

Annual Report 2021/22

Welcome to Great Shelford Parish Council's Annual Report for 2021/22

It has been a very busy year for the Parish Council after two years of upheaval and as Chairman I have been well supported by councillors, our parish council staff and many members of the community to which I am indebted. It is my intention to use this report to highlight some of the work we have undertaken in the last year, what we are looking to do in the next year and perhaps over several years too.

With the village surrounded by transport initiatives, we have focused some of our efforts on trying to find alternative routes to the planned CSET busway, expressing concern over the planned route for the East West Railway project linking Oxford to Cambridge, and set up a Traffic & Transport Infrastructure Working Group (TTIWG) to focus on these areas.

More recently we have been liaising with Cambridge Water following the issues raised in the Guardian newspaper (Feb 22) about the quality of our drinking water.

As a community we have faced two years of disruption with the pandemic and again, I want to say how proud I am of how our community worked together to support their fellow residents at a time when they were unable to spend time with family and friends.



Photo: V. Morrison

Playscape

During 2021, our masterplan to build a fully inclusive Playscape with the incredible support from the Playscape charity came into fruition.

Staffing

In June 2021, Libby White joined us as our new Clerk to the Council and she has encouraged us to move forward with new technology including a bright new website, new accounting and mapping software, and shared folders for councillors.

We took the opportunity to revamp the council's image including the design of our new logo, a new uniform for Seamus and change of his job title to 'Ranger'. Seamus is by far our longest serving member of staff and in October last year celebrated 20 years with the council.

In May 2022, we saw Jenny Eldridge join the team as Clerical Assistant and we hope she will enjoy working with us for many years to come.

Other notable achievements include:

- identifying a traffic consultant to look at our concerns about traffic in Woollards Lane, Church Street and the High Street;
- refurbishment of the old football club room to create a safe space for the SSYI (Shelfords and Stapleford Youth Initiative) charity.
- engaging with Brookfield Groundcare to undertake the grass cutting and general maintenance of the village; and
- created the first Community Awards for the village, to name but a few.

Following projects in progress:

- working with Great Shelford Parochial Charities and Community Heartbeat to have two further community defibrillators installed in the village;
- working with residents, landowners, our MP and other parish councils to oppose the current plans for CSET;
- working towards a plan to help cut both the parish council's and the village's carbon footprint to combat climate change;
- aiming to achieve Quality Council status in the Local Council Award Scheme;
- working with the Playscape charity to create a new skate park 'Wheelscape';
- construction of a new paved area around the Pavilion to provide a safe clean area for those watching sport; and
- working through our new Business Plan which outlines our objectives for the next year.

Before I finish this report, we should note that in 2021 we said goodbye to both Mike Winter our Clerk of six years and councillor before that and Simon Talbott who had been with the council for around eight years while priest at St Mary's, and we would like to thank them for all their work on behalf of the parish council.

Malcolm Watson
Chairman

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2022

Financial Summary

In a normal year, the majority of income to the parish council comes in the form of the Precept (collected by South Cambridgeshire District Council and is included in the Council Tax payments).

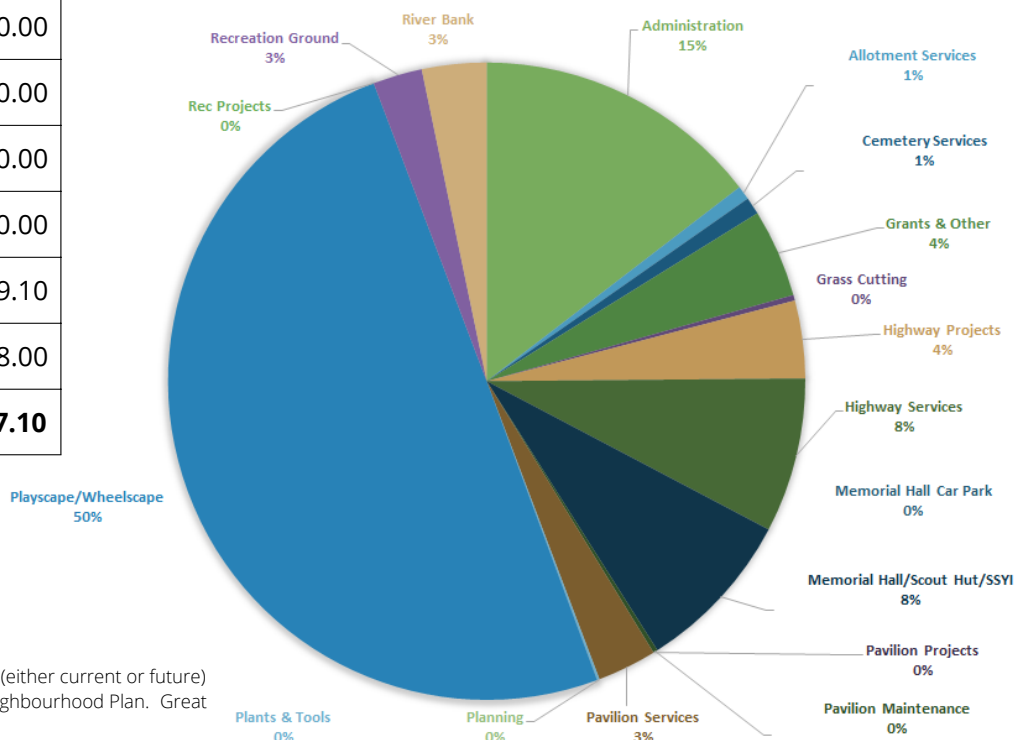
During 2021, Great Shelford Parish Council received significant sums (see 'Grants Received' opposite) in order that the Playscape project could be completed.

