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Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

Saughall is to get its own PCSO, **Michael Butler**, from 1 April 2007.



In February this year the Parish Council and the Cheshire Constabulary signed a joint agreement to develop partnership working towards reducing crime and disorder in Saughall and increasing the level of public confidence leading to a greater level of reassurance through the provision of a PCSO in the area under this agreement.

The role of the PCSO is to provide a visible uniformed presence in order to contribute to the reduction of crime and disorder and the promotion of public reassurance and quality of life in the Parishes of Saughall and Shotwick Park.

PCSOs are equipped to deal with a variety of anti-social behaviour and community issues affecting the quality of life of residents, visitors and businesses.

Amongst other things they can:

- tackle anti-social behaviour
- confiscate alcohol from underage drinkers
- combat illegal parking
- deal with dog fouling
- address cycling on a footpath
- issue Local Authority tickets for litter offences, graffiti and fly-posting
- seize vehicles being used in an anti-social manner

The range of PCSO powers has been enhanced to ensure that they are equipped to deal with those issues that matter to you. PCSOs provide a very flexible and adaptable resource in the community, however there are a number of

constraints with which the Cheshire Constabulary must comply. PCSOs:

- will wear a prescribed uniform
- will spend the majority of their time conducting high visibility patrol on foot and cycle
- will only be tasked with those issues that impact upon community concerns in their designated area

The Parish Council is contributing £11,000 per annum for the first three years to help finance this initiative. After that, the sum will increase to reflect the Council's contribution to the increased salary of the PCSO as it increases due to the PCSO advancing through the salary scale and receiving annual increases to reflect the cost of living.

The agreement between the Constabulary and the Council may be terminated by either party giving 12 months notice after the scheme has been in place for a minimum of 12 months.

Chief Inspector Brian Roberts said "I look forward to working in partnership with Saughall and Shotwick Park Parish Council, to provide the best service to the community that we can".

Resignation of Chairman

It was with regret that the Council received and accepted the resignation of Councillor Brian Kerr as Chairman of the Council with immediate effect at its meeting on 5 March 2007.

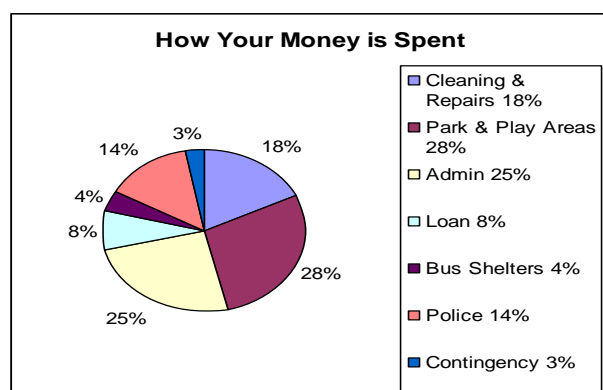
Councillor Kerr made a short statement setting out personal reasons for his decision. He will however, continue to serve as a Member of the Council and a new Chairman will be elected in due course.

Council Tax

The Parish Council has asked Chester City Council for a Parish Precept of £46,499 for 2007/08. The budget in total comes to £62,231. Unlike the other two tiers of local government, Parish Councils do not receive Government grants and are wholly funded by means of the local Council Tax - £39.56 per household per Band D property. This compares to £61 for the fire service, £116 for the Police, £172 for the City Council and £1002 for the County Council.

How your £39.56 is to be spent is set out in the Council's budget below:

Budget Head	Amount (£)	%
Environment		
Miscellaneous Minor Repairs	1,000	1.5
Street Cleaning	10,815	17.4
Litter Bins	300	0.5
Grass Cutting – Playing Field	3,500	5.7
Play Equipment	1,000	1.5
Play Equipment Inspections	250	0.4
Golden Jubilee Park	12,545	20.3
Finance and General Purposes		
Administration	15,631	25.1
Annual Payments	5,190	8.4
Vernon Institute	1,000	1.5
Highway Matters		
Bus Shelter Maintenance	2,500	4.0
Police Community Support Officer	8,500	13.7
Total	62,231	100.0



Annual Assembly 7:30pm on Monday, 23 April 2007

The Parish Council invites residents of the Parish to the Annual Assembly which will be held at 7:30pm on Monday, 23 April 2007 at the Vernon Institute. A report will be presented on the work carried out by the Council during 2006/07.

