

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

18th April 2018

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The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Memorial Hall, Woollards Lane, Great Shelford

A G E N D A

Chairman of Parish Council, Mike Nettleton

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Approve Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 19th April 2017.
3. Chairman's Report (Mike Nettleton).
4. Key issues for the Village (Mike Nettleton):
 - Traffic and parking issues.
 - Provision of improved recreation facilities - Playscape and Grange Field.
 - Pressures on village facilities - school and surgery, etc.
 - Blue sky issues.
5. Reports from the Parish's elected representatives
 - South Cambridgeshire District Council

Note: No report received from Cambridgeshire County Council
6. Reports from Chairs of Parish Council committees:
 - Planning (Mike Nettleton)
 - Cemetery & Allotments (Richard Davies)
 - Recreation Ground & Pavilion (Malcolm Watson)
 - Highways (Barrie Ashurst)
7. Reports from the Village's representatives bodies:
 - Stapleford & Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan (Peter Fane)
 - Playscape
 - Governing Body of Great and Little Shelford Primary School
 - Rainbow Pre-school and Wacky After School and Holiday Club
 - Governing Body of Sawston Village College
 - Great Shelford Community Association
 - Mobile Warden Scheme
 - Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative
 - Great Shelford Village News
 - Great Shelford Cricket Club
 - Great Shelford Football Club
 - Shelford & Stapleford Strikers Football Club
 - Great Shelford Bowls Club
 - Great Shelford Parochial Charities
 - Great Shelford Feast
 - Great Shelford Tennis Club
 - Twinning Association

Note: no reports received from Police,
8. Financial Statement:
 - Parish Council Summary of Accounts for year 2017/2018 (Mike Winter)
9. AOB – 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.

Please Note: Although this meeting is open to the public, only those residents included in the current Register of Electors are entitled and permitted to speak and vote. However, residents of the Parish who are not listed may, at the discretion of the Chairman, be permitted to speak on any item of the agenda. Residents who are in doubt about their inclusion in the Register will be able to confirm this, or otherwise, from an inspection copy of the Register prior to the meeting.

Agenda Item 1.

Receive apologies for absence

Agenda Item 2.

Approve Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 19th April 2017

Agenda Item 3.

Chairman's Report (Mike Nettleton).

Parish Council Chair Statement for Year 2017-2018

Recreation and Pavilion

- Further work on the Riverbank area completed to stabilise the ramps and protect plants during their initial growth period.
- Playscape planting and general improvements continue.

Highways

- Zebra crossing originally requested in 2015 now in place.
- Second speed indicator board installed.

Planning

- Continuing high volumes of planning applications to be reviewed.
- Large amount of work done on external proposals, e.g. Greater Cambridge Partnership.

Cemetery and Allotments

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

Communications

- Further improvements to Parish Council website
- Around 200 residents now receive regular updates from the Parish Council.

Personnel

- Parish Council election on 3 May (same date as District Council).
- One new councillor, Mark Carey, joined during 2017/18.
- Three long-serving Councillors, Bridget Hodge, Helen Harwood and David Coggins have resigned or decided not to stand for re-election during 2017/18.
- Parish Council Nominations for Election on 3rd May will be an uncontested Election with
 - Mike Nettleton
 - Simon Talbott
 - Barrie Ashurst
 - Malcolm Watson
 - Richard Davies
 - Charlie Nightingale
 - Mark Carey
 - Peter Fane
 - Stefan Harris-Wright
 - Angela Niblett (Milson)
 - Roberto Ghersemi
 - Judith Wilson
 - Graham Townsend
 - Barbara Kettel
 - Ian Kydd

The maximum of 15 Councillors to serve from May 2018 to April 2022.

Finally

I would like to thank all my fellow councillors for their support and hard work.

Also Mike Winter our Parish Clerk, Gerard Winter his deputy 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) Blue Sky issues?
 - Green Belt and affordable housing
 - Memorial Hall replacement / Underground car park
 - Toilets on the Recreation Ground

Green Belt and affordable housing

- GSPC needs to develop a policy on Green Belt development. My favoured version 'GSPC opposes all development in the Green Belt with the exception of limited development of affordable housing through Rural Exception Sites'. This policy needs to be in line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).
- We also need a policy on affordable housing, else we are wasting our time on the Neighbourhood Plan and HNS and we may well be overtaken by changes to the NPPF. E.g. we would allow 'Affordable housing in the GB where rents 50% of market rates, available only to local residents, no right to buy or transfer ever, tenants earnings below £X ...'.
- We need to review and agree the list of potential Rural Exception Sites.

Memorial Hall replacement ± underground car park

- We have a significant shortage of parking in the village centre, which is likely to grow worse. Ideally, we would remove at least some of the on-street parking in Woollards Lane to make it a more pleasant environment. The only acceptable way to create significant additional parking in the village centre is underground parking.
- Although the current Memorial Hall has some endearing features, it is a grossly inefficient use of space, it is tired and energy inefficient.
- We have a 'once in a generation' opportunity to significantly enhance the village centre.



