

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SAUGHALL AND SHOTWICK PARK PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday, 6 February 2017 at the Vernon Institute, Church Road, Saughall.**

**PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Council was addressed by the following residents:

**Marisa Salvi** reported on her trip to the Gambia, undertaken during December 2016 and on how it had been funded. She had spent some time in a school teaching the children Mathematics and English and about the human body. Marisa had then been based in a Medical Centre which had been very similar to a GP's Surgery. She had also worked in a hospital on the Ears, Nose and Throat Ward and on the Labour Ward where she had witnessed the birth of a baby. On Christmas day Marisa had visited a compound and an orphanage where she had given out sun glasses.

Marisa informed that her trip had been an amazing experience and she said a massive thank you to all those who had helped to finance it.

**Laura Pierce** spoke on the Council's decision to re-locate the younger children's play area elsewhere in the Golden Jubilee Park. Laura and her neighbours felt that the Council had not listened to them and were shocked that the decision had already been made. They had collectively sent eight emails to the Clerk strongly opposing the re-location. They were affected by the decision and were concerned that their opinions had not been taken into account when the decision had been made.

Laura also referred to the opinion provided by Mr Alan Dymond of Morral Play Solutions which was that the play area should remain where it was currently. She was of the view that the new site that had been identified was secluded so there were child safety issues to be considered.

Laura believed that a full consultation exercise should be carried out and Mr Dymond's opinion should be taken into account. She wanted to understand the Council's reasoning for re-locating the children's play area next to a pond.

Laura was keen to work with the Council towards a satisfactory solution but informed that she would refer the matter to her MP if she considered it necessary to do so.

In attendance: Councillor A Bailey  
Councillor B Kerr  
Councillor Mrs J Knox  
Councillors Mrs J O'Malley  
Councillor Mrs JE Storrar (Part)  
Councillor A Warrington (in the Chair)  
Councillor Mrs JM Young  
Councillor PP Young  
Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Brian Crowe (Part)

23. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Jennings, Ms A Manning, and PCSO Wendy Leason.

25. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 9 and 16 January 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

26. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Planning Applications

The observations on the following planning applications were agreed and the Clerk was requested to notify Cheshire West and Chester Council - the Planning Authority, of them:

(i) 16/05300/FUL

Proposal: Single storey side extension.

Location: 57 The Ridings, Saughall.

'No objections.'

(ii) 17/00132/CAT

Proposal: G1 – 3 x Acacia Trees – Section fell to ground level and grind out stumps.

Location: The Vicarage, Church Road, Saughall.

'No objections.'

(b) Planning Decisions

RESOLVED:

That the following planning decision, made by the planning authority, be noted:

(i) 16/05374/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension.

Location: 69 Hermitage Road, Saughall.

'Approval.'

(c) 122 Hermitage Road, Saughall

It had been reported to the 5 December 2016 Council meeting that the Enforcement Officer, Keith Sharp had informed the Clerk that he would be taking enforcement action regarding the development taken place at the property as he had not received a planning application. There had been no further updates since then.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Brian Crowe be requested to ascertain why the Enforcement Officer was not updating the Clerk on the action he was taking, as he had agreed to do.

(d) Sanctuary Housing – Garage Site, off Church Road, Saughall – Affordable Housing Scheme

The Clerk informed that she had not received any further communications from the Housing Association.

RESOLVED:

That this proposal be kept under review.

(e) Cheshire West and Chester Council Planning Update – Free Information Evening on Monday, 30 January 2017 from 6:30pm-9pm at Cheshire View, Plough Lane, Christleton, Chester. CH3 7PT

Councillors Alan Bailey, Mrs JE Storrar and Mrs JM Young had agreed to attend this event and report back on its proceedings. They informed that this meeting had been mainly about neighbourhood planning. This was an initiative the Council had agreed not to take forward. Therefore, it had not been of particular interest to Members.