This is an open meeting providing you with the opportunity to speak out on any matters that are causing you concern and on issues you would like the Parish Council to address.

Golden Jubilee Park – Latest News!



It is hoped that the Council's contractor can complete phase 1 of the project by the end of May 2007. This includes rolling and seeding and the perimeter path. Contracts have been placed in respect of fencing and the provision of an area that will be used for car parking and games, as mesh will be laid that the grass can grow through. It is expected that this work will also be carried out in the Spring.

Proposed Amalgamation of The Ridings Community Infant School and The Thomas Wedge CE (Controlled) Junior School



Cheshire County Council, the Local Education Authority, has a policy that whenever possible separate infant and junior schools should be amalgamated to become all-through primary schools.

It is proposing that a newly amalgamated Voluntary Controlled Primary School should be established from 1 September 2009. The Chester Diocesan Board of Education supports the amalgamation. However, the Diocese would not support the amalgamation if the new school were to become a community school because this would reduce the number of voluntary controlled school places in Chester. There is a shared duty between the Local Authority and the Church of England Diocese to maintain the balance

between available controlled and community places.

To achieve amalgamation both existing schools would 'close' and a 'new' school would be established. Both schools would remain as they are until the end of the Summer term 2009, but would become a primary school with effect from 1 September 2009 (at the earliest) or when the new school building is completed and ready for occupation.

A Temporary Governing Body would be set up to look after the development of the 'new' school. Its constitution would reflect the constitution of the new voluntary controlled all-through primary school. Every effort would be made to ensure representation from both current schools' communities to ensure that their views informed decisions which would need to be taken. One of the key tasks of the Temporary Governing Body would be to appoint the Headteacher for the new primary school.

Formal public consultations are underway and their outcomes will be considered by the School Planning Select Panel on Monday, 26 March 2007. A decision will be made by the County Council's Executive on 5 April 2007. If the decision is taken to proceed, notices will be published and during the following six weeks objections can be lodged. The final decision will be taken in June 2007 by the School Organisation Committee.

Community Safety Challenge Neighbourhood Management Team Bid for Grant Aid

The Council has submitted an application to the Cheshire Community Council for a grant of £10,000 to help fund an initiative it wishes to embark on in a partnership arrangement with the Police.

The Council has already committed £11,000 to enter into an agreement with the Police through the provision of a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) dedicated to the parish area.

The plans for Saughall are that the PCSO will roll out and support new Home and County

Watch Schemes, embark on a proactive traffic safety scheme and work with the youngsters of the village to find alternative diversions to ensure reduced anti-social behaviour.

The new Neighbourhood Management Team would require funding to ensure that these ambitious and challenging plans are able to become a reality. Volunteers will require training, equipment and premises will need to be identified and acquired.

The aim of the Neighbourhood Management Team would be:

- the consistent presence of dedicated neighbourhood teams capable of working with the community to establish and maintain control – to be visible, accessible, skilled, knowledgeable and familiar to the community;
- intelligence led identification of community concerns leading to prompt effective, targeted action against those concerns; and
- joint action and problem solving with the community and all local partners in order to improve the local environment and quality of life within the community.

This project is not simply about policing outcomes; it also aims to align local policing activity to a neighbourhood management and community agenda and towards a style and culture where neighbourhood specialists can directly impact upon confidence and satisfaction levels through effective problem solving, greater partnership working not only with the Police but with the Fire Service, Chester City Council, community volunteers and other suitable agencies.

The Council will let you know whether the bid for funding for this initiative is successful through this newsletter.

How to Contact Cheshire Police

- Non-emergency calls 0845 4580000
- Only use 999 if....
 - There is danger to life
 - Violence is used or threatened
 - A serious crime is in progress or likely to occur
 - A suspect is nearby
 - There is a road traffic collision involving personal injury or danger to others
 - A vulnerable person needs urgent assistance

Dog Fouling

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 makes it an offence to allow your dog to foul in public areas and allows local councils to make on the spot fines.