- A new Memorial Hall on two stories, but within the same footprint could provide far more usable space (different size rooms, shared use, etc.). There would be space, if necessary, for the library and/or the medical practice. The current MH provides 480m² of space in a footprint of 440m².
- Example costings:

Demolition of existing MH				£300,000.00
Building cost 600m ² @ £2,500				£1,500,000.00
Underground parking 100 spaces @ £12,000				£1,200,000.00
Architects, etc				£100,000.00
Total				£3,100,000.00

- The Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) exists to make loans to bodies such as Parish Councils at low interest rates. PWLB loan per £1M at fixed rate 2.75% over 25 years £27,440 per 6 months or 2.85% over 50 years £18,822.
- As a comparison, GSPC leases the car park behind Solutions/Haarts/CBC. This has 46 spaces and costs £16,000p.a. (subject to uplift by RPI). Over 50 years the cost will be £800,000 (excluding RPI uplift).

Agenda Item 5.

Reports from the Parish's elected representatives

- a) South Cambridgeshire District Council
- b) Cambridgeshire County Council: County Councillor

South Cambridgeshire District Council Annual Report

South Cambridgeshire continues to be one of the best places to live in the UK, but we cannot rest on our laurels and we must all pull together to maintain that status. Much of the work, however, does fall within the remit of South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) and these are some of the things we have achieved during the last year:

We have saved over £700,000 by managing all refuse and recycling services for Cambridge City as well as our own. That's amazing considering our teams empty nearly 6 million bins a year! We have also combined services with Huntingdon District Council and Cambridge City in relation to Legal, Building Control and IT, which allows us to have the best people for our back office services.

The Health and Wellbeing programme has been increased to include a range of additional opportunities including:

- Launching the Active and Healthy 4 Life exercise programme taken up by 300 people
- Offering 10,000 residents the chance to try out new sports at Parklife in July
- Funding 12 mobile warden schemes
- Securing over £1 million from developers for green space play equipment

In addition we have worked hard to improve our environment by supporting 40 litter picks and we have launched a £56,000 Renewable Energy Grant scheme to support green initiatives in our communities.

The Council has invested significantly in housing for our young people to ensure they can stay living in the village where they grew up. There are 39 new Council houses, over 150 new affordable homes across the District plus we've secured more than £45 million towards community and sports facilities for Cambourne. Also South Cambs is one of the eleven councils selected by Government leading on Right to Build homes, with over 800 people already signed up.

Further funding for housing has been unlocked in conjunction with the Combined Authority which has not only obtained £100 million for affordable housing, but has agreed to spend £800,000 on flood defences at Mare Fen enabling 540 affordable houses to be built, some of which will be for key workers.

The 13 villages that are being supported to deliver their Neighbourhood Plans are shaping their future and the Council has launched a grant scheme to help them develop affordable housing schemes in their village. We are also working with over 200 people to stop them becoming homeless and avoiding them having to use bed and breakfast facilities.

We don't just build houses, we want to build communities too, so we were delighted to welcome the first residents to Northstowe at a formal opening ceremony in May. We will continue to invest in and engage with residents on numerous projects, including via our Community Forums currently in place for residents living in the areas around Northstowe, Waterbeach and the A428 development. These meetings are quarterly and open to all members of the public – do come!

Ermine Street Housing is now bringing in £1.4 million per annum as it continues to invest in market housing for rent. This enabled the Council to make a business loan to develop Cambridge Ice Rink, which is expected to open at the end of this year. More on how we are funded and where the money goes can be found in the “Your Place, Our Plan” document on the South Cambridgeshire District Council’s website www.scambs.gov.uk

Last but not least, the first of our Business to Business networking events took place recently. Held at the Imperial War Museum in Duxford over 30 SME were represented. We are also allocating 11 new council apprenticeship places each year for the next three years.

South Cambridgeshire District Council is a key member of the Combined Authority, which has £600 million to improve transport links, as well as the Greater Cambridge Partnership, which has plans to improve access to Cambridge via rail, bus, cycle and foot paths. It is clear that both business and communication links are vital to our District and we will continue to support and work on related projects.

Agenda Item 6.

Reports from Chairs of Parish Council committees

- a) Planning: Chair Councillor Mike Nettleton
- b) Cemetery & Allotments: Chair Councillor Richard Davis
- c) Recreation Ground & Pavilion: Councillor Malcolm Watson
- d) Highways: Chair Councillor Barrie Ashurst

Planning

- 204 planning applications received 1 April 2017 – 1 April 2018:
 - Some trivial, some major (e.g. Co-op).
 - All conscientiously reviewed by parish councillors.
 - Often significant time pressure.
 - Public consultation where necessary (e.g. Co-op).
 - Parish Council review can be very effective, e.g. Co-op shop front application rejected by District Council. We are working with South Cambs to make it more effective
- Monitoring of on-going developments, e.g. two enforcement notices served on 'Railway Tavern' development.
- Contribution to and monitoring of far too many external initiatives, e.g.
 - Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) South East transport proposals – guided bus and/or bus lanes from Haverhill to Addenbrookes.
 - South Cambs Local Plan.
 - Changes to NPPF.
 - GCP Cambourne – Cambridge proposals.
 - Cambridge Western Orbital route.

