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Change in Membership

Since the last newsletter was published the Council has received and accepted the resignation of Colin Moss because of personal reasons.

The Clerk declared a casual vacancy on the Council and posted notices to that effect. No request for an election was received so the seat was filled by the Council by, co-option. The candidate with the most votes at the last election, but not elected, or subsequently co-opted, was invited to fill the vacant seat.

Janette Knox accepted the Council's invitation and attended her first Council meeting on 1 October 2007.

The Council is very grateful to Mr Moss for the contribution he made whilst a Councillor and wishes him well for the future.

Members are delighted that Mrs Knox accepted their invitation to become a Councillor and they look forward to working with her.

Community Safety Challenge Neighbourhood Management Team Bid for Grant Aid

The Council is very pleased to announce that the application it submitted to the Cheshire Community Council for a grant of £10,000 to help fund the Neighbourhood Management Team initiative in partnership with the Police has been successful.

The Council has already committed £11,000 and entered into an agreement with the Police for the provision of a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) dedicated to the parish area.

The PCSO is rolling out and supporting new

Home and County Watch Schemes, embarking on a proactive traffic safety scheme and working with the youngsters of the village to find alternative diversions to ensure reduced anti-social behaviour.

The new Neighbourhood Management Team will ensure that these ambitious and challenging plans are able to become a reality. The Co-ordinator, Tony Summers, has been appointed, volunteers are being recruited and trained and the Parish Room is being used as the Team's base.

The aim of the Neighbourhood Management Team is to ensure:

- the consistent presence of dedicated neighbourhood teams capable of working with the community to establish and maintain control – to be visible, accessible, skilled, knowledgeable and familiar to the community;
- intelligence led identification of community concerns leading to prompt effective, targeted action against those concerns; and
- joint action and problem solving with the community and all local partners in order to improve the local environment and quality of life within the community.

This project is not simply about policing outcomes; it aims to align local policing activity to a neighbourhood management and community agenda and towards a style and culture where neighbourhood specialists can directly impact upon confidence and satisfaction levels through effective problem solving, greater partnership working not only with the Police but with the Fire Service, Principal Council's, community volunteers and other suitable agencies.

Proposed New Primary School, Saughall



The County Council intends to combine the existing Infant and Junior Schools in Saughall into a new Primary School on the Junior School site which is to be enlarged to suit. As the Thomas Wedge Junior School will be operational during the construction period, the new building will be constructed immediately behind the existing building and it is envisaged that the Junior School will be demolished to provide an area for car parking, drop-off and landscaping.

The project is in an early stage of planning and no designs have yet been produced. It is provisionally programmed that the requirements for the building will be firmed up over the next few weeks and options produced for consideration, prior to a full planning application being submitted early in the New Year with a view to construction starting in April 2008 to be ready for a September 2009 opening.

Prior to the commencement of any design work the Project Team would like to consult as widely as possible over expectations for the new school.

The project is to be funded via the County Council's capital programme and has been allocated a fixed budget based on educational provision only. As you know, schools are used widely by the community in the evenings and on weekends for extended provision and it is envisaged that this practice will continue provided there is no conflict with the delivery of the curriculum. The arrangements for the use of the School by community groups will form part of ongoing discussions and remain the responsibility of the Governing Body of the new school.

In order to understand the anticipated needs of the community, Members of the Parish Council have been invited to attend a Community Consultation Event which is to be held at the Junior School on Monday 29 October 2007 at 6pm. This will provide an opportunity for all members of the community to present their views and influence the design of the school at the preplanning stage. If groups are prepared to make an investment in the form of

accommodation or private store rooms for equipment, etc the design can be modified to incorporate such facilities for wider usage.

Public notices will be posted to encourage interested parties to attend and contribute to the ethos of this exiting project.



Affordable Housing Scheme Proposal

The Council has been in recent talks with Cheshire County Council and Northern Affordable Homes to provide an affordable housing scheme in the village.

A suitable site on Lodge Lane, currently in the ownership of the County Council, has been identified.

The proposal is that some of the homes will be sold as affordable houses/shared ownership. There will be no outright sales and no right to acquire at all, even in stages. The houses will be affordable for people just under the average national earnings limit who live or have connections with the village. The housing could be provided under a legal shared ownership structure that restricts the amount the houses can be sold for and who can buy them.

The County Property Manager now intends to take the proposal forward with Cheshire County Councillors. If agreement to the proposal is formalised there will be a public consultation day.

You will be kept informed of any developments through this newsletter.

Golden Jubilee Park – Latest News!



The Council's contractor is nearing completion of the first phase of development and the Park will be handed over to the sporting organisations who will maintain the ground within the perimeter path. The Greyhound Pub Football Club aims to use this facility this season.

The Council now intends to review and revise its plans and decide what to include in Phase 2 of this project. You will be informed of any proposals via this Newsletter.

