

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SAUGHALL AND SHOTWICK PARK PARISH
COUNCIL held on 5 August 2013 at the Vernon Institute, Saughall

In attendance: Councillor Mrs J Edwards
Councillor Mrs K Ford
Councillor DF Holman
Councillor H Jennings (Homewatch Co-ordinator)
Councillor Mrs J Johnson
Councillor B Kerr
Councillor Mrs J Knox
Councillor Mrs JE Storrar
Councillor RA Storrar
Councillor Mrs D Whitton
Councillor Mrs JM Young (in the Chair)
Councillor PP Young

Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Brian Crowe (Part)
Mr B Salisbury, Internal Auditor
PCSO Wendy Leason (Part)

171. APOLOGIES FOR AUTHORISED ABSENCE

Apologies for authorised absence were received from:

Councillor RK Shukla
Councillor A Warrington

172. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors DF Holman, Mrs JE Storrar, Mrs D Whitton and Mrs JM Young declared a personal interest in the proposal to provide a Community and Sports Pavilion in the Golden Jubilee Park if the matter was raised at this meeting by virtue of them all being members of the village Group established to take the proposed development forward.

173. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That subject to the following amendments the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1 July 2013 be confirmed as a correct record:

Minute No. 151 – Matters Raised at the Parish Assembly, Resolution (2) replace Church Way with Church Road

Minute No. 157 – Highway Issues

(a) Overhanging Hedges – replace Greenway with Timberfields

(f) Fiddlers Lane, Rakeway, Long Lane and Church Road/Hermitage Junction
– Potholes – replace Shotwick Lane with Fiddlers Lane

174. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Planning Applications

The Council considered the following planning applications which had been lodged with the Planning Authority, Cheshire West and Chester Council, since its last meeting with a view to setting out its observations on them:

(i) 13/02610/FUL

Proposal: Construction of timber framed car port.

Location: Parkgate House, Lodge Lane, Saughall, Chester, Cheshire, CH1 6JL

“No objections.”

(ii) 13/02610/FUL

Proposal: First floor extension to rear.

Location: 3 Speed Cottages, Church Road, Saughall, Chester, Cheshire, CH1 6EF

“No objections.”

(iii) 13/02846/FUL

Proposal: Submission of reserved matters in relation to outline planning permission 13/00950.

Location: Pitts Farm, Parkgate Road, Saughall, Chester, Cheshire, CH1 6EY

“No objections.”

(iv) 13/02897/FUL

Proposal: First floor front extension (amendment to 12/05566/FUL)

Location: Kingswood, Parkgate Road, Saughall, Chester, Cheshire, CH1 6JS

“No objections.”

(v) 13/02878/DIS

Proposal: Discharge of conditions 1,4,5,6,8,9,12,13,14,15,16,17,18 and 19 of planning permission 12/01573/FUL (residential development of 28 two storey dwellings including new site access) (demolition of existing building)

Location: Former The Ridings Community Infants School, Rake Way, Saughall, Chester

“In respect of dwelling No. 26 and the unnumbered one beside it, the Council has concerns as there is a ditch that if not opened up and maintained could result in serious flooding.

The Council also has concerns in respect of the play equipment to be provided on the site. Who will pay for the necessary and regular play inspections? Also, who will maintain it, carry out enforcement in respect of misuse and be responsible for insurance provision?"

(vi) 13/03032/DIS

Proposal: Discharge of condition Numbers 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 following permission 11/03300/FUL for Construction of 18 No. 2 and 3 bed affordable dwellings

Location: OS Field Numbers 2761 and 2350, Lodge Lane, Saughall Chester

"No objections."

(b) Planning Decisions

The Council noted the following planning decision that had been made by Cheshire West and Chester Council – the Planning Authority:

(i) 13/02145/FUL

Proposal: Single storey extension to front and side/rear.

Location: The Vernon Institute, Church Road, Saughall, Chester, Cheshire, CH1 6EN

"Notice of Planning Permission."

175. POLICE/HOMEWATCH

(a) Police

PCSO Wendy Leason presented PC Paul Taylor, the new Beat Manager's apologies for absence. She informed that he was keen to engage with the local community and tackle anti-social behaviour and was looking forward to meeting Members. She also briefed Members on his experience and career path to date.