Cemetery & Allotments

- **Cemetery**

- The Cemetery has been kept in good condition during 2017/18

- **Allotments**

- Both Stonehill and the Cemetery Allotment sites are well utilised but have vacancies for the coming season
- Improvement to protect the water supply from accidental damage at the Stonehill site have been undertaken during the year

Recreation Ground and Pavilion

- Riverbank Project
- Liaison with Playscape
- Relocation of the Feast
 - Following projects were forecast for completion at January review in 2017/2018 for end year position. However delays have moved them into 2018/2019 budget year with the relevant additional financial carry forward from 2017/2018 to allow completion of the projects
 - ❖ Feast Services and Relocation
 - ❖ Memorial Hall, Scout Hut and Feast Wi-Fi /Internet provision incl exterior cctv
- Increased use of the Pavilion
 - Hartbeeps
 - Yoga
 - Tai Chi
 - Local School events
 - Private Parties

Highways

Key points in 2017-2018

- **SID.** An additional unit (Speed Indicator Device) was purchased during the year and we enhanced visibility on both by purchasing a surround. We now have 12 locations around the village and the units are moved every 3-4 weeks.
- **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 has been dogged with delays, however work has started and the crossing is completed..
- **LHI 2016 associated works.** A number of “yellow line” changes are being undertaken and these should be completed during the next few weeks, again as with the crossing there has been many delays. 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. Also you will note that the pavement has been widened in Woollards Lane opposite Tuckers.
- **20mph Speed limit.** A new limit will be introduced within the central areas of the village (Woollards Lane / High Street / Church Street / Ashen Green / Buristead Rd). Again this work has been subject to long delays but will be completed during the next few weeks.
- **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. These have been installed and we await them being switched on.

- **LHI 2018.** We submitted an application for funding to undertake a “safety study” of Granhams Corner, unfortunately we were not successful. The PC will discuss if we are to fund ourselves.
- **Car Parking.** This is still an issue in the village. We are still pressing SCDC to “de-criminalise” parking so that we can employ “traffic wardens” but to date SCDC have not progressed the matter.
- **Road Markings.** There are a number of areas in the village where white road markings are faint or non-existent, we have a long list mainly in Cambridge Rd. This work is via CCC and has suffered major delays, we hope to see some progress in the next few weeks. The PC is funding although the responsibility is with CCC.
- **Future Yellow Lining / TRO.** We are assembling a list of proposals to progress in the following year. To date these include: Cherry Trees, Poplar Close, Outside the Old PO, Hinton Way and Spinney Drive.
- **Traffic Calming.** PC has discussed traffic calming, speed bumps are not considered to be practical and are expensive (£20,000 per bump).
- **One Way System Woollards Lane :** PC has discussed the possibility of a one way system in Woollards Lane, it is not felt this is a practical solution as traffic flows would increase in the High Street and traffic jams would be created at rush hour with vehicles turning right from the High Street into Tunwells Lane.
- **Bus route 7A :** this route is in the process of being amended to give a service from Great Shelford to Trumpington, it would then not be routed to Babraham P&R.

Agenda Item 7.

Reports from the Village's representatives bodies:

- Stapleford & Great Shelford Neighbourhood Plan (Peter Fane)
- Playscape (Eleanor McCrone)
- Governing Body of Great and Little Shelford Primary School (Peter Ede)
- Rainbow Pre-school and Wacky After School and Holiday Club (Suzanne Dootson)
- Governing Body of Sawston Village College (Jonathan Culpin)
- Great Shelford Community Association (Simon Sparrow / Sheila Tilbury-Davis)
- Mobile Warden Scheme (Jenny Morris)
- Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative (Zac Britton / John Greaves)
- Great Shelford Village News (Judith Wilson)
- Great Shelford Cricket Club (Brian Higgins)
- Great Shelford Football Club (Terence Rider)
- Shelford & Stapleford Strikers Football Club (John Gilchrist)
- Great Shelford Bowls Club (Jill Whaley)
- Great Shelford Parochial Charities (Dorothy Creek)
- Great Shelford Feast (Duncan Grey)
- Great Shelford Tennis Club (James Diver)
- Twinning Association (Colin Jefferson)

Note: No report received from Police

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood plan steering group commissioned Cambridgeshire ACRE (the rural community council) to help us put some of the ideas submitted so far from residents and community groups into a draft framework for the outline plan, to be submitted to the two parish councils in October. As part of this we have prepared a community engagement strategy, setting out a programme of consultations over the summer for each of the topic areas.

Ian Hodge has prepared mapping software to show the countryside access and green spaces ideas (now referred to as “green infrastructure” to fit in with local plan terminology) and an open meeting will be held on 23rd May. In support of the proposals for landscape protection, the group has now agreed to commission a landscape character assessment subject to success of a further grant application.

