

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SAUGHALL AND SHOTWICK PARK PARISH  
COUNCIL held on 4 June 2001 at the Vernon Institute, Saughall

In attendance: Councillor Mrs M Anderson  
Councillor A Bailey  
Councillor Mrs BW Bell  
Councillor H Dobson  
Councillor Mrs P Humphrey  
Councillor B Kerr (in the Chair)  
Councillor Mrs JE Storrar  
Councillor RA Storrar  
Councillor Mrs J Young

96 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

Councillor SS Evans  
Councillor A Warrington  
Councillor Mrs D Whitton  
Councillor GF Williams

County Councillor D Rowlands

97 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

Mrs Pearson attended the meeting and made representations over the state of the street lighting in Darlington Crescent leading to Chapel Close. It was noted that the area in question was very dark and on an approach to a short cut. Members were told that Mrs Pearson's neighbours would also like to see a street light outside No 70 Darlington Crescent.

The Chairman told Mrs Pearson that the Council would consider street lighting later on the agenda and would bear her comments in mind when making any decision.

98 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held on 21 May 2001 be confirmed as a correct record.

99 MATTERS ARISING

Minute No 84(c) - Thomas Wedge CE (Controlled) Junior School – Crossing Patrol

It was noted that the post remained vacant.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk be requested to write again to Mr Tony Moss, Cheshire County Council's Area Education Officer, asking if he is now in a position to reply to her letter dated 20 March 2001 and requesting, as the post is proving difficult to fill, flashing lights together with some form of zebra crossing at the school.

Minute No 84(g) – Deeside Park Junctions Study Public Consultation

Members were reminded that Government Office for the North West had arranged an exhibition at Capenhurst Village Hall on Tuesday, 19 June 2001 from 3pm to 9pm with a presentation at 6.30pm and Saturday, 23 June 2001 from 10am to 3pm with a presentation at 11.30am. As many Members as possible were requested to attend.

Councillor Bailey indicated that he would attend on 23 June 2001.

Minute No 86 – Youth Parish Council/Youth Forum

The Chairman undertook to arrange a meeting between himself and Mrs Pattison before the next meeting.

Minute No 87 - Vernon Institute Management Committee

Councillor A Bailey was unable to attend the meeting with the Vernon Institute Management Committee scheduled for Tuesday 12, June 2001, he agreed to ask Councillor A Warrington to attend. Councillor Mrs JE Young would also attend this meeting.

100 ACCOUNTS

(a) Payments made since the meeting of the Council held on 21 May 2001:

Financial Year 2001/2002	£	Cheque No
Mr C Kearton – 3 weeks pay in lieu of Notice	43.22	101411
Mr C Kearton – 6 weeks redundancy pay Tax free	110.64	101412
Mrs S Hudspeth (Sal)	375.78	101413
Mrs S Hudspeth (Exp)	40.01	101414
Mr C Kearton – total of un-presented cheques less cancellation charges	567.42	101415
The Luncheon Club	50.00	101416
JB Joyce & Co	170.38	101417
Chester City Council (Rates)	103.00	Direct Debit

(b) Receipts

Interest to May 2001 (14 day interest account)	133.22
Interest to May 2001 (Treasurer account)	0.16
Returned cheque 101408 – Cheshire Community Council	20.00

101 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the revised Calendar of Meetings be agreed (Appendix 1) and the date of the Parish Assembly be arranged in due course.

102 PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES

RESOLVED:

That the rota for the forthcoming Surgeries be as follows:

Date	Members
16 June 2001	Councillor H Dobson
23 June 2001	Councillor A Bailey
30 June 2001	Councillor Mrs A Anderson Councillor Mrs JE Storrar

103 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meetings of the following Committees be received:

Planning held on 21 May 2001  
Finance and General Purposes held on 24 May 2001

104 A COMMUNITY PLAN FOR SAUGHALL AND SHOTWICK PARK

The Council gave serious consideration to putting arrangements in hand to compile a Community Plan for the village. Advice had been sought from the Cheshire Community Council who had recommended the process be completed, once started, within a 6 month period.