Planning Applications

The Council is always interested in the views of residents regarding Planning Applications. Please tell us what you think, either by providing the Clerk with a copy of any correspondence you have sent to Chester City Council, or by informing her by telephone or email. You are also welcome to attend Planning Committee meetings to air your views! Details of these meetings are always posted on the Council's notice boards.

When does the Council Meet?

The Council meets, generally, on the first Monday of the month. Notices are displayed on the Council's notice boards and website. Agendas for the meetings are always on deposit in the Co-op stores and posted on the Council's website (www.saughall.gov.uk). Any resident on the Electoral Roll of Saughall and Shotwick Park is welcome to attend.

Before the meeting actually begins some time is set aside for members of the public to address the Council on matters of concern and ask questions so long as they have given the Clerk five clear working days notice of their intention to do so. You are free to leave at anytime. (You do not have to sit through the whole meeting unless you want to.)

Parish Council Surgeries



The Council will hold monthly surgeries in the Parish Room, 2 Fiddlers Lane on Saturdays between 10:00am and 10:45am on the following dates:

- 3 November 2007
- 1 December 2007

Pop in to talk over any issue that is causing you concern.

Kissing Gate Project for Public Rights of Way

The Council has been invited to apply for 16 kissing gates (to be purchased by Cheshire County Council) to replace stiles in Saughall and Shotwick Park and so increase accessibility for people with mobility problems.

Tony Leach, the Parish Paths Warden, has identified suitable sites for the kissing gates and they will be installed soon by the County Council's Maintenance Officers. The Council would like to thank Tony for his help with this important initiative.

Flooding



There were quite a lot of flooded roads during July and August this year because of the high rainfall. Cheshire County Council's District Engineer has reported that flooding problems at the Peg/ Hermitage Road were due to a ditch that needed maintenance. Flooding on Long Lane was caused by ditches being blocked. They have now been cleared and the District Engineer has agreed to ensure that the pipe underneath Long Lane is a minimum of 18" in diameter.

The flooding on Seahill Road was caused by water running off the fields in Flintshire, presumably because the water course was full.

Ditches are generally the responsibility of landowners so if you are a landowner please carry out regular maintenance of your ditches so these problems are avoided in the future.

New Travel Scheme

In April 2008 the Government is launching a new bus pass as part of the National Concessionary Bus Travel Scheme that will enable users to travel by local buses anywhere in England from 9:30am and 11:00pm on weekdays and all day at weekends and bank holidays.

The new national pass is for people aged 60 or over and eligible disabled people. It will replace all other bus passes and all existing pass holders

must apply. The District Council's will write to all pass holders to explain the new scheme. The old passes will remain valid until April 2008.

Did You Know?

Saughall and Shotwick Park has a Tree, an Environmental and a Parish Paths Warden. If you would like to contact any of them for advice please telephone or email the Clerk who will put you in touch.

Councillors Jeanne Storrar and Dolores Whitton are Governors at The Ridings Infant School, Councillor Andrew Storrar is a Governor at the Thomas Wedge CE (Controlled) Junior School and Councillor Dolores Whitton is the Chair of the Governors at Upton High School and County Councillor David Rowlands is also a Governor of Upton.

You can complain direct to Cheshire County Council regarding problems with any service it provides e.g. pavements, faulty street lights etc, Telephone 0845 11 333 11 and the problem is logged for you straight away on-line.

Messages from the PCSO

Bonfire Night – If you have some fireworks please direct them away from any nearby farms.



Please ask for identification from anyone who wants to enter your property. If they haven't got ID and you don't know them, **DON'T LET THEM IN!**

Police Surgeries are being held in the Parish Room for anyone who would like to meet and talk with the local PCSO Mike Butler on the following dates:

Saturday, 13 October 2007 – 10am-11am
Saturday, 20 October 2007 – 5pm-6pm
Saturday 3 November 2007 – 10am-11am
Saturday 24 November 2007 – 10am-11am

PCSO Mike Butler

Property Marking

Marking of personal household items e.g. televisions, DVD players, digital boxes, glassware, etc. This consists of identification by engraving post codes and house numbers on each item. The service is free, just phone Councillor Ian Humphrey on 880011 and he will do the rest.

Councillor Ian Humphrey
Homewatch Co-ordinator

Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team – Co-ordinator's Report

The Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team has been formed. It currently comprises of the following people - Ian Humphrey, Harry Dobson, Jenny Young, Christine Champion, Rakesh Shukla, Jane Edwards, Mike Butler (PCSO) and Tony Summers as Co-ordinator. If you would like to be a member of this Team please let Tony Summers know.

The Team's aim is 'To make Saughall and Shotwick Park a Safer Place to live' by:

- Reducing crime;
- Reassuring residents by reducing the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour;
- Providing vulnerable people with safer environments;
- Reducing the harm caused by drugs and alcohol;
- Providing activities for young people;
- Improving road safety.