It had been noted that planning approval was not required for telecommunications masts up to 25 metres in height and that it was no longer a requirement, in developments of ten or less properties, to include some affordable dwellings.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

## 27. POLICE/HOME WATCH

### (a) PCSO's Report

In the absence of PCSO Wendy Leason, Councillor A Bailey read out the report she had submitted.

The Council noted that of the 118 incidents reported in the Policing Area since the last Council meeting, 32 had related to Saughall. They were as follow:

- Thefts other – 5 incidents (3 had occurred at the Red Ensign Garage, 1 at the Co-op Store from an outside compound.)
- Burglary – 2 (Youths had broken into the Towers.)
- Burglary other – 1 (A shed had been broken into on Eastfields. There had been a letter drop to inform residents.)
- Criminal damage – 2 (Telephone wires had been cut at the Uniformed Groups' Headquarters and cars had been scratched in Greenway.)
- Theft of motor vehicle – 1 (Stolen at 8am from the drive way of a property in Church Road.)
- Highway disputes – 3
- Road related – 4 (Reports of youths on a small motorbike in the area of Rakeway.
- Speed Enforcement – 1.
- RTC – 3.
- Suspicious persons – 2.
- Violence – 2.
- Concern for Safety – 1
- Domestic - 1

It was reported that the PCSO had carried out some Trucam Speed Enforcement on Hermitage Road and that 12 motorists had been found to be speeding which would be dealt with by either a Speed Awareness Course if applicable or a Fixed Penalty Notice and points on their license.

Councillor Mrs JM Young reported on a confrontation with Travellers that had occurred on Long Lane during the previous weekend. Members also referred to an email dated 4 February 2017 that the Clerk had circulated from Mrs Carole Eyres about issues she had encountered with Travellers who used land adjacent to the Golden Jubilee Park. She had implored the Council to continue to try to acquire the field.

The Clerk reported that she had written on a number of occasions to the owner of the field in question with offers to purchase the land but she had never had a reply.

RESOLVED: That

(1) the PCSO's report be noted; and

(2) Members will remain vigilant, monitor the activity of Travellers and be ready to take action if it becomes necessary.

(b) Police & Crime Commissioner for Cheshire's Meeting with Town and Parish Council Representatives on Wednesday, 18 January 2017

Members who had attended this meeting were given copies of the Police and Crime Plan. The message received was that Police Officers would be responders and PCSOs would carry out the work that PCs used to do.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

(c) Cheshire Constabulary – PCSO Meeting

This meeting was being held on Tuesday, 14 February 2017 at the Police Headquarters in Winsford and was about emerging arrangements for PCSOs.

RESOLVED:

That the Council be not represented at this meeting.

(d) Operation Shield

Councillor A Bailey informed that he had been trying, for the last three and a half months, to get the police to provide a report on the numbers of DNA codes applied in each location in Saughall. He had not yet received it and now intended to escalate the matter to the Inspector at Blacon Police Station. Councillor A Warrington informed that this lack of progress had been mentioned at the meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner on 18 January 2017 but an answer had not been forthcoming.

RESOLVED:

That the reports be received.

(e) Home Watch

Councillor A Bailey informed that he was concerned that there may be a number of shed break-ins in the village and that he intended to ask the PCSO to offer advice by means of a letter drop.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

(f) Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team

Councillor Mrs JM Young informed that the Team would help out with marshalling and the water stations when the Chester Half Marathon was run on Sunday, 21 May 2017. Members were invited to assist if they were free on that day.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

28. CASUAL VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that the only expression of interest to fill the casual vacancy was from Mrs J Wilson in an email dated 6 December 2017.

The Clerk also reported that Cheshire West and Chester Council Election Officers had advised that they had not received ten signatures to call an election for the other casual vacancy which had arisen with the resignation of Ms M Collins and that the Council could now go ahead and co-opt someone onto the Council to fill that vacant seat.