Discussions ensued on the process itself, consultees, the consultation period required and on a proposed timetable and action list.

RESOLVED: That

(1) a Community Plan be drawn up for Saughall and Shotwick Park;

- (2) the Clerk be requested to draw up a timetable and draft consultation letter for circulation to local groups and outside bodies; and
- (3) the next edition of the Parish Newsletter be used as a tool to generate the Community's interest in the Plan.

## 105 HIGHWAY MATTERS

### (a) Street Lighting

The Council reviewed street lighting provision in the village. Concerns were raised over black spots in Darlington Crescent (Minute No 97/2001 refers), Fiddlers Lane between Kingswood Lane and Parkgate Road, Lodge Lane (side of Park Avenue near the Green) and Hermitage Road between The Peg and the junction of Aspen Grove (telegraph pole but no light).

#### RESOLVED:

That before a priority list is drawn up the Clerk be requested to write to Mr C Gent, Cheshire County Council's Street Lighting Engineer, to request that he attend a site visit with Members to offer advice etc.

### (b) Bus Shelters

The Council reviewed the current bus shelter provision in the village. Concerns were raised over a number of problems related to location, current state and improvements required.

#### RESOLVED: That

- (1) it be agreed in principle that the shelter at the Terminus be not replaced unless pressure is put on the Council by those who use the bus stop to do so;
- (2) before any firm decisions are made regarding bus shelter provision, Ms Christine Garner, Cheshire County Council's Senior Project Officer, be requested to attend a site visit with Members to witness problems at first hand and to offer advice and assistance as appropriate; and
- (3) the Council consider bus shelter provision again once the site visit at (2) had been undertaken.

106 PLANNING MATTERS

The Council considered the following planning application:

01/00663/FUL

RE: Single storey rear extension.

AT: 7 Thornberry Close, Saughall

RESOLVED:

That Chester City Council, the Planning Authority, be informed that this Council has no objections to the planning proposal detailed in the correspondence received.

107 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk be requested to ask Cheshire County Council's Area Engineer to:

- (a) arrange the de-littering of the verges on the stretch of road from the M56 to the roundabout at the Parkgate Road/A5117 junction;
- (b) arrange grass cutting on the roundabout mentioned at (a); and
- (c) arrange to repair the fence between 206 Hermitage Road and the Egerton Arms Public House.

108 COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

The following communications had been received:

- letter dated 2 May 2001 from Chester City Council's Engineering Services Foreman, Mr Barry V Davies, plus e-mail dated 4 June 2001 informing that work will begin in the Fiddlers Lane Playing Field on Monday 11 June 2001.
- letter dated 22 May 2001 from Chester City Council's Engineering Services Foreman, Mr Barry V Davies re inspection and maintenance of Playgrounds

No Action

(Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council already had the contract for inspections)

- letter dated 22 May 2001 from Chester City Council's Community Development Officer, Mr D Hayns, informing that a decision will be made on the Rural Playgrounds Grants 2001/2002 before the end of June 2001.

- letter dated 1 June 2001 from the Land Agent, Mr Richard Cooke of Denton Clarke and Co, requesting further instructions.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk be requested to write to Mr Cooke informing that as negotiations over the Millennium Park Land are at a standstill his services are not required at the present time and asking for an invoice for work undertaken to date and informing that when negotiations re-commence he will be re-engaged.

- e-mail from Mr Stuart Harris, Chester City Council's Policy Officer, dated 29 May 2001 informing that the Chief Executive, Mr Paul Durham, has asked him to deal with the Council's request to tackle anti-social behaviour.

Mr Harris had asked the City Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator and Community Safety Officer to look at the request. He would get back to the Clerk with some possible dates to discuss a partnership approach with Cheshire Constabulary, Homewatch and Parish Council.

109 CIRCULARS

The following circulars had been received. Anyone wishing to see a copy would contact the Clerk.

Chester City Council's Don't Just Site Summer 2001  
Cheshire County Council's letter re Foot and Mouth Outbreak – Re-opening of Public Rights of Way in Cheshire  
Chester City Council's The Past Uncovered