PCSO Leason informed that July had been a quiet month in respect of incidents reported. Crimes committed and anti-social behaviour in Saughall had included:

- the theft of a four month old black poodle puppy from Barra Kennels
- a drive off from the Red Ensign Garage
- a theft of tools from a vehicle parked at the Tudor Rose Hotel
- two domestic disturbances
- three highway disruption/road related incidents.

PCSO Leason also informed that the Speed Indicator Device had been deployed on Hermitage Road and Long Lane and detailed the findings. She also referred to the Twenty's Plenty campaign and informed that flash up speed signs were very effective in encouraging motorist's to reduce their speed.

PCSO Leason told Members that she had spoken to All Saints C of E Primary School about introducing a walking bus as a safe means of getting children to and from school. However, the School did not want to progress such an initiative because there was little interest in it from parents.

PCSO Leason updated Members on the summer activities planned for youngsters of the village. They were informed that the Ramp Rider's events had gone very well and the Mountain Monkey's event was scheduled for the following day.

RESOLVED: That

(1) PCSO Wendy Leason be thanked for her very informative report; and

(2) Councillor Mrs K Ford be requested to inform local residents, via twitter, that volunteers are being sought to be trained to use the speed gun.

(b) Homewatch

Councillor H Jennings reported that he intended to meet with the PCSO and the new Beat Manager when he returned from leave, with a view to rebooting Saughall Homewatch.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor H Jennings' report be noted.

(c) Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team

Councillor Mrs JM Young reported that the Team had 28 children booked on to the Summer Play Scheme running from 12 to 16 August 2013. Only two places were left. Three Play Group Leaders had been appointed to run it. Councillor Mrs JM Young encouraged Members to visit between 9:30am and 4:00pm each day and assist with the activities planned.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mrs JM Young's report be noted.

176. GOOD THINGS THAT THE COUNCIL HAS DONE OVER THE YEAR

Sonja Rewhorn, Deputy Chief Officer, Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC) had written to the Clerk informing that her organisation would like to hear about all the good things that the Council did over the year. She requested an example or two of something that the Council had done by 15 September 2013. This information could then be included in ChALC material and sent to the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) as examples of Good Practice. NALC used such examples when speaking to Government Ministers.

Members discussed the Council's achievements at length and it was

RESOLVED:

That in response to Ms Rewhorn's enquiry the following be drawn to her attention, along with a copy of the July 2013 Parish Newsletter:

- The Council has an excellent website <http://www.saughall.gov.uk>
- The Council's July meeting had a live and very successful twitter feed and others are planned.
- The Council's Newsletter is an example of best practice, it involves straight forward reporting without any political bias and supports and promotes local businesses.
- The Council supports community events and 'The Music in the Park' event held on Sunday, 26 May 2013 in the Golden Jubilee Park to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was very well received. (Please see the front page of the Newsletter.)
- The Council also contributes to and supports the annual village 'Christmas Lights Switch on' and on Remembrance Sunday it has a service at the War Memorial for the local community, followed by a reception.
- The Council supports the new village craft afternoons and the community library. (Details are on pages 8-9).
- The Council has launched a Community Investment Champions Project. (An update is included on pages 2-3).

177. FORMER RIDINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL, OFF RAKEWAY, SAUGHALL – POSTAL ADDRESS REQUEST

Catherine Leach, Property and Street Technician, Cheshire West and Chester Council had written to the Clerk asking if the Council would like to submit a street name for the 28 dwellings to be built on the site of the former Ridings Primary School.

Following substantial deliberations it was

RESOLVED:

That the Council's preference for the street name for the 28 dwellings to be built on the site of the former Ridings Primary School is Willow Hey.

{Since submitting the street name Willow Hey for consideration the Clerk has been informed that Cheshire West and Chester Council is pleased with the suggestion and is sending it off to Royal Mail for postcode allocation}

178. RESILIENCE PLANNING

Following the attendance of some Members at Cheshire West and Chester Council's Local Community Resilience event which had been held recently, it had been agreed that that a Group of Members would meet to draw up a resilience planning document (in case of a catastrophic emergency) for Saughall.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor H Jennings be requested to call the Members of the Group together at a mutually convenient time in order to make progress.