The Housing spotlight group is looking for volunteers to help to update the village design statement, intended as guidance to new developers, so as to ensure this is reflected in the Local Plan for South Cambs which is due to emerge shortly in its final form. This design statement has helped the parish council planning committee in Great Shelford since first written in 2004, and the plan now is to adapt it and extend it to Stapleford also.

The travel and transport working group is looking to the next stage of plans by Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership to fund “greenways” which could improve and extend cycle paths through the villages, linking up with the Helical path and extending on to Sawston and the Village College.

The amenities spotlight group is considering the Great Shelford parish council proposals for increasing the area available for formal recreation in the village, including the possible purchase of Grange Field. In Stapleford, we are now considering how the plan should reflect community proposals for the former Tree public house. In both cases, councillors are in contact with the district council about the possible use of compulsory purchase powers if necessary and if a sufficiently strong case can be made.

The neighbourhood plan steering group is particularly keen to engage with young people so as to take on board their ideas for what the villages should look like in twenty years' time, what facilities should be available for young people in the future.

A priority for the group is to consider what can be done through the neighbourhood plan to help protect the viability of the businesses and shops in the village centres, particularly in Great Shelford.

Playscape

Update April 2018

Spring 2017 Work continued on the Copse Project with the SSYI, establishing paths through the copse and creating a den building area. This phase has been possible thanks to the commitment of the SSYI, a private donation of £5000, £1153 from the Co-Op

Community Fund and £1000 from the South Cambs Community Chest.

Summer 2017 Playscape receive a generous donation of £20,000. Discussions were held

to finalise the detailed design stage in light of the public consultation. The PC organise the necessary tree survey and the relocation of sports equipment under the master plan. Autumn 2017 Shelford Fun Run returns successfully, raising £5,500 for Playscape. The PC

commission a Surface Water Management Plan, Playscape commission the Planting Plan

Winter 2017/18 GSP provides refreshments at the Village Christmas lights switch on. The

Bridge and stepping stones are installed, native trees planted on the meadow, and the Beavers plant a new section of hedge by the flag pole. PC and Feast work concurrently on plans for the new services for the Feast's new location.

Spring & Summer '18 Apply for Planning permission, go out to tender and apply for grants.

Autumn 2018 Shelford Fun Run returns on Sunday 16th September, do sign up!

Winter 2018 A new Playscape? We're hoping so!



Great and Little Shelford Primary School

Shelford School 2017-18 – a time of transition

- Mrs Alison Evans stepping down as Headteacher after 14 years
- Mr Chris Grey appointed from September 2018, coming from St Felix in Haverhill
- Farewell also to long-serving members of staff, Mr Mike Paduano and Mrs Sue Jenkins
- New staff appointed to continue the school's development progress
- Governors planning for the school to join the Diocese of Ely Multi-Academy Trust

Rainbow Pre-school and Wacky After School and Holiday Club

- Rainbow Pre-school and Wacky After School and Holiday Club provide Ofsted-approved term-time and holiday club care for children from the age of 2 to 12 on the site of the Great & Little Shelford Primary School. The charitable community Pre-school serves three villages (Great & Little Shelford and Stapleford following the closure of Sunnyside pre-school in 2017)
- Currently housed in mobile classroom towards rear of the school site, temporary planning permission has been granted only until September 2020. New Government strategy now precludes renewal of temporary planning consent. We have been advised by South Cambridgeshire Planning Office that we need to raise funds for a permanent structure or find an alternative location to continue to provide these services.
- No other site in village could provide a year-round service. We would need to raise significant funds in a very short time frame to fund a new building.
- We have support from both the School and the Church who are happy with the current mobile classroom within the school grounds and the services we provide. We also have support from MP Heidi Allen who agrees that exceptions should be made for educational facilities with limited financial resources.
- We'll be forming a working group to take this forward and would welcome input and suggestions from the local community.

Sawston Village College

It is with pleasure that I present this short report for the Great Shelford Parish Council on the work of Sawston Village College over the past 12 months. I have tried to capture some of the main developments and achievements at the College but such is the scope of our provision it can only be a snapshot, and I would be very happy to attend a future parish council meeting to discuss this activity in more depth.

The period in question really begins with a look back at our examination results which were published on August 2017. We were delighted with the achievement and progress of our pupils, especially as they were following the new, more challenging GCSE courses in English and Maths. Altogether, 77% of pupils achieved a grade 4 or better in both subjects, while 63% achieved a grade 5 or better. Nearly 30% achieved grades 9-7 in the new examination, with 9% of all grades being awarded at the highest grade. The progress made by pupils between Year 6 and Year 11 was well above the national average and once again confirmed the positive impact we are having on young people, preparing them for post-16 education and training, and providing them with the skills and knowledge to be successful. At the time of writing, our current Year 11s are hard at work in their remaining lessons before the exams start, virtually all subjects now being assessed via the new GCSEs.

However, we are a school that strongly believes there is more to a good education than simply GCSE results, something recognised when we were inspected by Ofsted in November. In confirming that the school remained 'Good' inspectors said that: 'Leaders have continued to build on, and improve, the supportive and purposeful learning environment that exists. As a result, pupils behave very well and are proud of their school. They are confident and articulate young people who are keen to speak about their work.' They also highlighted our broad and balanced curriculum and drew particular attention to our work in the arts, especially at a time when, due to government changes to the accountability measures and the incredibly difficult funding situation, many schools are reducing the experience of pupils in subjects such as music, drama, art and dance.