It was the Council's custom and practice to advertise vacancies that were not filled by election on its website and notice boards for specific periods of time and then agree to co-opt from those who had expressed an interest. Therefore, it was agreed that this be done as soon as practicably possible and then the vacancy could be filled by the Council by co-option from people who may have expressed an interest, at its next ordinary meeting scheduled for Monday, 3 April 2017.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Mrs J Wilson be co-opted onto the Council to fill the casual vacancy that exists as a result of Mrs K Ford's resignation;
- (2) the Clerk be requested to advertise the other casual vacancy as soon as possible with a view to generating interest so that the vacancy can be filled by co-option at the next ordinary meeting scheduled for Monday, 3 April 2017; and
- (3) the Clerk be requested to write to Ms Collins to thank her for the contributions she has made to the Council.

29. CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL (CWaC) – WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Brian Crowe reported on issues of interest to the Council as follows:

- Willow Hey Flooding – Cheshire West and Chester Council was instructing a drainage engineer.
- Pear Tree Farm site – the applicant had drawn up a new housing scheme (25 dwellings) which would be considered by the Planning Authority in

March 2017. The applicant wanted the Council to support the application but the Council had not yet received the plans from the Planning Authority.

- There was a consultation ongoing on car parking charges in the Borough. Residents may lose their free after 3pm car parking arrangement.
- Damage to the bus shelters - This matter had been referred to the relevant Cheshire West and Chester Council Officer for repair work to be arranged. Heavy Perspex would be used. It was noted that a bus shelter in Blacon damaged a while after those in Saughall had been repaired before those in Saughall.
- Trees in Greenway – This problem had been referred to the relevant Cheshire West and Chester Council Officer to action as they were obstructing the road.
- Fiddlers Lane speed limit – a speed assessment would have to be carried out and either the local Ward Member or the Parish Council would have to be in the position to contribute 50% of the cost of any changes should a lower speed limit be found to be appropriate.
- Saughall Pre School was to receive the balance of the Ward Councillor's funding which the Parish Council was currently holding for Councillor Crowe.

It was reported that a fire tender with blue lights flashing had been seen negotiating Saughall at pace heading towards Blacon. It was agreed that this was an extremely dangerous act.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Councillor Brian Crowe be thanked for his report;
- (2) Councillor Brian Crowe be requested to ascertain when the Council could expect to receive the planning application for Pear Tree Farm; and
- (3) the Clerk be requested to calculate how much of Councillor Crowe's ward funding was left and prepare a cheque for that amount for the Saughall Pre School.

### 30. ACCOUNTS

(a) Payments made since the meeting of the Council held on 9 January 2017

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

<u>Financial Year 2016/2017</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
Morrall Play Services (Operational inspection)	54.00	103084
The Information Commissioner (Clerk's registration as a data controller)	35.00	103085
Mrs S Hudspeth (Salary)	494.58	103086
Mrs S Hudspeth (Expenses)	61.65	103087
Mr JE Davies (Litter Picking)	72.00	103088

(b) Receipts

RESOLVED

That it be noted that Mrs K Ford had informed the Clerk that she had repaid £333 of her Chairman's allowance into the Council's bank account.

(c) Cash to Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED:

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

(d) Vernon Institute – Request for a grant

The Secretary to the Vernon Institute Trustees, Peter Young had written to the Clerk to thank the Council for its financial contribution (£2,652) towards work being carried out to the Vernon Institute to alleviate a damp problem.

RESOLVED:

That the content of Mr Young's letter be noted.

(e) Public Works Loan Board

Further to Minute No. 22, it was noted that the Clerk had encountered a number of complications with the Council's application to borrow £50,000 over 50 years from the Public Works Loan Board to help fund the new children's play area in the Golden Jubilee Park. Also, the Council already had a large sum of money earmarked for this purpose.

RESOLVED:

That rather than holding up the children's play area works that were required, the Council's loan application to the Public Works Loan Board be delayed until phase 2/3 of the Golden Jubilee Park re-development.

31. COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY (INCLUDING THE COUNCIL'S TWITTER ACCOUNT)

The Council gave consideration to the way in which it communicated with the residents of Saughall and Shotwick Park e.g. Newsletter, notice boards, website, Twitter. It was agreed that it was important to have clear, easy to use channels of communication between the Council and the local community and vice versa. It was also important for the Council to have a means of providing information on important matters in a timely manner so as to facilitate and encourage informed comment from interested individuals and groups.

Councillor A Bailey reported that although the Council had requested its residents to participate, help and volunteer in relation to its Community Newsletter initiative, there had been no response. He was also not convinced that the hard copy Newsletters were being read by the residents of the village.

Councillor Bailey informed that the University of Chester did not wish to continue printing the Council's Newsletter.

Councillor Mrs J O'Malley reported that her view was that a new digital approach to communications was the way ahead, along with an online Newsletter. Some printed copies could be left in specific locations of the village for people to pick up. This approach could see a reduction in the cost of the Newsletters. Facebook and Instagram etc. could be utilised along with a variety of other social networking platforms. Currently, the Council was not communicating with its local community in an effective meaningful way.

Councillor PP Young referred to the need to appoint an editor for the Newsletter but was informed that the newly co-opted Member, Councillor Mrs J Wilson was prepared to fulfil this role.

Councillor Mrs J O'Malley enforced the point that the Council must be open and visible and informed that it had 763 followers of its Twitter account. It had to be constantly monitored as quick responses were required. Councillor PP Young made the point that responding quickly was not always possible because of the limitations on delegation.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) a Communications Working Group be set up consisting of Councillors A Bailey, Mrs J O'Malley, A Warrington and Mrs J Wilson) to work on a Communications Strategy (including Twitter) for the Council; and
- (2) the Working Group at (1) above be requested to present a progress report on the work it has carried out at the next ordinary meeting of the Council scheduled for 7pm on Monday, 3 April 2017.

### 32. THE REVISED COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN AND ACTION PLAN

Councillor A Bailey presented the latest draft edition of the Council's Business Plan and Action Plan for adoption. He emphasised the fact that these were "living documents" and as such were liable to change and amendment going forward.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Council's Business Plan and Action Plan be adopted;
- (2) the Clerk be requested to ensure that the Council's Business Plan and Action Plan be posted on the Council's website; and
- (3) Councillor A Bailey be thanked for all of his hard work in respect of the re-write of the Council's Business Plan and Action Plan.

### 33. THE COUNCIL'S TWITTER ACCOUNT

This matter had been considered earlier on the agenda. (Minute No. 31 refers.)

#### 34. SAUGHALL – PROJECT LIGHTENING – UPDATE

It was noted that Virgin Media's Community Liaison Officer North had sent an email to the Clerk on 1 February 2017 to inform of progress in respect of Virgin Media Network's Expansion Plans in Saughall. The Clerk had forwarded the email to all Members for information. It stated that:

'Virgin Media are investing £3bn to expand our ultrafast broadband network across the UK, the largest investment in digital communications in a decade.

We have identified Saughall as a key location for expansion and are looking to bring our network to more homes and businesses across the area, including in your ward. We are passionate about the benefits that better connectivity can bring for local residents, businesses and communities. Residents who take our services will be connected with a fibre broadband connection that will offer future-proof connectivity with download speeds of up to 200Mbps for residents and up to 300 Mbps for businesses.

Plus, the latest entertainment with up to 260 TV channels, including 66 HD channels as well as access to Sky Sports, Sky Movies and BT Sport, and an extensive TV on demand library of exclusive shows, box sets and movies that the service can also offer.

Further to this, we can now offer residents our new V6 4K ready box powered by TiVo. This means Virgin Media can now offer the very best 4K UHD content from Netflix and YouTube, streamed through our powerful ultrafast broadband network.

The network that we will be installing is not the same as traditional copper wire services. This is a fibre optic, ultrafast broadband infrastructure. Our network will also give each resident a better choice of broadband service.

