expand.

Shelford Feast

The 2016 Shelford Feast was a great success. Apart from one stormy night the weather was kind and the crowds were plentiful. We lived up to our motto of “raising funds for local good causes and entertaining the community”.

Increasingly we have to build up reserves to help us start up the following year and to cushion against disaster, yet we still managed to give away a record £27,250 to local good causes making a total of £274,000 that we have raised since The Feast was revived in 1994.

The following organisations benefited in 2016

Acacia Court Residents £300, **Beavers** £500, **Bowls** £500, **Brownies** £650, **Cambridge Cancer Help** £500, **CAMMS Meals on Wheels** £500, **Cangaroos** £500, **Carpet Bowls** £500, **Chestnut Club** £500, **Cricket** £1,000, **Cubs** £500, **Different Strokes** £500, **Football Club** £500, **Friends of the Library** £500, **Friendship Club** £500, **Guides** £500, **Junior Badminton** £500, **Magpas** £250, **Mobile Warden Scheme** £3,500, **Over-70's Xmas meal** £500, **Pantomime** £300, **Parish Council** £500, **Parkinsons** £250, **Rainbow Pre-school** £500, **Rainbows** £500, **Rugby** £500, **Scout & Guide HQ** £500, **Scouts** £500, **Shelford Twinning** £500, **Shelfords School** £3,500, **Sick Children's Trust** £3,500, **SSYI Youth Club** £500, **Stapleford Twinning** £500, **Strikers** £500, **SYD** £500, **Wacky Club** £500, **WI** £500

This year sees The Feast Marquee move over to the other side of the tarmac path on the recreation ground to make way for an extended playground and to rationalise our storage and power arrangements. Visitors will also get a clear view across the ground and down to the river.

2017 events include a Community Service for the congregations of St Mary's and The Free Church, a children's disco, Sawston Youth Drama, a Comedy Night, A literary evening in cooperation with the library, the famous Quiz Night, music from SWAY Allstars, summer music at St Mary's, the Beer Festival, The Real Thing supported by Odyssey and of course The Shelford Feast on Sunday 16th July.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Bunch of 16 people who organise the Feast are always in need of volunteers and without them the Feast could not go on. Do check our website at shelfordfeast.co.uk and contact info@shelfordfeast.co.uk to offer your time, energy and support. You'll enjoy it!

Duncan Grey, Secretary, Shelford Feast.

Agenda Item 8.

Financial statements:

- a) Parish Council Summary of Accounts and Balance Sheet
for year 2016/2017 : Mike Winter, Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

- a) Statement of the Great Shelford Parochial Charities: Dorothy Creek, Chair

Clerk Financial Statement for Year 2016 to March 2017

The Parish Council approved accounts for the year April 2016 to March 2017 are attached.

The full accounts are subject to external audit, when audit is completed they will be displayed on Local Media Websites and Notice boards from Monday 5th June to Friday 14th July 2017, in compliance with the Period of Exercise of Public Rights.

Receipts: for the year have increased due to the Grant obtained for the Riverbank development, VAT reclaimed, disposal of the aging tractor and the precept increase for the 2016/2017 budget. However, S106 receipts were significantly lower in this financial year.

Expenditure: for the year also increased in line with the greater level of activities conducted by the Parish Council over the previous year. Highways and the Recreation Ground continue to be a high percentage of total expenditure. However Highways expenditure has been significantly below the planned budget due to delays of implementation outside of the Parish Councils control. All outstanding Highways budget plans in 20016/2017 are carried forward into 2017/2018 plans along with the necessary budget, supported by the previous years under expenditure.

Income less Expenditure: is carried forward into 2017 /18 accounts but it should be noted that it includes protected S106 funds from previous years, budgeted build-up of Parish Council reserves for potential land acquisitions and funding for the carry forward of uncompleted Highways plans.

Assets: are unchanged and must undergo a serious revision during 2017/2018 but have no impact on the general accounts of the Parish Council.

Borrowings: The Pavilion build accounts for the entire amount and is a reducing debt for the Parish Council at favourable rates from the Public Works Loan Board. Sports Grants and other available funding made the greatest contribution to the build cost of the Pavilion.

I would like to thank all Parish Councillors for their diligent activity during the year and their efforts to deliver a challenging Budget plan.