These subjects are just as important as Maths, English and science to the development of young people, the economy and our wider society and so, together with our renowned commitment to film making and helped enormously by the kind and generous support of SCDFAS, we can lead such events as being one of only a handful of schools nationwide to be asked to contribute to Holocaust Memorial day national commemoration events; run our own cinema for local people; offer the national Arts Award to all Year 7 pupils; take part in the Cambridgeshire Shakespeare Festival; having leading orchestras and bands come in and work without pupils (and from local primary schools too), and so much more.

Elsewhere, our PE department goes from strength to strength, with very high rates of participation and numerous wins in cup competitions in football, rugby, hockey, dodgeball and many other sports. Residential trips have taken place to the Eden Project, Berlin, the Battlefields of Northern France, Germany, Spain and Italy. Furthermore, a large number of pupils take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme and the many other clubs and activities that take place at the College. I have included some of our most recent newsletters and publications to give a better insight into what we do.

Of course, a village college is about much more than just the education of young people and adult learning continues to really flourish. Please do have a look at our programme online www.sawstonadulted.org. The Sports Centre is also an important part of the College and has a wide range of courses, activities and facilities to suit local people and we hope very soon to seek additional funding for a programme of refurbishment to further improve the changing rooms and other aspects of the Centre. Please see their website www.sawstonsports.com.

There have also been developments within Anglian Learning and on 1 March 2018 three primary schools, Bottisham Community Primary, Fen Ditton Primary and Stapleford Community Primary have joined Anglian Learning to form our first Primary Hub. The establishment of a Primary Hub will complement and enhance the work of the existing secondary schools.

Overall, the past twelve months have been very successful and, with a record number of pupils applying to join the College in September 2018, we look forward to continuing to go from strength to strength and be a school that our local community continue to be proud of.

Community Association

The Memorial is 60 yrs old this year, it was built partly as a memorial to those who fell in the two great wars. It's an icon of the village and has played its' part in the growth of Great Shelford as a true community.

The Hall is owned by the Parish Council and leased to the Community Association who are responsible for all bookings and maintenance of the building. The Great Shelford Sports Club leases their section (1st floor) from the Community Association and the area is also used by SSYL.

Receipts for the last year increased by 9% and exceeded expenditure by a small amount, just over £1100. The cost of a letting has remained the same for the last six years but there may be some increases this year to cover rising costs. The use of the Hall remains strong and is an asset to the many and varied groups who use it, amongst its' users are Soft play group, Dance Dedication, Toddler sense, several ballet groups, carpet bowls, T'ai Chi, Weight Watchers, Wednesday Country Market, Farmers Market, Jumble sales, Bingo nights, Quiz nights, Bike sales, table top sales, Children's' birthday parties, Cactus Society, Wedding receptions, Christening parties, Band nights, First Aid courses, Granta Flower club demonstrations, and the occasional Bridge Club meeting

The day to day running is undertaken by the dedicated members of the Committee. In addition to covering all the running costs monies are spent annually on upgrading the building and this last year new emergency signage and lighting were added and new water heaters installed. The Committee has spent time updating its' safety documentation to ensure all users are safe and sound.

It is hoped to remove the "boiler house" in the next twelve months to provide additional parking, a new boiler / boilers will be installed within the building and the heaters in the Hall replaced.

The Community Association is actively looking for new members of the Committee and would welcome anyone who can help.

Mobile Warden Scheme

The Warden Scheme has been particularly busy this winter. We have a policy of enabling and trusting the Wardens to make decisions about how long they need to work to accomplish what needs our members have on a particular day.

Because of the long cold winter there have been more problems and emergencies related to the cold weather, such as falls, winter illnesses and heating breakdown. The wardens have consequently needed to work longer and harder to meet demand. It is a credit to them that there was only one person found cold after a fall and she recovered.

There is an increase of complexity and need of our members in the same way as the NHS because we are all living a long time and become more frail and have multiple problems.

There has been an increase in enquiries for places and new referrals. Some of our very longstanding members have gone into residential care finally, and enabled places for new members. Each new member needs an assessment visit and a plan made for their individual needs. This has added to the time needed on top of all the normal visiting and phone calls which take place. Extra help is given by the volunteers who have also worked so hard this winter and relieved during warden holidays when possible.

As well as this we had several referrals from Chaston Road. In the past we did not need to care for these residents who were looked after by a resident warden. About ten years ago South Cambridgeshire District Council was prioritising needs and the Wardens who were resident on site became caretakers of the estate property. Their main job became fire alarm checking and other work at more than one site of Social Housing, and thus the onsite aspect was lost. The access to help was no longer available because mobile phone help when requested was limited to leaving a message. The older among the residents were ten years older and their needs had changed.

The Warden Scheme had to decide whether it could afford to cover the extra potential forty seven units, and to provide help if it was requested without more funding when we already had a deficit every year.

