

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF SAUGHALL AND SHOTWICK PARK
PARISH COUNCIL held on 26 November 2002 at the Vernon Institute, Saughall

In attendance: Councillor Mrs M Anderson
Councillor A Bailey (in the Chair)
Councillor CW Eyton (Tree Warden)
Councillor Mrs P Humphrey
Councillor Mrs J Johnson
Councillor JA Marsden
Councillor C Moss
Councillor R Shukla
Councillor Mrs JE Storrar
Councillor RA Storrar
Councillor A Warrington

and 4 members of the public.

206 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

Councillor B Kerr
Councillor Mrs J Young

207 MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

Councillor Mrs J Johnson declared an interest in respect of item No 3 on the agenda - Golden Jubilee Park – as she owned the land adjacent. She requested that she be allowed to share the field drain otherwise her land would be subjected to flooding.

The Council could see no problem with this request.

208 GOLDEN JUBILEE PARK

The Council considered in detail the 4 quotations received for work required to develop a Golden Jubilee Park on Fiddlers Lane. Each contractor had met with Members on-site and had been told what was required. Unfortunately, a detailed written specification had not been supplied and therefore it was difficult to make comparisons between the quotations and determine best value. Uncertainties had led to the contractors loading their quotations.

It was noted that some of the work quoted for could be carried out by local people rather than by a specialist contractor e.g. grubbing out the hedge between the two parcels of land in the Council's ownership.

The Council had been successful in obtaining a grant from Chester City Council's Local Panel but a condition was that the work would need to be done and paid for in this financial year.

The Clerk told the Council that if it was to remove the hedge there were safety issues to consider as the pond was unfenced and the insurance company, Cornhill Insurance,

had instructed that the public should not have access to the new land until it had been developed to an appropriate standard.

The Chairman reported that Mr Brian Huxley had written to him informing that he had received the specifications for the cricket square laid down by the English Cricket Board.

The Council went on to discuss the proposed business plan for the Golden Jubilee Park project and its management noting that Councillors B Kerr and C Moss had made themselves available to meet contractors on-site. They had a watching brief and this arrangement would continue once work began. An officer of the Cheshire Playing Fields Association had agreed to act as the Parish Council's technical advisor.

Members turned their attention to arrangements for the Park's maintenance once it was developed and again agreed that there would be opportunities for local people.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the decision on the awarding of the contract be deferred;
- (2) the Cheshire Playing Fields Association be requested to draw up a detailed specification in relation to the work required to develop the Golden Jubilee Park;
- (3) when the specification has been drawn up it be issued to the four contractors and they be requested to resubmit quotations for the work required in light of it;
- (4) Mr Derek Bird of Orchard Villa, Fiddlers Lane, Saughall be asked to join the Golden Jubilee Park Panel;
- (5) local firms and businesses be given the opportunity to quote for initial redevelopment work necessary; and
- (6) the Golden Jubilee Park Panel be requested to pursue external funding options and secure grants as it deems appropriate.