This work may lead to some short-term disruption; however there are long-term gains as your area will be become truly connected community. We very much value your feedback on our proposed network expansion in Saughall and would like to provide further clarity on this for you.

My name is Michelle McQuigg and I am the Community Liaison Officer for Virgin Media. Should you need any further information on this please contact me at; [CommunityLiaisonOfficerNorth@virginmedia.co.uk](mailto:CommunityLiaisonOfficerNorth@virginmedia.co.uk) Residents can register their interest for our products and services by accessing these services via the following link: [www.virginmedia.co.uk/cablemystreet](http://www.virginmedia.co.uk/cablemystreet)

I wanted to email you and keep you informed. I would love the chance to speak to you and have an invite to one of your parish council/ community meetings if that is possible?

I'm looking to find out who are the Key Community groups in the local area, local influencers and other relevant people to contact to inform them ahead of our works.'

RESOLVED:

That the detail set out in the Virgin Media's Community Liaison Officer North's email be noted.

### 35. VILLAGE AMENITIES AND AESTHETICS

#### (a) Amenities

- Post Box at the Co-op Store

Councillor Mrs J Knox reported that although Lynne Ashall, Plant Collections Planning Manager at the Post Office had promised that the post box at the Co-op Store would be lowered further down the wall, it still had not been done.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

- Seats/Benches for the Village

The Council was aware that Charles McIlwrick wanted to provide a bench, in memory of his late wife Maureen, in the Golden Jubilee Park.

RESOLVED:

That Mr McIlwrick be taken up on his kind offer in due course.

- Parish Council Notice Boards

Councillor A Warrington informed that he had observed that the Council's notice boards were looking shabby and required attention. He considered that the notice board at the Egerton Arms on Hermitage Road should be re-located elsewhere.

RESOLVED:

That the state of the Parish Council's notice boards be referred to the Communications Working Group for consideration and recommendations be brought back to the Council.

(b) Aesthetics

- Footpath Map refurbishment

Councillor A Bailey informed that the footpath digital mapping had been carried out and the results were still awaited. Once they were available the footpaths would be re-dedicated and the map would be refurbished.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

- Proposal for Tubs of Flowers

Councillor A Bailey reported that the meeting with him, Councillor Ms A Manning, Cheshire West and Chester Council's Principal Engineer – Place Operations, Mrs Kay Parry and the PSCO being held in an attempt to make some progress with this initiative, had not yet taken place due to unforeseen circumstances. This meeting would be held before the next ordinary Council meeting scheduled for Monday, 3 April 2017.

RESOLVED:

That the reports be noted.

- Trees on the Green Area at Greenway

This matter had been considered earlier on the agenda. (Minute No. 29 refers.)

- Christmas Lights

There was nothing to report in respect of this initiative.

36. GOLDEN JUBILEE PARK

(a) Project to Develop the Park and Provide a New Children's Play Area

Mr Alan Dymond of Morral Play Services had provided the Council with his assessment of the agreed new site for the children's play area and had informed, amongst other things, that:

'Drainage is not of great quality, with the area often sodden and water logged during winter/heavy rainfall.'

The Council agreed that this was a material change to the facts it had in its possession at the time when it had made its decision to relocate the children's play area.

Councillor B Kerr informed that his view was that it would be foolish to ignore professional advice and if the new children's play area was located

away from public view it would be more at risk of anti-social behaviour and vandalism.