A meeting was called between the Treasurer, the Chairman and Jackie and Claire the Wardens. It was my view as Chairman that the funding for the scheme was for anyone and therefore no-one should be excluded. Sources of funding are from a Parish Council Grant, The Feast in recent years and from members monthly contributions of £24.00 a month. The remainder comes from generous benefactors of the community and other voluntary charitable giving. For example, The Village Magazine, The Car Scheme donations which are given by drivers in lieu of petrol expenses, The Country Market and other Community giving such as Cambridge Building Society and the Co-op. Other money is sometimes available via a lengthy application process from South Cambs or from The Community Foundation. There is always a deficit in the accounts at the year end, and thanks only to the benefactor donations are we able to adopt a policy of, Act first, and worry about the money afterwards. This money will not last forever and is depleting year on year.

It was agreed that we would take everyone on an as need basis.

Thank you to everyone who makes the work possible because of their generosity, and thanks especially to Jackie and Claire whose unstinting dedication is outstanding.



SSYI – Annual Report

Zac Britton (Youth worker) & John Greaves (Trustee and Treasurer)

About SSYI	Highlights this year
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Estd. 1997. Activities for over 100 aged 10-18• 3 youth workers + volunteers. Budget £45k / yr• Partnerships with Romsey Mill, St Andrews Stapleford, Playscape• Weekly Friday evening club, plus RED, Shred it Up, YAC, Detached work, Mentoring• Trips, Community activities, and Residentials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completion of The Copse, with Playscape• 5 day residential in Cumbria for 12 young people• Jamie Oliver Home Cooking Skills – 7 passed• Spray Painting, Ice Skating, bike-building, Nail Art• Ollie OMeakin• Shelford Feast; Quiz Night; Garden Party; Big Breakfast

Thank you for the support of the Parish Council, churches, and individuals

Check out our website at www.ssyi.club

Great Shelford Village News

- The GSVN is now in its nineteenth year. It is slowly but steadily growing in size, with most issues now being 48 pages, and the price remains at only 40 pence – or even less for subscribers!
- We recently sent out a questionnaire to find out what readers thought about the magazine and what suggestions they had for improvement. We were delighted to receive exactly three hundred replies, many with added comments. As far as regular features are concerned, many people felt that the summaries of Parish Council minutes were useful as well as news from the Churches, the Health Centre and local clubs and societies. Planning Applications were also a surprisingly popular read. Our new feature 'A day in the life of ...' prompted many readers to ask for more of the same, and we are now running this as a regular feature, focussing on people who contribute in different ways to village life. We're always glad to have letters, articles and photos on any issues related to the village.
- As well as recording village matters, we contribute to a number of local charities. This year we have been able to give donations to Friends of the Library, the Mobile Warden Scheme, and Playscape.
- Like many other organisations we will be affected by the new data protection legislation and will be looking at how best to comply with the new regulations that will be coming into force in May.
- Our editorial committee has now grown to five people, who share the work between them, as well as our treasurer, subscriptions manager, advertising manager, proof reader and last but not least all the volunteers who deliver the magazine to your homes. We could not do all this without the loyalty of our advertisers and readers, and the many people who contribute on a regular or occasional basis so thank you, everyone!

Great Shelford Cricket Club

- We have three adult teams: our first XI play in the Whiting & Partners Cambs & Hunts League, Division Two, our seconds play in CCA, Junior League Two North and our third team play in CCA, Junior League, Division Four West.
- We have three youth teams: we play in the CYCA League at Under 15, Under 13 and Under 11.
- For this season only our first team will play home games at Cokenach CC, our seconds will play at Gt Shelford and our thirds will play at Stapleford.
- We welcome new members and are particularly keen to encourage young players to join us.

Great Shelford Football Club

- The club was founded in 1912 and has two teams playing in the Cambridgeshire County League.
- The league is comprised of around 200 teams spread across 13 divisions.
- The first team play in the Premier Division of the league, having been a constant at that level for the past 50 years, the only club to do so over that period. Over the past five seasons they have been champions on three occasions and runners-up twice.
- The reserve team play five rungs down the ladder in Division 2A and are mainly made up of young players making their way in the sport.
- The season runs from late August to early May and there are games on the recreation ground most Saturdays. At first team home games drinks and snacks are on sale in the pavilion for both spectators and leisure users of the rec alike.
- In July, as it has done for several years, the club put on a football based competition for attendees at the village feast.

Shelford and Stapleford Strikers Football Club

The club currently operates 20 teams between our youngest age group – the mini strikers (U6/7) all the way through to our oldest age group of youth football, U17's. We are now the second largest youth football club in Cambridgeshire. We currently have 263 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 (17-18) has seen 4 teams – U14, U15, U16 and U17s, using the pitch on the rec.

The club would like to formally thank the Parish Council for the use of the recreation ground and 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. We look forward to working with the Parish Council and other recreation ground user groups in 2018/19.

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, 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 and are happy to provide informal coaching to those who wish to try their hand. If you are interested please phone me on 01223 845310.

