

MINUTES OF SAUGHALL AND SHOTWICK PARK'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on 30 March 2015 at the Vernon Institute, Church Road, Saughall

In attendance: Councillor Mrs J Edwards  
Councillor Mrs K Ford  
Councillor DF Holman  
Councillor H Jennings  
Councillor B Kerr  
Councillor J Knox  
Councillor RK Shukla  
Councillor Mrs JE Storrar  
Councillor RA Storrar  
Councillor A Warrington  
Councillor Mrs D Whitton  
Councillor Mrs JM Young (in the Chair)  
Councillor PP Young

Cheshire West and Chester Councillor B Crowe and 5 parishioners as listed in the attendance register.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Errington.

**2. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of Saughall and Shotwick Park's Parish Meeting held on 28 April 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chairman welcomed parishioners to their Annual Assembly and provided everyone in attendance with a written copy of her Annual Report. The Report was very comprehensive and summarised the challenges faced, actions taken and informed of the Council's progress and successes over the last twelve months. Time was then provided for everyone to read and digest the content of the report.

Councillor B Kerr informed that the detail included within the report clearly demonstrated that the Council was very prominent indeed. At the annual Local Councils' Assembly, arranged by Cheshire West and Chester Council, and held during the previous week, there had been an awards ceremony. The Council, as well as winning the 'Providing Care and Support in the Community' category, had been shortlisted (three were shortlisted in each category) in both the 'Community Involvement' and 'Effective Communications' categories.

Councillor Kerr told the meeting that it was no secret that the Council had not been without its problems over the last twelve months, however, it had proved, by these achievements that it was one of the most progressive parish councils in the country.

Councillor Mrs D Whitton informed that she would ensure that copies of the Chairman's Annual Report were circulated around the village and copies would be left at various community outlets including the Post Office, Doctor's Surgery and the Vernon Institute. The Clerk informed that the Annual Report had been posted on the Council's website here

<http://www.saughall.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Chairmans-Report-2015.pdf>

The Chairman then asked if anyone had any questions.

#### **4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Questions and subsequent discussions centred on the following issues:

Mr Alan Bailey asked if the Clerk had received a cheque for £20,000 that had been sent to her from Saughall Community and Sports Pavilion (SCASP) to be added to the Council's designated fund. The answer was yes and Council Minute No. 67(c) – 2 March 2015 refers.

Councillor Mrs D Whitton referred to the Morris Homes housing development (Willow Hey) and the planning condition to provide a children's play area close by. Councillor Mrs Whitton informed that recent information she had received indicated that the play area could not be located within a certain distance of the residences. This meant that if the play area was located in the place it was intended, it would be too close to the new houses.

Councillor Mrs K Ford informed that a local resident had tweeted that the Council did nothing about the speeding and parking problems in the village.

Councillor H Jennings informed that Cheshire West and Chester Council had recently carried out speed checks in three areas of the village and its Senior Engineer, Andy Raynor had collated all of the information from this exercise and would send it to the Parish Council soon.

Councillor B Kerr referred to the advice the Council had received last year from Cheshire West and Chester Council's Engineering Assistant, Kay Parry that the principal authority could impose a regulation about parking on grass verges and proposed she be asked to clarify the way forward in this regard.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk would include Traffic Regulation Orders and the Twenty's Plenty initiative on the agenda for discussion at the

Annual Meeting of the Council to be held at 7pm on Tuesday, 19 May 2015.

However, Councillor A Warrington informed that reduced speed limits were supposed to make roads safer, but figures had shown crashes on 20mph roads had increased by 26% last year. Members made the point that some motorists actually over took others that were travelling at 20mph.

Concerns were also expressed over the dangerous parking on the pavements at the junction of Long Lane/Church Road and Fiddlers Lane and it was **agreed** to bring this to the attention of PCSO Wendy Leason so that she could take the necessary action.

Mrs Joanna Brookes informed that from 1 April 2015, when the new boundary changes came into force, she would no longer live in the Parish of Saughall. Mrs Brookes thanked the Council for supporting her previously on planning issues associated with Oakwood Farm.