Of the money we hold, much is held in 'Earmarked Reserves*' as follows:

Earmarked Reserves	£
Pedestrian Entrance	19,000.00
Car Park	24,000.00
Land Purchase	50,000.00
MH Commercial Kitchen	20,000.00
Pavilion Paving	13,000.00
MH Heating	20,000.00
Boiler House	5,000.00
Public Toilet	10,000.00
Car Park Lighting	2,000.00
Security Fencing	5,000.00
Riverbank	10,000.00
Traffic Projects	10,000.00
CCTV	25,000.00
Neighbourhood Plan**	6,869.10
General Reserves***	21,878.00
TOTAL	241,747.10

Description	Amount
Opening Balance	£ 307,926.00
Income	
Precept	£ 250,857.00
Interest Received	£ 740.00
Grants Received	£ 318,708.00
Recreation Ground Income	£ 3,082.00
Pavilion Hire Income	£ 1,161.00
Cemetery Income	£ 4,300.00
Allotment Income	£ 2,264.00
Neighbourhood Plan	£ 6,989.00
Rent of Land	£ 425.00
Other	£ 605.00
Total Income	£ 589,131.00
Expenditure	
Recreation Ground	£ 16,388.00
River Bank	£ 21,443.00
Playscape/Wheelscape	£ 326,740.00
Memorial Hall/Scout Hut/SSYI	£ 54,329.00
Memorial Hall Car Park	£ 35.00
Grass Cutting	£ 1,862.00
Pavilion Services	£ 19,754.00
Pavilion Maintenance	£ 1,488.00
Cemetery Services	£ 5,730.00
Allotment Services	£ 4,624.00
Highway Services	£ 51,401.00
Plants & Tools	£ 812.00
Planning	£ -
Grants & Other	£ 29,345.00
Administration	£ 95,574.00
Rec Projects	£ -
Pavilion Projects	£ -
Highway Projects	£ 25,785.00
Total Expenditure	£ 655,310.00
Closing Balance	£ 241,747.00

EXPENDITURE AT A GLANCE 2021/22



*Earmarked Reserves are set aside for village projects (either current or future)

**Money from Stapleford & Great Shelford for the Neighbourhood Plan. Great Shelford is looking after the funds for this project

***Money in cases of emergency

Great Shelford Parish Council

What have we been doing? Where has your money been spent? How do we contribute to Great Shelford village?

Councillors

15 unpaid elected/co-opted councillors who *'hold a seat in public office'* attending 10 full council meetings per year (held 3rd Wednesday of the month apart from August and December).

Clerk to the Council

Libby White is a qualified Clerk, having completed a Level 5 Foundation Degree in Community Governance. She is currently working towards the full BA Hons and will graduate in early 2023.

Other Staff

The Council also employs a Ranger, Seamus Fegan, who has been with us for over 20 years and has recently employed Jenny Eldridge to be our Clerical Assistant to support the Clerk.

Committees/Working Groups

Councillors sit on a variety of committees responsible for overseeing the services the council provides. They also sit on Working Groups with residents to look at issues facing the village.

General Power of Competence

In 2021, Great Shelford Parish Council adopted the General Power of Competence to gain wider powers to deliver more for the residents of Great Shelford.



Planning

Between 1st April 2021 and 31st March 2022, 199 planning applications have been considered by the Planning Committee.



Grants

Awarded a total of £25,050 in donations/grants to the Mobile Warden Scheme, SSYI, Poppy Appeal, Great Shelford Bowls Club and provided a shopping bus for the elderly.

Playscape & Open Spaces

We supported the Playscape Charity to construct our beautiful new playscape. We also look after many public open spaces around the village.

Precept

Having been able to keep the 2021/22 precept at £250,857, for 2022/23 this has increased to £279,311 to allow the council to meet its objectives for the year and rebuild reserves.

Cemetery

Cambridge Road Cemetery is managed and now maintained by us. There have been 5 interments during the year.

Allotments

We have two sites: Stonehill and at the cemetery. All plots are currently taken with a small waiting list.



Improving Communication

We need your views on any matters you feel we may have missed relating to the village. Please contact us now! *(Details on back page)*

Parish Councillor Contact Details

Councillor	Committee / Working Group
Paula Arnold	Planning
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Peter Bassett	Human Resources Recreation & Pavilion Communications Working Group
Peter Brown	Planning Cambridge Biomedical Campus Working Group Traffic & Transport Infrastructure Working Group
Lyn Disley	Finance & General Purposes Highways Climate Change Emergency Working Group Traffic & Transport Infrastructure Working Group
Roberto Gerhseni	Cemetery & Allotments Planning Cambridge Biomedical Campus Working Group
Barbara Kettel	Finance & General Purposes Human Resources Planning (<i>Chairman</i>)
Angela Niblett	Human Resources Planning Climate Change Emergency Working Group Wheelscape (Playscape) Working Group
Gregory Price	Cemetery & Allotments (<i>Chairman</i>) Finance & General Purposes Planning
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...that some Councillors have other responsibilities such as Cllr Brown is our contact for EWR, Cllr Arnold is our Tree Officer, etc. Please see our website for full information.

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