

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF SAUGHALL AND SHOTWICK PARK
PARISH COUNCIL held on 17 January 2005 at the Vernon Institute, Saughall

In attendance: Councillor A Bailey (in the Chair)
Councillor B Kerr
Councillor A Marsden
Councillor RA Storrar
Councillor Mrs JE Storrar
Councillor C Wynne-Eyton (Tree Warden)
Councillor Mrs M Wynne-Eyton
Councillor Mrs D Whitton
Councillor Mrs J Young

16 CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were received.

17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

Councillor Mrs P Humphrey
Councillor Mrs J Johnson
Councillor C Moss
Councillor R Shukla
Councillor A Warrington

18 GOLDEN JUBILEE PARK FUND

The Council noted that there was currently a financial shortfall of £3,968.75 in respect of the WREN bid. If it was successful the Council would have to find match funding in this sum.

RESOLVED:

That £4,000 be transferred immediately from balances to the Golden Jubilee Park fund to meet any shortfall a successful funding bid would create.

19 DETERMINATION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S BUDGET FOR 2005/2006
AND THE PARISH PRECEPT

The Council received details of payments made from 1 April 2004 until 18 December 2004, estimated expenditure and income to the end of March 2005, the 2004/2005 Budget, its proposed budget for 2005/2006 as agreed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at its meeting on 18 November 2004, and the parish tax base – 2005/2006 – 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. After substantial deliberation the 2005/2006 Parish Budget was agreed.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Parish Council budget for 2005/2006 be agreed as set out in Appendix 1;
- (2) the Clerk be requested to inform Chester City Council's Director of Corporate Services that the Parish Council requires a precept of £37,681.00 for 2005/2006 (Appendix 2); and
- (3) a mid-year review of the budget be carried out by the Council at its October 2005 meeting.

Saughall and Shotwick Park Parish Council Budget 2005/2006

Budget Head	Budget 2005/2006
Environment Matters	
Noticeboards	100.00
Street Cleaning	10,000.00
Trees	500.00
Litter Bins	500.00
Cheshire Railings	500.00
Grass Cutting (Playing Fields) (Weekly cut)	2,400.00
Play Field Maintenance	500.00
Play Equipment (rolling replacement programme)	2,000.00
Sub Total	16,500.00
Golden Jubilee Park	
Tree Husbandry	300.00
Grass & Hedge Cutting	1,000.00
Weed Control	500.00
Environmental Projects	500.00
Development Fund	2,000.00
Sub Total	4,300.00
Finance and General Purposes	
(a) Administration	
Principal Officer to the Parish Council	9,000.00
Stationary/Postage	1,000.00
Parish Councillor's Expenses	500.00
Computer	800.00
Newsletter publication costs	1,000.00
Training/Seminars	750.00
IT Fund	500.00
Sub Total	13,550.00
(b) Annual Payments	
Parish Room rental and associated costs	2,500.00
Audit Fees	400.00
Donations/Honorarium	250.00
Insurance	1,700.00
Subscriptions	750.00
VI Clock Service	230.00
Christmas Events	150.00
Homewatch Support	250.00
Golden Jubilee Park Loan Repayment	3,656.00
Sub Total	9,886.00
(c) Vernon Institute - Annual Grant	2,000.00
(d) Contingency	500.00
Highways Matters	
Bus Shelter replacement	2,000.00
Bus Shelter maintenance	2,000.00
Safety Initiatives	500.00
Sub Total	4,500.00
Grand Total	51,236.00

Saughall and Shotwick Park Parish Council Precept Calculation 2005/2006

2004/05

Budget	£48,161.00
Precept	£35,019.00
Council Tax (Band D)	£29.64

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Estimated Income	71,583	
Estimated Expenditure	<u>41,448</u>	
Surplus	30,135	30,135

Less money in Designated Funds

Vernon Institute	2,000	
Play Equipment	5,000	
Footpaths	580	
Golden Jubilee Park	7,000	
Community Safety	1,500	
ICT	500	-16,580

Balance Carried Forward	<u>13,555</u>
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2005/2006

Draft Budget	51,236
Less Balance C/Fwd	<u>13,555</u>
Required Precept	37,681

Tax Base (Band D)	1,172.8
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Tax	32.13
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Increase/Decrease	8%
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