Councillor Mrs J O'Malley reminded the Council that it had consulted widely on the new children's play area and the findings were that local people wanted one play area for children of all ages. She proposed that one final consultation meeting be held on this matter and the opportunity be taken to also consult on obtaining long term loans to help cover the cost of each of the proposed phases of the Golden Jubilee Park's re-development.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) a final Public Consultation Meeting be held in respect of the new children's play area and on the proposal that the Council takes out a long term loan(s) to help fund the various phases of the Golden Jubilee Park's re-development works, at 7:15pm on Monday, 6 March 2017 in the Uniformed Groups' Headquarters on Fiddlers Lane, Saughall;
- (2) the Clerk be requested to invite Mr Alan Dymond, Ms Mary Lavery and Ms Fiona Huyton, the Landscape Architects from Cheshire West and Chester Council and the residents of Long Lane (who had sent the recent emails of objection to the decision made regarding the children's play area) to attend the Public Consultation Meeting at (1) above;
- (3) the Clerk be requested to provide appropriate notices to advertise the Public Consultation Meeting and the consultation documents previously received from the Landscape Architect; and
- (4) the decision on the re-location of the younger children's play area be reaffirmed or otherwise at the next ordinary meeting of the Council scheduled for Monday, 3 April 2017.

**Councillor Mrs JE Storrar left the meeting.**

(b) Funding Sources

The Clerk had asked Morris Homes when the Council could expect to receive the funding contribution of £8,250 to update the play equipment that had been agreed. They had consequently asked for the Council's bank details which the Clerk had provided on 21 December 2016.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk be requested to send a reminder to Morris Homes regarding the funding that had still not been received.

(c) Maintenance

(i) Report of the Field Inspection Group

Councillor Mrs JM Young reported that the Field Inspection Group had met recently and the following matters had been considered:

- The Play Area Quarterly Inspection Report

Moss growth had been highlighted. A quotation had been received to attend to the moss and to spray weed killer in the younger children's play area, around the perimeter of the Multi-Use Games Area and around the Goal End, Climbing Frame and Aerial Runway from Brian Huxley in the sum of £600. This would include repeating the treatment where necessary.

- Application for Free Trees made to the Woodland Trust

The Friends of the Golden Jubilee Park had been successful in their application for a pack of 420 trees. The Tree Warden had been consulted and had recommended that 210 be planted in the surrounding hedgerows and the rest in an area by the pond. The School had been consulted about the planting and a date set for this – 23 March 2017 at 1:15pm. Volunteers were requested to help with this task. The Council's approval to the planting was now being sought.

- Quotations

The Council had previously agreed to accept the quotation to clear the pond. This work would be carried out when the ground was in a fit state.

Two quotations for pruning the orchard trees, trimming the hedge behind by hand and for painting the new fence had been received. They were in the sum of £1,620 from ATs Fencing and Garden Maintenance and in the sum of £650 (£750 to include the removal of the waste) from DJ Gardening Services.

- Saughall Cricket Club's Contract

Sample contracts had been obtained from other Parish Clerks and the internet. A draft contract would be presented to the Council for approval at its next ordinary meeting scheduled for Monday, 3 April 2017.

- Three Year Management Plan for the Golden Jubilee Park

The Field Inspection Group proposed to fill in an assessment sheet every month to acquire the information and knowledge it needed. This would take a while but the results and records kept would prove very beneficial.

- The New Children's Play Area

The Council's decision to re-locate and re-furbish the younger children's play area had been discussed. The Group had not consider the decision to re-locate was sound. It had recommended the following play equipment etc. be provided:

- High level swings.
- Nest swing.
- Tunnel and mound
- Stepping stones.
- Hand over hand.
- Play table.
- Rubbish bin.
- 2 benches.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the quotation from Brian Huxley in the sum of £600 as detailed above be accepted;
- (2) approval be given to the planting of 420 trees in the Golden Jubilee Park;
- (3) the quotation from DJ Gardening Services in the sum of £750 as detailed above be accepted;
- (4) the progress reported in respect of Saughall Cricket Club's contract be noted;
- (5) the progress being made with the Management Plan for the Golden Jubilee Park be noted; and
- (6) the play equipment recommended for the children's play area be noted.

(ii) Moles

There was evidence of moles in the Golden Jubilee Park.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk be requested to arrange for a pest control company to visit the Golden Jubilee Park and take the necessary action.

(iii) Dog Fouling

This remained a problem in the Golden Jubilee Field and it was thought that the Council was close to finding out who was responsible.