The Team carried out a survey in the village and discovered that the main concerns are:-

- SPEEDING TRAFFIC
- UNDERAGE DRINKING
- GENERAL SAFETY
- STREET LIGHTING
- DOG FOULING
- PAVEMENTS
- VANDALISM
- PARKING
- HEDGES

To try to alleviate these concerns the Team appointed a Safety Co-ordinator. He is Tony Summers, 232 Hermitage Road, Saughall and can be contacted on 0770 762 2062 or by email at saughall.safety@tiscali.co.uk

• **Speeding Traffic**

The Team carried out a speed survey over a 7 day period in August. Details are as follows:

- 3 sites visited Edgerton Pub, Lamp 22 The Riding/Hermitage Road and Crofters Way/Seahill Road.
- 61 recorded offences
- speed varied 36-51 mph
- 3 motorists were observed using a handheld mobile phone
- the team pitched 5 times during the campaign
- 2 motorists showed their annoyance
- many motorists thanked the team for their efforts
- each site was visited for 40-50 minutes
- an average of 12.2 offenders per pitch

The 61 offenders will receive a letter from Cheshire Police. The Police will use these findings to determine what action to take.

A further speed survey is planned soon.

• **Underage Drinking**

The Police are checking empty bottles and cans to see if they can locate the suppliers.

It is an offence to buy alcohol for or to supply those under the age of 18.

The Parish Council has applied to have the Golden Jubilee Park designated as an 'Alcohol Free zone'.

• **General Safety and Lighting**

The Co-ordinator has visited the Golden Link, Friday Club and the Monday Church Club and given out cold calling cards and other hand outs provided by Cheshire Trading Standards. Following these meetings he has contacted the Chester Housing Trust regarding the lights that are not working in Chapel Close.

A 'Safe Slipper' Day is being organised as part of an Active Aging Event. This allows pensioners to get their slippers replaced with non-slip ones. It is also hoped to have other organisations at this event which is being organised in conjunction with the Primary Care Trust.

Cheshire Fire Brigade has been in the village carrying out safety surveys and fitting smoke alarms free of charge.

• **Hedges and Pavements**

With the help of Cheshire County Council roadside hedges are being cut to allow people to walk safely along footpaths without having to step out onto the road. Also, pot holes are being identified and repaired.

• **Dog Fouling**

This problem is down to irresponsible owners who have a duty to pick up after their dogs. If you have any suggestions on how to remedy it we would be grateful to receive the details.

• **Vandalism**

No specific acts of vandalism were noted on the survey forms but if any are observed in future the information will be passed to the Police.

- **Parking**

There is a problem around the two schools when children are dropped off and picked up. Parents are parking on the kerbs and zig-zags. After notes were placed on cars explaining the hazards caused, the situation has greatly improved. There is now an informative sign attached to the wall outside the Thomas Wedge School which has been supplied by Cheshire County Council.

If you identify any health and safety issues please contact Tony Summers who will do what he can to assist you or point you in the right direction.

Tony Summers
Co-ordinator, Saughall
Neighbourhood Management Team

Greyhound Pub Football Club

If you are over 16 years of age and would like to play football for the Greyhound during the forthcoming season please telephone Carl on 01244 880205.

Scouts – We Need You

Were you a Scout, Cub or Beaver, even a Venture? Can you help? Contact the Beaver Leader on 881348

Badminton

7-9pm Thursdays in the Vernon Institute.
11-16yrs girls or boys – Come and join us.

Saughall Youth Club

The Youth Club is now opening on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Vernon Institute and is well attended.

The Council is funding an outing for regular attendees and it is proposed to take the youngsters to the Crocky Trail near Waverton, Chester.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Women's Institute

Mrs Norah Murchie,
Tel: 880701

Saughall Cricket Club

Mr Brian Huxley, Tel: 880753

Saughall Table Tennis Club

Mr Bob Salisbury, Tel: 881323

Saughall Community Day Centre

Church Road, Saughall
Tel: 880474

Saughall Greyhound Pub Football Team

Telephone Carl on 880205

Saughall Gardening Club

Barbara Goode,
e-mail: barbara@gardencycles.wanadoo.co.uk
Tel: 880513

Saughall Colts Junior Football Club

Football for children aged 6-16
Mr Steve Kalaher 880964
www.saughallcolts.co.uk

Golden Link Club

Miss Dorothy Carline,
Tel: 880658

Thomas Wedge CE (Controlled) Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs L Kwissa
Tel: 880473

The Ridings Infant School

Headteacher – Mrs J Davies,
Tel: 881451

All Saints Church

Vicar: Rev Brian Harris
Tel: 880213
Church Wardens
Mr Roger Leslie, Tel: 880597
Mrs Margaret Lundy,
Tel: 372038

Pre-School Group

Mrs Lynda Johnson, Tel: 880954
(Term time only)

Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team

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