179. SOCIAL NETWORKING

Councillor Mrs K Ford reported that on 1 July 2013 the Council meeting had had a live twitter feed throughout. This was provided by a local resident, Mel Ashley, under the twitter name 'Saughall tweet'. She thanked Mel for providing a humours and tongue-in-cheek view of a Parish Council meeting.

The feed had been followed by many in the local community and also by both the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and the Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC). The feed had encouraged a discussion, over twitter, on local issues and many had joined in.

At the end of the feed Councillor Mrs K Ford had asked the following questions, via twitter:

- 'What are your thoughts on the live twitter feed provided by 'Saughall tweet?'
- 'Should @saughallPC have a live twitter feed at every meeting?'

The response had been very positive. People considered that the initiative had gone very well and was a good example of community engagement.

Justin Griggs, Head of Policy and Development at NALC had congratulated the Parish Council on allowing the live twitter feed. The twitter feed had also been discussed at the recent NALC Conference during the Community Workshop.

Councillor Mrs K Ford also reported that an item on the live twitter feed would be included in NALC's magazine – Local Council Review (LCR) under Councillor Spotlight.

Numerous issues were now being reported via twitter e.g. parking problems, speeding traffic and being passed to the Clerk or appropriate organisation if actions need to be taken.

Councillor B Kerr reported that NALC viewed the Parish Council as a progressive Parish Council that engaged with the local community. He also informed that the Newsletter had been used by NALC officials to demonstrate to the Minister for Communities and Local Government an example of best

practice, straight forward reporting without political bias that supported and promoted local businesses.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Councillors Mrs K Ford and B Kerr be thanked for their informative reports on Conference proceedings;
- (2) Mel Ashley be thanked for the live twitter feed and be invited to provide another at a future meeting;
- (3) other volunteers be sought to provide live twitter feeds at future Council meetings; and
- (4) the possibility of providing an internet connection at the Vernon Institute be explored.

180. MEMBERS' TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The Clerk reported that she had arranged for the Chief Executive Officer of ChALC, Jackie Weaver to deliver a three hour session on Ethical Standards and the Power of Competence at 6pm on Wednesday, 9 October 2013 in the Uniformed Groups' Headquarters. The total cost was £337:50. All Members were invited to attend and to hold the date and time in their diaries for this purpose.

The Clerk asked the Council if it would like to invite Members of neighbouring parish councils to attend the training event.

RESOLVED:

- (1) the date and time of the forthcoming training event be noted; and
- (2) the following parish councils be invited to send their Members to the training event at a cost of £15 per head:
 - Mollington;
 - Lea-by-Backford;
 - Capenhurst; and
 - Puddington and District.

181. HIGHWAY ISSUES

(a) Tree on Church Road

Councillor Mrs D Whitton reported that there was a tree on Church Road that had grown to the extent that it was now obstructing the view of motorists. She would inform the Clerk of the number of the house it was outside so that she could ask the Area Engineer for Ellesmere Port and Rural West (North) at Cheshire West and Chester Council, Ian McNeill to arrange for it to be cut back.

(b) Parked Cars on Pavements and Grass Verges

It was noted that the situation with cars being parked on pavements and grass verges had not improved.

(c) Bus Shelters

It was reported that Cheshire West and Chester Council was carrying out a restructuring exercise and the department that looked after bus shelters did not appear to be in it.

(d) Kingswood Lane – Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

The Council agreed that the Traffic Regulation Order must be pursued.

(e) Potholes

It was noted that selective patching work had been carried out in Saughall by the Highways Authority and some potholes had been left. Fiddlers Lane and a stretch of Parkgate Road were very dangerous.

(f) Flooding on Long Lane and Hermitage Road

Brian Crowe was monitoring the situation and he agreed to bring a report on it to the next meeting.

(g) Church Way

A resident of Church Way had complained that there were no double yellow lines on the road around the turning point and vehicles were being parked there. The Clerk had asked the Area Engineer for Ellesmere Port and Rural West (North) at Cheshire West and Chester Council, Ian McNeill if double yellow lines could be put down. He had responded that double yellow lines would require a Traffic Regulation Order.

(h) Overhanging hedges in Timberfields, Greenway and on Hermitage Road

Councillor Mrs J Knox reported that the hedges had been cut in Saughall Hey but not in Timberfields or on Hermitage Road.