RESOLVED:

That the dog fouling problem will continue to be monitored closely.

(iv) The Gate

The gate required attention as it could be lifted off its hinges.

RESOLVED:

That arrangements be made to fit a pin to the gate.

(v) 'Safe Places for Local Wildlife' Project

There was little progress to report as the project was currently being hampered by the weather.

RESOLVED:

That the situation be noted.

37. HIGHWAY ISSUES

(a) Speeding Traffic

The Council considered an email dated 8 January 2017 from Mr Mike Johnson detailing the effects of the temporary traffic lights at the Hermitage Road/Seahill Road/Church Road junction. Consequently, Mr Johnson believed that there were many benefits to the village from having traffic lights at this junction.

The Council was also informed of the content of an email dated 27 January 2017 from Suada Khan and Dr Mikael Khan sent to the Clerk and Mr Gerald Meehan, the Chief Executive of Cheshire West and Chester Council (The Highways Authority) requesting that the speed limit on Seahill Road be reviewed and it be dropped to either 30 or 20mph.

RESOLVED:

That the content of Mr Johnson's email and Suada Khan and Dr Mikael Khan's email be noted.

(b) Proposed 20mph Zones

The Council noted the content of an email dated 26 January 2017 sent to the Clerk by Cheshire West and Chester Council's Engineer, Mr Dave Reeves concerning the Council's objection to the proposed 20mph speed limit in Saughall. He informed that due to the comments that had been received when the proposal was advertised, the matter was put to the Delegated Officer for Place Operations (which covered Highways) for a decision. The conclusion reached was that the original proposal should be implemented as advertised.

RESOLVED:

That the new 20mph Zones be monitored.

38. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND ALLOTMENTS

(a) Footpath Warden's Report

Councillor A Bailey informed that he currently had nothing to report.

RESOLVED:

That the position be noted.

(b) Safety of Horses and Cyclists on the Old Railway Bridge over the Cycle Track

RESOLVED:

That this item of business be deferred until the next ordinary meeting of the Council scheduled for Monday, 3 April 2017.

(c) Allotments

Councillor A Bailey reported that the Licensee of the Greyhound Pub had requested a meeting with him and Councillor A Warrington. This meeting had not yet gone ahead.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

39. VILLAGE EVENTS

(a) Essar Chester 2017 Half Marathon – Sunday, 21 May 2017

RESOLVED:

That the date of the Chester Half Marathon be noted.

(b) 'Music in the Park' – Saturday, 3 June 2017

The Group responsible for the organisation of the Music in the Park event had advertised on Facebook for businesses interested in being involved to come forward.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

(c) Open Mic Nites

Councillor Mrs JM Young reported on a recent Open Mic Nite for children where a 4 year old had sung 'The wheels on the bus'.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

40. PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES

RESOLVED:

That the next Parish Council Surgery be held during the Public Consultation Meeting on the Re-development of the Golden Jubilee Park at 7pm on Monday, 6 March 2017.

41. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE BODIES

(a) Outside Events Coming Up

There were no outside meetings coming up.

(b) Reports on outside events attended by Members since the last ordinary Council meeting on Monday, 9 January 2017.

- Conference - Blueprint for Cheshire and Warrington's Economy held at 9:30am on Monday, 23 January 2017 in the Cedar Room, Canalside Conference Centre, Middlewich

Councillor A Warrington informed he would circulate a note on this meeting to all Members.

- Electoral Review of Cheshire West and Chester Council – Town and Parish Council Briefing – 1 February 2017 – 7pm – 8:30pm at Chester Town Hall, Northgate Street, Chester. CH1 2HJ

Councillors A Bailey, Mrs JE Storrar, A Warrington and Mrs JM Young had been requested to represent the Council at this event. It was reported that the Electoral Review would commence in the middle of March and it may result in an overall reduction of Cheshire West and Chester Councillors.

42. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

No communications had been received that could not await the next meeting of the Council.