Mike Winter

Clerk to the Parish Council and Responsible Financial Officer

FINANCIAL YEAR

	2015/2016	2016/2017
ALL INCOME	£284,396	£384,769
Precept	£125,000	£185,000
Sports Club Contracts	£6,256	£4,496
Recreation	£0	£27,084
Allotments	£1,006	£2,069
Cemetery	£3,391	£2,840
Highways	£1,500	£1,800
Pavilion	£1,585	£941
Plant & Tools	£0	£5,555
S106	£63,521	£8,684
Administration	£5,691	£1,030
VAT Receipts	£5,900	£15,405
Other & Cash Book	£0	£0
BFW from Previous Yr	£70,546	£129,865
ALL EXPENDITURE	£161,695	£199,462
Recreation Ground	£20,831	£68,913
Allotments	£158	£1,633
Cemetery	£3,072	£4,201
Highways	£23,588	£36,486
Pavilion	£16,120	£18,589
<i>Incl. Loan, Interest, capital</i>	£7,164	£7,165
Plant & Tools	£54	£3,139
S137	£15,850	£9,649
Reserves	£18,620	£0
S106	£0	£0
Administration	£55,257	£56,758
<i>Incl. Staff Costs</i>	£40,745	£44,413
<i>Incl. Other costs</i>	£7,348	£12,345
Other & Cash Book	£981	£94
INCOME less EXPENDITURE	£122,701	£185,307
TOTAL ACCOUNTS HELD	£129,865	£185,307
Bank Accounts	£131,110	£207,701
Cheques not drawn Yr End	-£1,374	-£22,613
Cash & Stamps held	£129	£219
Investments	£0	£0
TOTAL ASSETS	£1,658,294	£1,658,294
Fixed	£1,658,294	£1,658,294
Investments	£0	£0
TOTAL BORROWINGS	£77,119	£71,751
PWLB	£77,119	£71,751
Others	£0	£0

The above statement represents the financial position of Great Shelford Parish Council as on 31st March 2017

BUDGET ALLOCATION	2016 / 2017 Budget	2016 / 2017 Actual	2017 / 2018 Budget
Recreation Ground	£21,999	£37,333	£90,857
Cemetery	£5,995	£1,361	£6,010
Allotments	£0	-£436	£1,970
Highways	£72,980	£34,686	£76,548
Pavilion	£17,185	£17,648	£24,985
Planning	£0	£0	£21,500
Plant & Tools	£7,430	-£2,416	£5,690
Administration	£46,260	£40,323	£52,022
S137 Grants	£13,772	£9,649	£10,620
S106 Receipts	£0	-£8,684	-£34,885
Contribution to Reserves	£60,000	£60,000	£30,000
Gen Contingency	£18,896	-£18,896	-£25,265
BUDGET TOTAL	£264,516	£189,464	£260,052
Fcst Underspend	-£31,781	£75,052	-£75,052
2015/16 S106 Unbudgeted	-£47,735		
Precept	£185,000		£185,000
S106 Held in Accounts		£75,823	£110,708
Reserves Held in Accounts		£60,000	£90,000
Bank Account Balance		£185,088	

THE GREAT SHELFORD PAROCHIAL CHARITIES
(Registered Charity 231486)
THE TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER
2016

The Great Shelford Parochial Charities were constituted on 15th April 1890 in the County of Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely, regulated by a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners of 15th April 1890 and as varied by Schemes of the Charity Commissioners of 13th September 1935 and 2nd August 1963 and 11th July 1973. It is a Registered Charity no. 231486. The address of the correspondent is 16 Walden Way, Great Shelford, Cambridge. CB22 5JH. The Trustees during the year 2016 were:-

Ex- officio Revd: S.J. Talbott

Nominative Mr. S.R.F. White Treasurer
 Mr. I.M.S. Wilkinson

Co-optative Mrs. J.R. Amis
 Mrs. D.A.V. Creek Chair
 Dr. S.F. Rann
 Mrs. E.Y. Robinson

Clerk and Correspondent Mrs. M.H. Lester

During the year the Trustees met on six occasions. Special meetings were held to discuss the possibility of building further affordable homes to rent on Charity Land. The nineteenth of fifty annual instalments of £22,000 was paid into the Capital Recoupment Fund which was established in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission, to recoup the expenditure from the permanent endowment of the Charities, for phases 1 and 2 of the development of properties at More's Meadow, Great Shelford. The development provides 28 bungalows and 4 houses. Routine and planned maintenance including replacement of central heating boilers and ventilation units, has been carried out to the Charities properties and gardens during the year. Help has been given with domestic and financial problems, in considered cases of need, within the Parish of Great Shelford.

31st March 2017

Mrs. D.A.V. Creek
Chair



Agenda Item 9.

Items not on the agenda which residents wish to debate with the Parish Council.

Agenda Item 10.

Close Annual Parish Council meeting.

Agenda Item 11.

Refreshments and informal discussion.

Please feel free to approach any member of the Parish Council with any subject and get to know them so they can know you and your views on any subject.