

MINUTES OF A MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL, THE CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY, INTERESTED PARTIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE OF SAUGHALL held on 12 December 2001

In attendance: Councillor Mrs M Anderson
Councillor Mrs BW Bell
Councillor Mrs P Humphrey
Councillor RA Storrar
Councillor A Warrington (in the Chair)
Councillor Mrs D Whitton

Mrs P Povey
PC Gareth Cooper
Mr K Evans, Saughall Colts
Mr R Biggs, Cheshire County Council, Youth Service
Ms L Curren, Cheshire County Council, Youth Service

4 Young People of Saughall

10 YOUTH CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

It was reported that the following Councillors were willing to sit on the Youth Club Management Committee not as representatives of the Parish Council but in a personal capacity:

Mrs M Anderson
B Kerr
Mrs JE Storrar
RA Storrar

It was also reported that Councillor Dobson may be interested in sitting on this Committee.

At least five people were required to form the Management Committee. Mrs Povey indicated that she may wish to become a member but was not in a position to commit herself at present. PC Cooper informed that as he did not live in Saughall it would not be appropriate for him to join the Committee. However, he would attend if available when invited.

It was **AGREED** that the possibility of a serving Police Officer becoming a member of the Committee would be explored. Also, a representative from the Saughall Business Community and the Vernon Institute Management Committee would be sought to serve on the Committee.

It was **AGREED** that the Management Committee would hold a meeting as a matter of urgency to appoint officials, to discuss the lease, to determine how to take the project forward and to agree co-options as appropriate.

11 YOUTH CLUB VOLUNTEERS

It was noted that a list of people who had indicated an interest in helping to run the Youth Club had been made available to Mrs Povey.

Mrs Povey had held a meeting with the volunteers but unfortunately not all had attended. Another meeting would be held in January 2002 and it was hoped other volunteers who had recently come forward would attend. It was **AGREED** that Members of the Management Committee would attend this meeting along with Mr Biggs.

12 YOUTH CLUB PREMISES – LEASE

The Youth Club lease had been handed back to the Vernon Institute Management Committee. It was now apprehensive about agreeing to a further lease for the Youth Club. Indeed it was noted that the Vernon Institute Management Committee was considering the possibility of leasing the premises to another group in the village. Mrs Povey had re-applied for the lease and a decision would be made at the Vernon Institute Management Committee meeting scheduled for 8 January 2002.

It was known that the toilets used by the Youth Club were in a state of disrepair as they had been vandalised by a minority of the youth element who had previously attended the Youth Club.

Mrs Povey informed that the Youth Club had funding left and would pay for the necessary repairs to the toilets and windows.

The young people in attendance **AGREED** that if the Youth Club was to reopen they would impress upon their peers the stupidity of causing damage and undertake as far as possible to get the message across that further outbreaks of vandalism would not be tolerated. They would act as role models and would try to get other young people to modify their behaviour.

It was also **AGREED** that it was imperative, if the Youth Club was to get the lease, that maximum use was made of the premises.

13 CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S YOUTH SERVICE

It was reported that if the newly formed Management Committee was able to substantiate that some youth from Blacon were using the Youth Club facility it might be possible to get some support from the Delta Centre e.g. Outreach Workers.

Mr Biggs **AGREED** to attend future meetings of this Youth Liaison Group and asked that he be sent copies of the Minutes.

The Clerk **AGREED** to write formally to Mr Biggs asking for support with this initiative.

14 FOOTBALL

The young people who had attended the last meeting of this forum had informed that they wanted to be able to play football in their leisure time.

Mr Evans informed that the Saughall Colts had tried to establish an under-16s football club the previous year but had had to give up due to lack of interest.

15 FIDDLERS LANE PLAYING FIELD

It was reported that the Parish Council had held a meeting with Mr Ron Dunn, the Amenities Manager, Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council, who had the contract to maintain the field. He had **AGREED** to try to move the moles to the outside of the field. However, he couldn't guarantee success.

Mr Dunn had also advised that any fencing, netting, etc. introduced in an attempt to contain the field would be costly.

PC Cooper informed that he had access to various Community Safety funding initiatives that could be used to enhance the field. Consequently, the Clerk **AGREED** to ask Mr Dunn to provide details of various options along with associated costs.

It was noted that the Parish Council was unhappy with the drainage work carried out on the field earlier in the year by Chester City Council and would not agree payment until the field was at the standard promised. Councillor RA Storrar **AGREED** to take this matter up with the City Council in order to bring the situation to a satisfactory conclusion and would make a report to the next meeting of the Council.

16 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was **AGREED** that the next meeting of this forum would be held at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 20 January 2002 in the Parish Room, Fiddlers Lane, Saughall and the Young People invited, each **AGREED** to bring a friend.