

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SAUGHALL AND SHOTWICK PARK PARISH
COUNCIL held on 7 July 2014 in the Vernon Institute, Church Road, Saughall

In attendance: Councillor Mrs J Edwards
Councillor Mrs K Ford
Councillor B Kerr
Councillor DF Holman
Councillor H Jennings (Home Watch Co-ordinator)
Councillor Mrs J Johnson
Councillor Mrs J Knox
Councillor RK Shukla
Councillor Mrs JE Storrar
Councillor RA Storrar
Councillor A Warrington
Councillor Mrs JM Young (in the Chair)
Councillor PP Young

Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Brian Crowe
Mr Bob Salisbury, Internal Auditor
Inspector Brian Green (Part)
PC Paul Taylor, Beat Manager (Part)
Mr Stuart Evans, Amey (Part)
Mr Terry Jones, Amey (Part)

157. APOLOGIES FOR AUTHORISED ABSENCE

Apologies for authorised absence were received from Councillor Mrs D Whitton and PCSO Wendy Leason.

158. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

159. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That subject to the following amendment the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3 June 2014 be confirmed as a correct record:

Minute No. 149(a) Vernon Institute Management Committee Meeting
Second Paragraph - Remove 'it was hoped that the Council would fund a plaque which' and replace with 'a plaque to be independently funded'

160. OVERHEAD LINE WORKS – SHOTWICK TO BLACON

It was reported that Amey had been tasked to renew the High Voltage Overhead Electricity Lines from Shotwick to Blacon for Scottish Power. Stuart Evans and Terry Jones were in attendance at the meeting and informed Members what this involved, explained work bank area processes and procedures, how this might affect residents and answered Members' questions.

Members noted that the overhead power lines were fifty years old and at the end of their serviceable life. They did not perform to modern day standards. The planned works would improve quality and reliability. Following a site inspection the works would commence on 14 July 2014 for three months, in three phases with 200 customers in each one. It was intended that there would be little disruption to the electricity supply as generators would be fitted. However, there might have to be some interruptions and residents would be notified of these by letter, giving at least ten working days notice. These letters would carry the contact details of the staff on site. Staff would all carry appropriate identification.

It was reported that outages would be from Monday to Friday between 9am and 4.30pm with 30minutes each side for testing. Businesses and vulnerable people would be prioritised. Power cables passed over gardens and fields and all landowners concerned would all be notified. Residents would be kept fully informed using the village notice boards and the website.

A copy of the plans and the standard letter were left for the Council's information.

RESOLVED:

That Messrs Evans and Jones be thanked for their attendance at the meeting and for the information they provided.

161. INTRODUCING INSPECTOR BRIAN GREEN

Inspector Brian Green introduced himself to the Council as the new Neighbourhood Inspector for the Chester Outer Area having just taken over from Inspector Kevin Chambers. Some Members recognised him because he used to be the Blacon Sergeant.

Inspector Green informed that he had been a Police Officer for over 18 years which had predominantly been spent serving the West Cheshire areas at Ellesmere Port, Chester, Northwich and Winsford. He had worked for a variety of departments within the Police and been engaged in front line Operational Policing roles. He had also spent time in Criminal Investigation Departments and Criminal Justice and Partnership environments. His varied background had given him an insight into all aspects of Policing and as a result he considered himself well placed to listen and understand the needs of the community and aimed to provide a service that responded effectively.

Inspector Green's objective was to ensure the people of Chester were safe and felt safe in the places they lived and worked. This would be achieved by everyone working together to reduce all elements of crime and anti-social behaviour and to ensure that whenever possible residents were protected from those individuals that caused the most harm and distress within the local community. He wanted the residents of Saughall to have confidence in the local Police Team and know that when they required a service they would receive a professional and appropriate response to their needs.

RESOLVED:

That Inspector Brian Green be thanked for his attendance at the meeting.

162. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Planning Decisions

The following planning decisions made by Cheshire West and Chester – the Planning Authority were noted.

(i) 14/01849/FUL

Proposal: Building for storage of feed, bedding and machinery.
Location: Castle Farm, Lodge Lane, Saughall, Chester, Cheshire.

“No objections.”

(ii) 14/02319/FUL

Proposal: Replacement Barn.
Location: New Ways Farm, Shotwick Park, Chester, Cheshire.

“No objections.”