It was also reported that the hedge at 1 Greenway needed cutting back and the Clerk was requested to inform the estate agent.

(i) Co-op Car Park Access and Associated Issues

A resident of Church Road had written to the Clerk on 9 July 2013 to inform her that problems continued to be experienced because large articulated lorries were reversing into the Co-op Store's car park. A neighbour's newly erected wall had been damaged on 29 June 2013. On occasions lorries had driven onto the resident's driveway when reversing and she was concerned about possible damage being caused to her block paving.

Recently a lorry had hit a parked car causing considerable damage. Other incidents affecting people's safety had also been reported by Co-op staff.

Deliveries to the Co-op Store were very frequent. Often there were five a day and two lorries delivering at the same time and this was seen to be extremely hazardous. Members were aware that the Co-op still used extra large delivery lorries, even though it had indicated, 18 months ago, that it would consider using smaller ones.

The resident urged the Council to ensure that people were not being exposed to needless risk and negotiate a satisfactory solution to the problem with the Co-op.

RESOLVED:

That the resident's points be noted, in the knowledge that, the Manager of the Co-op Store has referred the problems identified to the Co-op's health and safety department and is awaiting a response which he will report back to the Council.

(j) Parking – Wain Court/Darlington Crescent/Rakeway

Councillor Mrs D Whitton proposed that yellow lines be put on the road in Rakeway. After a lengthy debate it was agreed that the situation would be monitored.

182. REFUSE COLLECTION, FLY TIPPING, LITTER PICKING AND WASTE AND DOG BINS

(a) Refuse Collection - Monitoring

No problems had been reported.

(b) Fly Tipping - Monitoring

No fly tipping had been reported.

(c) Bins

The bins outside the former Ridings Infant School were being relocated by Cheshire West and Chester Council's Streetscene Team and the Council had been asked for its views on where they should be re-positioned.

The Council had agreed that the bins should be relocated as follows:

- at the cut through from Church Road to Darlington Crescent;
- opposite All Saints Church; and
- on the corner of Larchfields and Timberfields.

Councillor Mrs JM Young agreed to meet with Karl Siteine, Cheshire West and Chester Council's Streetscene Officer to discuss the bins relocation

and the Clerk would contact him to request suitable dates for holding this meeting.

(d) Litter/Dog Dirt

No problems had been reported in the village. However, if parishioners were prepared to report incidents it would then be possible to have an enforcement day.

183. GOLDEN JUBILEE PARK

(a) Annual Inspection of Play Areas 2013

The Clerk had sent the Annual Inspection Report to Members of the Field Committee by email on 25 July 2013 but due to a misunderstanding no one had printed a copy to discuss at the site meeting. Consequently, this matter was deferred to the next meeting of the Council scheduled for 2 September 2013.

(b) Quotation

Councillor Mrs JM Young reported that she had received a quotation from Mr B Mulroney in the sum of £285 to paint both sets of swings, the seesaw and the small globe roundabout. The Council agreed to accept this quotation and for Mr Mulroney to carry out the work required.

(c) Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

Councillor Mrs K Ford informed the Council that it would have to make a decision on where to locate the MUGA. It was agreed that Councillor Mrs K Ford would set out her proposal for the siting of the MUGA at the next meeting of the Council scheduled for 2 September 2013.

(d) Proposal to Reinstate the Perimeter Path

Councillor JM Young informed that further quotations were being sought to reinstate the path around the Golden Jubilee Park. It was proposed that this be discussed at the next meeting of the Council scheduled for 2 September 2013.

(e) Uniformed Groups' Headquarters

Councillor Mrs J Johnson informed that the gutters on the Uniformed Groups' Headquarters needed cleaning out and that there was a cable hanging down which needed attention.

(f) Play Equipment Provision for Younger Children

A consultation exercise was being carried out on suitable play equipment that could be provided for the younger children but there was no feedback available yet.

- (g) Saughall Cricket Club Quotation for Golden Jubilee Park Maintenance work

It was agreed that the contract with Just a Mow would be terminated and the Cricket Club would be invited to carry out the grounds maintenance work instead.

184. YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Councillor Mrs J Edwards reported that the Youth Club was closed until 10 September 2013. It was considering purchasing an Xbox.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

185. VERNON INSTITUTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VIMC)

(a) Vernon Institute Building

Councillor PP Young reported on the ongoing issues of the governance documents and fundraising for the development work the VIMC wanted to carry out. Unfortunately, there were currently three projects (the VI building, the MUGA and the Community Hall/Sports Pavilion) in the village all reliant on being able to attract external funding and this could mean they would compete against each other for the funding available. The VIMC was seeking quotations from professional fundraisers.

Councillor Mrs D Whitton informed that it was very important to get the whole village behind these initiatives and proposed that a meeting be arranged to discuss them in detail.

RESOLVED: That

(1) Councillor PP Young be thanked for his report; and

(2) a meeting for the whole village be held in the Autumn to discuss the proposals to improve the VI building and provide a MUGA and a Community Hall/Sports Pavilion in the Golden Jubilee Park.

(b) Clock Automation

Councillor DF Holman provided the Council with a progress report on the works commissioned on the VI Clock. The chimes would be back in operation in around two weeks. Photographs of the installation work's progress were being taken as a record as work progressed. He proposed that there be a memorial plaque put in-situ to commemorate all those who had wound the Clock over the years. Councillor DF Holman informed that fluorescent lighting may be the best way forward and he was seeking quotations for the work involved.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor DF Holman be thanked for his report.

186. LODGE LANE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Councillor Mrs JM Young reported that Holly Stiles had now left her job as development Officer at the Chester and District Housing Trust (CDHT). Danielle Wrigley would be looking after this project now.

Work had now commenced on the Lodge Lane site. The foundations work had begun on some plots and Welsh Water's approval was awaited on the drainage scheme before work on the new estate road could commence. Scottish Power had the overhead cable diversion booked for 30 August 2013 but it was hoped that this date could be brought forward. At present the site was due to be completed in May 2014.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mrs JM Young be thanked for her report.

187. CHAIRMAN'S MONTHLY REPORT

The Chairman inform of various issues she had been involved in during the month. These included:

- a complaint from a lady that her advert was not in the Parish Council Newsletter
- reports of children bullying both in and out of school
- attending Connecting Communities event in Crewe
- attending Chairman's training in Winsford
- the closure of the Greyhound Inn
- Barra Kennels – building works

RESOLVED:

That the Chairman be thanked for her report.

188. PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES

(a) Surgery held on Sunday, 27 July 2013

Councillor PP Young had presided over the Parish Council Surgery which had been held outside the Co-op Store on 27 July 2013. Issues raised and discussed had included the following:

- the access from Long Lane onto Parkgate Road – mirror proposed
- Parish Council's view on fracking
- concerns about the Student Village proposal
- Saughall Hey traffic issues
- no bus service from the village to the Railway Station
- grass verges not being cut properly

- a lamp post hole that requires filling.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor PP Young be thanked for his very informative report.

(b) Surgery on Saturday, 31 August 2013.

RESOLVED:

Councillor Mrs J Knox be requested to preside over the next Parish Council Surgery to be held from 10 to 10:45am outside the Co-op Store.

189. CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL – WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Brian Crowe reported on a number of matters concerning Cheshire West and Chester Council as follows:

- the Twenty's Plenty Motion was put to his Council for a blanket piece of legislation but it was not agreed and only minor roads will be considered for a 20 mile an hour zone
- New Homes Bonus – The Parish Council would get 20% over six years
- report on speeding traffic on Hermitage Road
- a bad pothole (dropped manhole) on Hermitage Road near Aspen Grove
- flooding on Long Lane to be followed up as the resident concerned had not been contacted
- the footbridge in Dingle (Bluebell) Wood was being assessed and if it was dangerous the footpath may have to be closed
- issues with nettles making footpath access difficult
- the Student Village planning application was expected to be determined by the Planning Committee in September 2013
- dog dirt had to be reported to the Dog Warden and those who reported it had to be prepared to be called as witnesses.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Brian Crowe's report be received.

