

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF SAUGHALL AND SHOTWICK PARK  
PARISH COUNCIL held on 21 January 2008 in the Vernon Institute, Church Road, Saughall

In attendance: Councillor DF Holman  
Councillor B Kerr  
Councillor WI Humphrey (Homewatch Co-ordinator)  
Councillor Mrs J Knox  
Councillor HL Thorniley-Jones  
Councillor A Warrington  
Councillor Mrs JM Young (in the Chair)

19 APOLOGIES FOR AUTHORISED ABSENCE

Apologies for authorised absence were received from:

Councillor Mrs P Humphrey  
Councillor RK Shukla  
Councillor Mrs J Johnson  
Councillor JG Johnson  
Councillor Mrs JE Storrar  
Councillor RA Storrar  
Councillor Mrs D Whitton

20 CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs H Thorniley-Jones declared an interest in the Christmas Lights Switch On Ceremony as it had previously been held at the Greyhound Public House in which she has a business interest.

21 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Council received the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 3 January 2008 and noted their contents.

It was noted that the local garage had agreed to secure the gates to the Golden Jubilee Park and that the work was imminent.

RESOLVED: That

(1) the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 3 January 2008 be received and the recommendations therein be endorsed; and

(2) Mr Wilkinson be requested to paint the field gates to the Golden Jubilee Park.

22 DETERMINATION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S BUDGET FOR 2008/2009  
AND THE PARISH PRECEPT

The Council received details of payments made from 1 April 2007 until 7 January 2008, estimated expenditure and income to the end of March 2008, the 2007/2008 Budget, its proposed budget for 2008/2009 as agreed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at its meeting on 3 January 2008, and the parish tax base – 2008/2009 – Council Tax.

Members considered each budget head in turn and debated the funding that would be required over the next year against each one in order to carry out the Council's activities and provide an appropriate level of service both effectively and efficiently.

The Council was aware that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government had confirmed her decision to create two new unitary authorities in Cheshire (Minute No 11/2008 refers). It was considered that this might have implications in terms of grant aid if the new West Cheshire and Chester Council did not provide Double Taxation and Street Cleaning grants for Parish Councils. Representations via the Cheshire Association of Local Councils would be made to the new Authority, at the first opportunity, in an attempt to obtain agreement that these grants would continue.

After substantial deliberation the 2008/2009 Parish Budget was agreed.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Parish Council budget for 2008/2009 be agreed as set out in Appendix 1; and
- (2) the Clerk be requested to inform Chester City Council's Director of Corporate Services that this Council requires a precept of £47,794.00 for 2008/2009 (Appendix 2)

## Appendix 1

# Saughall and Shotwick Park Parish Council Budget 2008/2009

Budget Head	Budget 2008/2009
<b>Environment Matters</b>	
Miscellaneous Minor Repairs	1,000.00
Street Cleaning	11,000.00
Litter Bins	300.00
Grass Cutting (Playing Fields) (Weekly cut)	3,500.00
Play Equipment (rolling replacement programme)	1,000.00
Play Equipment Inspections (4No)	250.00
Sub Total	17,050.00
<b>Golden Jubilee Park</b>	
Grass & Hedge Cutting	1,000.00
Development Fund	
Golden Jubilee Park Loan Repayment	5,545.00
Sub Total	6,545.00
<b>Finance and General Purposes</b>	
(a) Administration	
Principal Officer to the Parish Council	11,300.00
Chairman's Allowance	1,000.00
Stationary/Postage/Computer Consumables	1,200.00
Parish Councillor's Expenses	300.00
Computer (including rental)	360.00
Newsletter publication costs	750.00
Training/Seminars	750.00
Sub Total	15,660.00
(b) Annual Payments	
Parish Room rental and associated costs	500.00
Audit Fees	420.00
Donations/Honorarium	250.00
Insurance	1,400.00
Subscriptions	800.00
VI Clock Service	250.00
Village Events (including Christmas and Golden Jubilee Park Opening)	500.00
Sub Total	4,120.00
(c) Vernon Institute - (Annual Grant to designated fund)	1,000.00
<b>Highways Matters</b>	
Bus Shelter maintenance	2,500.00
Sub Total	2,500.00
<b>Police Community Support Officers</b>	11,000.00
<b>Neighbourhood Management Team</b>	835.00
<b>Contingencies</b>	1,000.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>59,710.00</b>

## Saughall and Shotwick Park Parish Council Precept Calculation 2008/2009

### 2007/2008

Budget	£62,231.00			
Precept	£46,499.00			
Council				
Tax	£39.56			
(Band D)				
		£		
	Estimated Income	136,666		
	Estimated Expenditure	<u>-94,202</u>		
	Surplus	42,464		42,464
	Less money in Designated Funds			
	Vernon Institute	3,758		
	Footpaths	710		
	Play Equipment	9,000		
	Golden Jubilee Park	24,431		
	Community			
	Safety/PCSO	0		
	ICT	1,000		
	Christmas Events	58		-38,957
	Balance Carried Forward			3,507

### 2008/2009

	Draft Budget	59,710	A decrease of -4%
Less	Income		
	Double Taxation Grant	-3,209	
	Street Cleaning Grant	-5,200	
Less Balance C/Fwd		<u>-3,507</u>	
	Required Precept	47,794	
	Tax Base (Band D)	1,182.7	
	Tax	40.41	
	Increase/Decrease	2%	