(iii) 14/02243/FUL

Proposal: Alterations to roof pitch and change of external materials (Amendment to permission 13/04265/FUL for conversion dwelling).
Location: Little Creek Kennels, Kingswood Lane, Saughall, Chester, Cheshire.

“No objections.”

(iv) 14/02564/FUL

Proposal: Replacement dwelling.
Location: 153 Hermitage Road, Saughall, Chester, Cheshire.

“No objections but will the Planning Authority make sure there is no obstruction to the water course that runs alongside the site?”

(b) Planning Decisions

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

(i) 14/02006/FUL

Proposal: Single storey rear and side extension with internal alterations.
Location: 22 Newcroft, Saughall, Chester, Cheshire. CH1 6EL.

‘Approval.’

(ii) 14/01255/FUL

Proposal: First floor side/two storey rear extension.

Location: Rustic Cottage, Church Road, Saughall, Chester, Cheshire.
CH1 6EP.

‘Approval.’

(iii) 14/02007/TPO

Proposal: Crown reduction to branches of tree T1 and felling of tree T2.

Location: 5 Hermitage Court, Saughall, Chester, Cheshire. CH1 6QP.

‘Approval.’

(c) The Vicarage, Church Road, Saughall

The owners of the property Mr and Mrs L Greensill and their architect, Mr P McCormick were in attendance at the meeting and informed that they wanted to turn the old Vicarage on Church Road (and in the conservation area), into a family home. This involved a modern expansion of a Georgian House bringing in a lot of light and ensuring that the materials used were all in keeping with what was there at the moment.

Mr Greensill shared his plans for the house with the Council, provided drawings and asked for Members’ comments and feedback before a planning application was submitted to Cheshire West and Chester Council, the Planning Authority.

Members noted that it was hoped to:

- Reposition the vehicular entrance.
- Take down the fence and replace it with railings appropriate to the conservation area.
- Remove the old garage and building a Coach House in a similar position, facing south. (Two garages and some offices for personal use.)
- Remodel the gardens including some garden structures. (A tree survey was underway.)
- Position solar panels on the side elevation.

Members noted that the house could no longer be called ‘The Vicarage’ and that Mr and Mrs Greensill would be happy for it to be called ‘The Old Vicarage’.

The Council was of the view that the work being proposed to the house would bring about marvellous improvements and it would be able to be seen from the road which was not the case currently.

Mr Greensill indicated that it was his and his wife’s intention to open the garden to the village from time to time.

RESOLVED:

That Mr and Mrs L Greensill and their architect, Mr P McCormick be thanked for their attendance at the meeting and for sharing their plans for The Vicarage with the Council in advance of making a planning application.

163. POLICE/HOME WATCH

(a) PCSO's Report

PC Paul Taylor delivered the PCSO's report informing of crimes committed and incidents of anti social behaviour experienced over the last month or so. It was noted, in particular, that the PCSO had been giving extra attention to parking complaints and had successfully patrolled Lodge Lane and the Woods areas, which had sent out a positive message.

PC Taylor also informed of the PCSO's community engagement activities as she had engaged with all of the Groups in the village.

It was considered that as there had only been four incidents of anti social behaviour, it was probably the result of under reporting.

PC Taylor agreed to ascertain whether the village could have the use of the speeding equipment.

RESOLVED:

That PC Paul Taylor be thanked for his report.

(b) Home Watch

Councillor H Jennings informed of an attempted break in.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor H Jennings be thanked for his report.

(c) Saughall Neighbourhood Management Team

Councillor Mrs JM Young informed that the Team had received a financial contribution from the Chester Half Marathon organisers for their work on the day. This funding was being divided equally between the Play Scheme and Sports and Community Use Building projects.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mrs JM Young be thanked for her report.

164. COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID

The Council was able to use the Community Right to Bid to 'pause' the sale of buildings or land it cared about. By doing this the local community was given up to six months to develop a bid to buy them, if they were offered for sale.

The Council had already agreed to nominate Conkers, The Greyhound Inn and the field behind the Golden Jubilee Park to be part of a register of 'Assets of Community Value'. (Minute Nos. 200 and 225/2013 refer.)