190. ACCOUNTS

(a) Payments made since the meeting of the Council held on 1 July 2013:

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

<u>Financial Year 2012/2013</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
Cheshire Association of Local Councils (Chairmanship 2 – Councillor Mrs JM Young)	30:00	102700
Saughall Cricket Club (Grass Cutting)	2,500:00	102701
Morrall Play Services Ltd (Annual Inspection of Play Equipment)	51:00	102702
Mrs S Hudspeth (Salary)	491:28	102703
Mrs S Hudspeth (Expenses)	181:99	102704
The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire (Contribution to PCSO Post)	11,800:00	102705
Mr JE Davies (Litter Picking)	56:00	102706
Mr B Kerr (NALC Conference Expenses for him and Mrs K Ford)	69:50	102707

(b) Receipts

No receipts had been received since the last meeting of the Council.

(c) Cash to Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the cash to bank reconciliation sheet be noted.

(d) Funding Opportunities/Attracting Grant Aid

Councillor Mrs K Ford informed that Steve Jones had agreed to hold a twitter session at the University and it was being opened up to the community. Also, the Community Investment Champion Working Group was planning a number of events.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mrs K Ford be thanked for her report.

191. METHODIST CHURCH – REQUEST FOR A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO PURCHASE AN 'A' BOARD

Further to Minute No. 169 the Methodist Church had asked the Council to assist it to purchase an 'A' Board to advertise its events. However, Members felt that this was an inappropriate proposal on which to spend a Council grant as it was not a permanent structure but a piece of stationary.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mrs JM Young be requested to inform the Church of Members' views, discuss the funding contribution further and report on any revised proposals on how this funding contribution could be used at the next meeting of the Council scheduled for 2 September 2013.

192. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE BODIES

(a) Meetings Coming Up

- Cheshire Association of Local Councils' (ChALC) Annual Meeting 2013 on Thursday, 24 October 2013 at Fire and Rescue Headquarters, Winsford. Refreshments will be available from 6pm.
Councillors B Kerr, DF Holman Mrs JM Young agreed to attend.

(b) Meetings Attended

- (i) The National Association of Local Councils' Conference in Sheffield on 11 July 2013.

Councillors Mrs K Ford and B Kerr had represented the Council at this Conference.

Councillor Mrs K Ford informed that she had attended a Community Budgeting Presentation – 'Our Place'. It was about key services working together to deliver better results in the local community. It was about giving people more power over their local services and budgets in a neighbourhood and aligning these with all the other resources that the local community could bring. It was complementary and integral to the concept of Whole Place community budgets. Resources could be brought together from a range of service providers at the whole place level and then, where appropriate, be devolved to neighbourhoods to decide how best to deploy them to meet the specific needs of their communities.

Councillor Mrs K Ford also informed that she had attended a Working with Youth Presentation which had been made by Councillors from Beverley Town Council. They had detailed how they had worked with the younger generations in the community. They had hosted various community events. Beverley was considered a deprived area and local businesses and individuals had donated food and services for events that also included education on cooking healthier on a budget.

Councillor B Kerr reported that it had been a good Conference. The Government saw parish councils as the bedrock on which local democracy was built. He considered that the Council should look at the powers available to it under the Localism Act 2011. Part 5 Chapter 3 of the Act provided for a scheme called 'assets of community value'. Part of the Government's community empowerment agenda, it required the principal authority to maintain a list of 'community assets'.

Nominations for community assets could be made by parish councils or by groups with a connection with the community. Individuals could not nominate community assets. If the nomination was accepted, the group would be given time to come up with a bid for the asset when it was sold.

Councillor Kerr proposed that the Council register the Co-op Store and the Greyhound Inn as community assets with Cheshire West and Chester Council.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Councillors Mrs K Ford and B Kerr be thanked for their informative reports; and
 - (2) the Clerk be requested to ascertain the process for nominating the Co-op Store and the Greyhound Inn as community assets.
- (ii) Police and Crime Commissioner's meeting with Parish and Town Council representatives on Monday, 29 July 2013 at 6:30pm in the Civic Suite, Civic Hall, Civic Way, Ellesmere Port

Councillor Mrs JM Young had attended this meeting and reported on its proceedings. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer, was willing to attend parish council meetings if Members invited him to attend.

Mr Dwyer had now appointed a youth ambassador to act as a conduit between young people and the police.

Road safety and speed restrictions had been discussed in detail and Mr Dwyer had informed that he had funding available, on a match funding basis, to help put road safety measures in place.

RESOLVED:

Councillor Mrs JM Young be thanked for her informative report.

193. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

There were no other communications put before the Council.

194. CIRCULARS

No circulars had been received.