Great Shelford Parochial Charities

THE GREAT SHELFORD PAROCHIAL CHARITIES

(Registered Charity 231486)

THE TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2017

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 2017 were:-

Ex- officio Revd. S.J. Talbott

Nominative Mr. S.R.F. White Treasurer

 Mr. I.M.S. Wilkinson

Co-optative Mr. B. Connellan

 Mrs D.A.V. Creek Chair

 Dr. S.F. Rann Vice-Chair

 Mrs E.Y. Robinson

Clerk and Correspondent Mrs. M.H. Lester

During the year the Trustees met on nine occasions. Special meetings were held to discuss the possibility of building more affordable homes to rent on Charity Land. The twentieth 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 has been carried out to the Charities properties and gardens during the year. Financial help has been given to residents and groups, in considered cases of need, within the Parish of Great Shelford.

31st March 2018

Mrs. D.A.V. Creek Chair



Shelford Feast

The Shelford Feast had an excellent year. I was delighted to hear feedback that we can be trusted to put on a good programme and that acts enjoy performing for us. When *The Times* featured good places to live, it cited The Shelford Feast as one of the strong features of the village.

A great positive step was a new afternoon event, intended to attract older members of our community. It was a great success, with every seat sold well in advance. I'm grateful to all those who helped, furthering our objective of bringing the community together.

We also had three significant operational challenges in 2017, all of which turned out positively.

Firstly, having to pitch the 'grand marquee' further from the village hall changed our food and drink logistics and also made it impossible to run a fully enclosed venue. Having to site the toilets outside the compound meant that virtually every guest and helper had to leave and re-enter during each event. However our new wrist-band system was effective and also helped the security team, who could easily evict those without tickets.

Secondly our comedy night was very nearly without a headline act, following a double-cancellation. The just-in-time replacement (*Bobby Davro*) was very popular and seen by some guests as a major booking achievement. But had our agent and the Events team not worked so tirelessly, we would have faced a very different situation. Thankfully our risk management policies coped though we will introduce more formal 'what if' plans for dealing with the no-show of an act.

Our third challenge was weak attendance at Friday's *Sway All Stars Orchestra* concert, which significantly reduced income. This was unexpected as the Sway Band were excellent and performed brilliantly – to the extent that they are our headline act for 2018. Thankfully our programme format is diverse enough that we can survive one poorly attended event but again it highlights the need to be risk aware.

These challenges could have led us to hide in a mode of ‘what worked before’ and to be afraid of trying new things. But our biggest risk would be to fail to keep up with changing tastes of the community, leading to a loss of interest and support. We must continue to evolve.

Our long desired scheme to add permanent water, electricity and sewerage services to the rec, which would add to the recreation ground’s functionality seem to have hit the buffers for the moment, but we expect to provide for what we need in our usual “can do” way.

In 2017 we gave away £23,000 which made our Grand Total of £297,000 donated since 1994. Naturally this depends on the support of the village by taking part in the Feast so we look forward to seeing you all in the week preceding July 15th.

2018 will be our 25th modern Feast. Our strong Bunch will deliver another broad and well-executed programme with first class local and national talent. We continue to seek new events, to develop our food offering, and to offer a truly excellent bar.

The Shelford Feast happens because so many of our community choose to come together to make it happen. I’m grateful to everyone for their participation and enthusiasm in supporting the Shelford Feast. Long may it continue!

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.
- Over 400no. members.
- Family membership scheme to encourage involvement.
- Low cost Junior membership, Free mini tennis membership and welcome 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, hold an annual dinner at a Cambridge College and run various fun tennis competitions through the year.
- Members have the opportunity to obtain 'Wimbledon Tickets' through the club ballot

Cambs Summer League

- 8x Mens teams, 6x Ladies teams, 5x Mixed teams.
- Junior teams (Under 8 through to Under 16).

Winter League

- 5x Mens teams, 4x Ladies teams, 3x Mixed teams.

Vets League (over 45's)

- 3x teams. – 2018 Division 1 Champions

We also hold internal Club Singles and Doubles Tournaments and run a club singles ladder.

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 – looking for opportunities 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.

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 2017/18.

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 co-ordinated a very successful 'Choir Weekend' which involved a French Choir from Verneuil (*le Chœur des Aulnes*). The French choir gave a joint concert with the Magogs Singers at St. Marys Church, Gt Shelford on 3rd November and then they gave another joint concert on 4th November with the Stapleford Singers which was held in Stapleford Primary School.

In March 2018, a group from Shelford Twinning Association visited the Salon de la Gastronomie in Verneuil-en-Halatte to sell English produce during the weekend of the food and wine market. We took a range of English cheeses, tea and beers, as well as cakes, biscuits and jams which had been made by local Shlefordians. Almost all the products we took were sold. The aim of the weekend was to promote English produce as well as continue to develop strong links with our friends in Verneuil. In 2019, it would be a great if Shelfordians were able to contribute produce to the team which head up the Shelford Twinning Association's Sales Group visit this market each year. If individuals or businesses feel they can contribute something towards this gastronomic adventure, then they should contact the Sales Group leader – Mrs Penny Pearl or make contact with the Twinning Association via its website.