It was reported that the three bid forms had now been completed by Councillor DF Holman and sent to the following Cheshire West and Chester Council email address by the Clerk: Propertyinformation@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

It was also reported that applications had all been valid and the Principal Authority now had eight weeks to make decisions on the nominations and that these decisions should all have been made by 1 September 2014. The Clerk would be advised of the decisions after that date.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

165. EMPOWERING PARISH COUNCILS TO SELL ELECTRICITY

The Council was asked to consider whether or not to submit a proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act asking for the Government to give all Parish and Town Councils the right to sell electricity that they could generate from local schemes. A briefing document had been provided for Members' information.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal set out above be supported.

166. DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS OF SAUGHALL AND SHOTWICK PARK PARISHES

It was reported that the Community Governance Review Committee of Cheshire West and Chester Council had made the following draft recommendations:

That:

- 1) the boundary of the existing parish of Saughall be redrawn to the north at the A5117 to transfer the properties of Pitts Farm, Willow Barn, Oakwood Farm, Hill View Farm, Rose Farm, Northfield, The Gibbet Windmill, Saughall Mill Farm, Saughall Mill Farm Cottage, Mill Cottage North, Mill Cottage South, Rendova Farm and Fourways Farm from Saughall parish to Woodbank parish;

- 2) the boundary of the existing parish of Shotwick Park be redrawn to the north at the A5117 to transfer the properties of 3 Woodbank Lane, The Covert, Blue Haze, Orchard View, Park Farm, Roughwood Farm and The Willows from Shotwick Park parish to Woodbank parish;
- 3) the boundary of the existing parish of Saughall be redrawn to the south to transfer the property of 49 Meverley Drive from Saughall parish to the Chester unparished area;
- 4) the grouping of the existing parishes of Saughall and Shotwick Park under the single common council of Saughall and Shotwick Park be dissolved;
- 5) the parishes of Saughall and Shotwick Park be amalgamated to constitute a new single parish comprising the area of those parishes;
- 6) the new parish shall be known as Saughall and Shotwick Park;
- 7) in consequence of paragraph (5) above, the existing parishes of Saughall and Shotwick Park shall cease to exist;
- 8) a new local council for the area be created;
- 9) the local council for the area adopt the style of "parish";
- 10) the new parish shall not be warded;
- 11) the parish council for the parish of Saughall and Shotwick Park consist of 12 members; and
- 13) a Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order be prepared in accordance with the above recommendations and that the Order be effective from 1st April 2015 save for those recommendations relating to parish electoral arrangements which shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in May 2015.

The reasons for the recommendations were to enable completion of the community governance reviews of Saughall and Shotwick Park parishes in accordance with the timescales set within statutory guidance; to determine more appropriate parish boundaries which reflected the identities and interests of local residents and were tied to firm ground detail; and to enable more effective and appropriate community governance arrangements which were proportionate to the size of the local electorate.

The current total electorate for the area was 2478 based on the Register of Electors in force from 17 February 2014. This figure was expected to increase to 2544 within the next five years. However, the boundary changes detailed in recommendations (1), (2) and (3) would reduce the forecasted electorate to 2506. Similar sized ungrouped parishes had Parish Councils of between nine and twelve seats.

All residents and any other persons or organisations wishing to make representations on the draft recommendations could do so in writing to the Partnerships Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Goldsmith House, Hamilton Place, Chester, CH1 1SE. Alternatively, representations could be submitted by email to partnershipsandareaworking@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk quoting 'Community Governance Review – Saughall and Shotwick Park' in the Subject field.

The deadline for receipt of comments was midnight on 21 July 2014.

Members discussed the draft recommendations and it was noted that the result would mean that the existing parishes of Saughall and Shotwick Park would be abolished and a new parish of Saughall and Shotwick Park would be created and come into existence after next year's Local Government Elections. This might mean that it would fall to the Principal Authority to set the parish precept next year. Consequently, the Council would ensure that it reduced its balances.

Members agreed that they would encourage local residents to contact Cheshire West and Chester Council with their views. Councillor Brian Crowe informed that he would be visiting all the local residents concerned.

RESOLVED:

That the draft recommendations made by the Community Governance Review Committee and detailed above be noted.

167. PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN – ACTION GROUPS

RESOLVED:

That this item of business be deferred for consideration until the next meeting of the Council scheduled for 7pm on Monday, 4 August 2014.

168. VILLAGE EVENTS

Councillor Mrs JM Young informed that the accounts in respect of the recent village events had not yet been finalised. Some invoices were still outstanding. It was expected that a small profit had been made and it would be donated to Sports and Community Use Building project.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

169. MEMBERS' TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

No Members' training requirements were identified.

170. GOLDEN JUBILEE PARK

(a) Field Committee Monthly Report

It was reported that the Committee had not met. A quote had been obtained to put up a fence between the Golden Jubilee Park and the adjoining field where the horses were being kept. However, the Council agreed to obtain a further quote to erect the fence on the Council's side.

(b) No Dogs Allowed Signage

Councillor Mrs J Johnson informed that she intended to pick up the signage from the suppliers as she had been informed that it was ready.

(c) The Proposal to build a Sports and Community Use Building

Councillor Mrs JM Young informed that the project was progressing well. Arrangement would need to be made for the building's management at some stage and a Joint Use Agreement would need to be drawn up. Skills Share was being asked to assist with the drafting of a Business Plan.

(d) Multi Use Games Unit (MUGA).

The Clerk reported that Richard Smith, Senior Grant Manager, WREN had informed her that the application amendment for the MUGA project had been referred to WREN's Advisory Panel meeting in Cheshire for ratification.

The Council was invited to discuss the content of the email dated 23 June 2014 from Councillor Mrs J Knox and agree any subsequent action(s) as a result. The email informed that pursuant to Standing Order No. 36 paragraph (a) Councillors Mrs J Johnson, Mrs D Whitton, Mrs J Knox and Mrs J Edwards had requested that the Council revisit the decision to provide the MUGA and its proposed position in the Golden Jubilee Park. They proposed:

'That

- (1) the decision to construct the MUGA be withdrawn forthwith; and
- (2) if (1) above fails then the MUGA be postponed until the new plan for the whole Park has been produced.'

It was noted that the four Members had been consistent in their opposition to the MUGA. However, the Parish Plan had been refreshed last year and approved without dissent. It included the Council's stated aim of constructing a MUGA when funding became available. This was the collective decision of the Council.

The Clerk reminded the Council that it had paid a third party contribution of £4,288.68 to FCC Recycling (UK) Ltd and it was unclear if it would be refunded if the project did not go ahead.

Some Members suggested that the Council revisit the proposed location of the MUGA but it was noted that it had already been agreed and the Council had gone through the tender process.

The Council proceeded to vote on (1) above and it was **lost** (4 for, 7 against with 2 abstentions).

The Council then proceeded to vote on (2) above and it was **lost** (5 for, 7 against with 1 abstention).

Consequently, the Council now intended to proceed with the MUGA Project and bring it to fruition as it had previously agreed.

- (e) Future Development of the Park and the Proposal to fund the refurbishment of the Swing Park etc.

Councillor Mrs JM Young reported that the Group had met and drawn up a survey questionnaire which was to be returned by 22 July 2014. These questionnaires would then be analysed to ascertain what play provision local people would like to see in the Park.

171. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: SALE OF CHESHIRE FARM ESTATE

Permissive footpaths and Woods

The Council noted that Big Wood and Dingle Wood/Bluebell Wood were already recognised as Local Wildlife Sites (LWS) (formerly known as Sites of Biological importance) and as such received a degree of protection through the planning process. Part of Dingle Wood was also afforded legal protection as part of Shotwick Castle Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Pigeon Wood was not currently recognised as a LWS and would have to meet certain criteria to be considered for inclusion. With no immediate threat from development and the woodland still being in Council ownership a Tree Preservation Order was not appropriate at this time. Forestry Commission Felling licence requirements, which applied to woodlands and trees in the United Kingdom, nevertheless did apply.

Councillor DF Holman informed that:

- (a) the footpath through Big Wood was protected by a “Retained Permission” clause on the Conveyance/Contract so that Cheshire West and Chester Council would continue to maintain it as a permissive footpath;
- (b) the footpaths which linked Big Wood with (i) Lodge Lane and (ii) the Public Right of Way between Green Farm and the A5117 had the same protection as (a) by being included in the conveyances and contracts at the time of sale (called “Castle Way alternative route” on the map provided with the agenda.
- (c) The paths to the south east of Lodge Lane which link (i) that road with Shotwick Castle (“Castle Way”) and (ii) Shotwick Castle to Dingle (or

Bluebell) Wood and Pigeon Wood and down to Shotwick House (“The Woodlands Way”), because of their value in gaining access to an ancient historical site, would be given “Defined Right of Way”) status and hence would be included onto OS maps and Public Rights of Ways.