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. 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.

During our visit to Verneuil in 2017, we had a tremendous welcome by the French on Saturday 1st April and were treated to an evening of activities as well as delightful food which was supplied by the host families. The following day was spent with our French host families with English guests being taken to a variety of local interesting places. Monday 3rd April, we were taken to Parc Samara – a prehistoric park north of Amiens. The whole group had a fantastic day of discovery aided by our French guides who spoke English throughout the visit. The following morning, the children spent the morning in the local school whilst the adults were given a guided visit of historic Senlis. In the afternoon, we had a wonderful lunch, provided by the Twinning Committee of Verneuil before our return journey to The Shelfords. A superb, interesting, entertaining and cultural weekend.

When we return to Verneuil-en-Halatte in 2018, it will be the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charter in Verneuil between the two associations. April 2019 will be the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charter between the two associations in The Shelfords. It would be a golden opportunity for the Parish Councils of both Great and Little Shelford to put on a stunning weekend of activities for our French guests to mark this wonderful occasion.

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. Our guests enjoyed a visit to Ely where they visited Oliver Cromwell's House and Ely Cathedral as well as having a picnic lunch by the river. They were also treated to a group tour of Cambridge. 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 2018/19 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 2018/19 as more people become involved in its activities.

Agenda Item 8.

Parish Council Financial Statement for Year 2017 to March 2018

The Parish Council accounts for the year April 2017 to March 2018 are in preparation for the external audit, when audit is completed they will be displayed on Local Media Websites and Notice boards during June to July 2018, in compliance with the Period of Exercise of Public Rights.

Based on the 2017/2018 End of Year Forecast

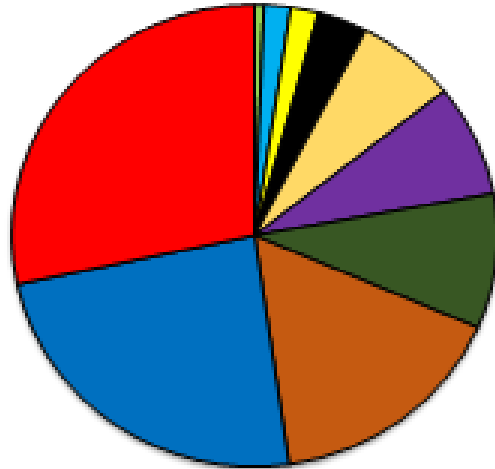
Expenditure for the year has fallen short of the Budget expectations due to Projects that have been started but remain uncompleted in this financial year thus in the majority remain un-invoiced.

These Projects extensively fall within the Recreation Ground and Highways Budget sections.

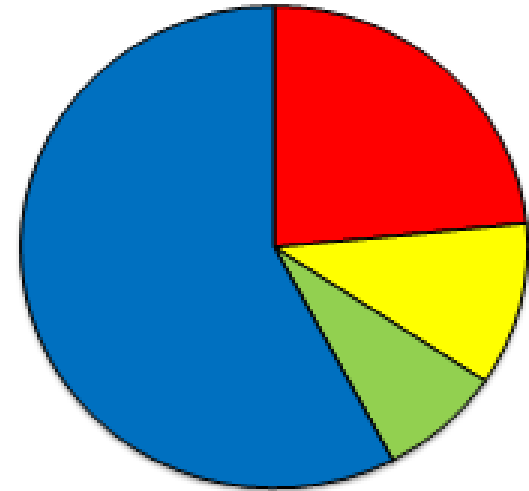
An underspend of £132,721 in 2017/18 will therefore be carried forward into 2018/19 to provide funding for the completion of these projects. This represents an increase in carried forward from the expected (January 2018) Precept / Budget calculation of £93,469. However it has no effect on the 2018/2019 Precept / Budget calculation.

The distribution of Budget expenditure and how the year was funded is shown below

2017 / 2018 BUDGET



2017 / 2018 FUNDING



ALLOCATION	KEY	2017 / 2018 BUDGET	PERCENTAGE
Allotments		£1,970	0.6%
Plant & Tools		£3,690	1.8%
Cemetery		£6,010	1.9%
S137 Grants		£10,620	3.3%
Planning		£21,500	6.7%
Pavilion		£24,983	7.8%
Contribution to Reserves		£30,000	9.4%
Administration		£52,022	16.2%
Highways		£76,348	23.9%
Recreation Ground		£90,837	28.4%
TOTAL		£320,202	

FUNDING	KEY	2017 / 2018 FUNDING	PERCENTAGE
Underspend Prev Year		£75,031	23.4%
S106 Receipts		£34,883	10.8%
Gen Contingency (Saving)		£25,266	7.9%
Contribution from Reserves		£0	0.0%
Precept		£185,000	57.8%
TOTAL		£320,202	

Assets: are unchanged and will undergo a revision during 2018/2019 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. The Parish Council will make a reducing annual provision to cover the full cost of the PWLB repayment should interest rates make this a financially beneficial action in the 2018/19 budget.

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

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.