Councillor Holman informed that he was not happy with the situation at Lodge Lane and some people were unhappy with the situation in respect of the Woods. The Parish Council could try to buy Woodland from the Principal Authority and Cheshire West and Chester Council’s Land Agent, David Job was aware that the Council may be interested in doing this.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk be requested to inform Cheshire West and Chester Council’s Land Agent, David Job officially that this Council may be interested in the sale of land and woods within the parish boundaries.

172. CONCERNS OVER THE STATE OF A BUILDING IN THE CONSERVATION AREA

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Brian Crowe be requested to pursue the Council’s concerns about the state of a building in the conservation area.

173. PROPOSED NEW SPEED LIMIT – SEAHILL ROAD, SAUGHALL

Andy Raynor, Senior Engineer, Cheshire West and Chester Council had written to the Clerk on 24 June 2014 to inform her that Flintshire County Council (FCC) was proposing to introduce a new 40mph speed limit on Seahill Road from A548 Sealand Road through to the England/Wales border at Saughall. This would result in a small section of Seahill Road remaining 60mph between the border and the start of the 30mph speed limit near Seahill Farm (approximately 100m). Cheshire West and Chester Council had been in discussions with FCC and was now proposing that it also reduce the speed limit on this small section between the border and the existing 30mph limit.

From an engineering and road safety perspective Mr Raynor suggested making this section of Seahill Road 40mph, which would in theory simply be a case on site of extending the FCC limit through to the existing 30mph limit. The other option had been to extend the existing 30mph limit southerly to the border where the 40mph limit would terminate. However, Mr Raynor was concerned that extending the 30mph limit away from the built up environment would have a detrimental effect on traffic speeds and road safety in the southerly end of Saughall village as the impact of the existing 30mph limit on vehicles entering the village would be severely reduced and this could actually result in higher vehicular speeds along the uphill approach towards the village centre.

FCC was proposing to advertise its new speed limits in the coming weeks and Mr Raynor wanted to advertise his Council’s own proposals around the same

time in order for both Traffic Regulation Order's to be introduced simultaneously and the signing works co-ordinated with FCC.

Therefore, Mr Raynor was requesting views on this matter to enable him to progress the new speed limit. Members had received a copy of a plan with their agenda which illustrated the extents of the various limits and proposals.

RESOLVED:

That this Council is happy with the proposal being put forward by Cheshire West and Chester Council's Senior Engineer, Andy Raynor and he be informed of this.

174. LODGE LANE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Councillor Mrs JM Young reported that she had spoken to the Allocations Officer and been informed that all the housing had now been allocated.

RESOLVED:

That this item be removed from future Council agendas.

175. HOUSING PROJECT ON THE FORMER SAUGHALL THE RIDINGS INFANTS SCHOOL SITE

Members had met with Cheshire West and Chester Council's Principal Planning Enforcement Officer, Rob Charnley and the Morris Homes' Site Manager to discuss their worries about the housing site's drainage. Mr Charnley was aware that the new pipes being laid had bigger dimensions than the existing ones on the road. The Council was concerned that the new pipes would not be able to take the water. Members were also aware that residents living in Newcroft had experienced similar problems in the past.

Mr Charnley had informed that the larger pipe diameter had been agreed with Welsh Water and formed part of their approved drainage scheme and as Welsh Water had agreed this scheme there was no further action that could be taken with regard to planning enforcement. The Parish Council disputed this and wanted its drainage concerns formally on record so that this could be referred to again in the future, should the need arise.

Members had also expressed their concerns over the way the contractors, Morris Homes, had gone about the building work without any consideration for the local residents, particularly the traffic and parking issues that were being experienced and the state the footpaths and the road surface is in.

Consequently, the Clerk had written to Steve Robinson, Chief Executive of Cheshire West and Chester Council on 12 May 2014 to express the Council's concerns formally.

Accordingly, on 2 June 2014 Mr Robinson had responded informing that the concerns of the Parish Council had been noted and that he would ensure that the Clerk's letter was kept on record.

RESOLVED:

That Steve Robinson, Chief Executive of Cheshire West and Chester Council's response of 2 June 2014 to the Clerk's letter of 12 May 2014 be noted.

176. YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Councillor Mrs J Edwards reported on activities at the Youth Club. There had been a promotional evening with Walker, Smith, Way Legal who was committed to supporting local sport and recreation in the community, where an excellent buffet had been provided. Next week there would be a disco for the youngsters.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

177. VERNON INSTITUTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (VIMC)

Councillor PP Young reported that the next VIMC meeting would be held the following day. The Committee was in the process of transferring assets from the old Trust to the new one.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

178. CHAIRMAN'S MONTHLY REPORT

Councillor Mrs JM Young inform of various issues she had been involved in during the last month. These included:

- Her attendance at the consultation meeting in Queensferry on the proposed Deeside Waste Treatment Plant.
- Sanctuary was oversubscribed for the housing on the Lodge Lane site and parking permits had been issued.
- Her attendance at an event at Chester Rugby Club put on by Walker, Smith, Way Legal along with the Youth Club. (Minute No. 176 refers.)
- All Saints Church had decided not to build a new Vicarage because the ground was unsuitable instead it was looking to purchase a four bedroom house.
- Discussing a proposed planning application with a local resident.
- Dealing with complaints about the Chinese Takeaway.
- The Local Plan was being reviewed by the Principal Authority and may have implications for Saughall.

Councillor DF Holman, as Vice-Chairman reported on the following:

- The road signs for Willow Hey would be erected soon.
- An issue regarding an over grown hedge that must be cut back.

- An issue that required Cheshire West and Chester Council to take action to reclaim some land.
- The School notice in front of Wain Court would be replaced with an older persons crossing sign.

RESOLVED:

That the reports be received.

179. PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES

(a) Surgery held on Saturday, 4 July 2014

Councillor Mrs J Edwards had presided over the Parish Council Surgery which had been held outside the Co-op Stores at 5pm. Issues raised and discussed had included the following:

- Cars parking on the pavement in Church Way.
- People were finding it difficult to park in the Co-op Car Park as people going to the School parked there.
- Dog fouling issues.
- Speeding on Long Lane mainly early in the morning.
- The hedge behind the Church was half cut.
- Buses coming through the village were too big for the roads. The Busy Bee was big enough.
- The pavements are crumbling, particularly on the Ridings Estate.
- The footpath leading to the woods down Shotwick Lane was overgrown and required attention.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mrs J Edwards be thanked for her very informative report.

(b) Next Surgery.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Mrs JM Young be requested to preside over the next Parish Council Surgery and inform the Clerk where and when it was going to be so that she could produce appropriate notices to post on village notice boards.

180. CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL – WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (INCLUDING ANY HIGHWAYS OR ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS)

Councillor Brian Crowe reported that:

- The Local Plans Enquiry had been held over the last few weeks. (Between Tuesday 17 June 2014 and Friday 4 July 2014.) This was an independent examination to determine whether the Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan (Part One) Strategic Policies were sound.

- Developers were requesting that the land in Mollington, previously the subject of a planning application for a Student Village, be taken out of the green belt for housing.
- The Islands development was underway at Chester Zoo.
- Five acres of land at the Peg to be taken out of the green belt for housing. Cheshire West and Chester Council was objecting to this and hoped for the Planning Inspector's support.
- There was to be a meeting on Friday to discuss concerns about social housing and Councillor Crowe would be attending.

181. ACCOUNTS

(a) Payments made since the meeting of the Council held on 3 June 2014:

RESOLVED:

That the following payments be approved:

<u>Financial Year 2014/2015</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>
Daisy Communications Ltd (Website etc.)	44:12	102786
Leander Architectural (War Memorial Plaque)	1,758:78	102787
NWN Media Ltd (Newsletter distribution)	39:19	102788
Morrall Play Solutions Ltd (Annual Play Equipment Inspection)	54:00	102789
Came and Company Local Council Insurance (Cheque No. 102779 cancelled)	1,105:69	102790
Mrs S Hudspeth (Salary)	497:28	102791
Mrs S Hudspeth (Expenses)	58:73	102792
HM Revenue and Customs	1,204:29	102793
Mr JE Davies (Litter Picking)	63:00	102794
Mr JC Baker (Field drainage)	2,820:00	102796

(b) Receipts

There were no receipts since the last meeting of the Council.

(c) Cash to Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the cash to bank reconciliation sheet and the bank statement from 25 April to 24 May 2014 be noted.

182. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE BODIES

There was nothing to report.

183. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

No communications other than those detailed on the agenda had been received since the last meeting.

184. CIRCULARS

No circulars had been received since the last meeting.