Clear up after your dog. Put it in one of the red bins provided or take it home with you.

It is hoped that further dog bins will be made available for placing around the village. If you can suggest suitable sites for these bins, please telephone Jeanne Storrar on 880226.

Also, in the interests of health and safety, dogs are not allowed on any of the Council owned land on Fiddlers Lane. Enforcement action will be taken if your dog is found to be on this land.



Keep Saughall Tidy

Don't drop litter, put it in one of the many litter bins dotted around the village or take it home.

Also, please ensure that your litter bags are tied up tightly when put out for collection. There are occasions when the bags come open and rubbish is then scattered about by the wind or vermin.

Saughall Homewatch Scheme

Saughall and Shotwick Park Parish Council have acquired equipment that will enable valuables to be marked. To avail yourself of this free service please contact Ian Humphrey, Homewatch Co-ordinator, Tel: 880011.

Think Before You Park!

Please do not park on grass verges or on footpaths.



Problems are arising from cars being parked on pavements, resulting in the elderly and disabled being unable to pass with safety. This is happening in many places, but particularly in the areas of The Ridings and Thomas Wedge Schools at dropping off and pick-up times. Dropped curbs which have been introduced to help the disabled, are being blocked by parked cars. Please ensure that you are not putting the elderly at risk.

Remember there are people with prams and pushchairs who will have to step out into the road to get passed your car. Also, have a thought for those who are wheelchair bound.

A number of cars have been parking on the grass verge on Long Lane. These motorists are destroying the verge and the Spring flowers that have been planted there.

The Police have been informed of these inappropriate parking "hot spots" and Traffic Wardens and the PCSO will ticket anyone who causes an obstruction.

You have been warned!

Parish Council Meetings Public Speaking Time



You are very welcome to attend Parish Council meetings. A copy of the Council's Agenda and Minutes are available at the Co-op Store and on the Council's website www.saughall.gov.uk. Council meetings are usually held at 7:30pm on the first Monday of the month at the Vernon Institute.

Details of all public meetings are published on the Parish Council's notice boards and website. Watch out for these notices.

Ten minutes are allocated at the beginning of each meeting to enable any petitioners to speak in support of their petition(s) and for questions from the public to be taken, providing the Clerk has been given five clear working days written notice, or on urgent matters, providing a request is made to the Chairman prior to the commencement of the meeting and Council's consent is given.

Parish Council Surgeries



The Council holds monthly surgeries in the Parish Room, 2 Fiddlers Lane on Saturdays between 10:00am and 10:45am on the following dates:

- 31 March 2007
- 5 May 2007

Pop in and see us. We are here to talk over any issue that is causing you concern, offer advice if need be or report back to the Parish Council who will support you if action is required and lobby to ensure it is taken.

New Saughall Youth Club

With the help of the Parish Council, the newly constituted Youth Club opened on 12 March 2007 at the Vernon Institute. Opening times are as follows:

Mondays 6.30 - 8.30pm 7-11 year olds

Tuesday 7:00 – 9:00pm for 11-17 year olds

The Council would like to take the opportunity to thank Paulene Povey for her tireless hard work and dedication over the years while she ran the Youth Club.

Paulene was nominated for the Cheshire Rural Women's Award as a result of which she was invited to have afternoon tea with the Lord Mayor of Chester on 20 February this year.

Future Youth Provision in the Village

On 22 February 2007 Parish Council representatives and Skippy Roberts, Cheshire County Council's Outreach Team's Leader met with local young parishioners to discuss their needs within the village. Ideas were wide ranging, but included a meeting place such as a shelter/pod, supervised trips and a fenced sports court. Councillors will present the ideas to the Council for consideration in future plans.

Scouts

The Beaver Scout Group at the Scout/Guide Hut on Fiddlers Lane is restarting.

They will meet on Monday evenings from 5pm-6pm with the first meeting on 16 April 2007. They are open to boys and girls aged 6 years-8 years (they can accept children in the 3 months to their 6th birthday). **They have a limited number of places so they are acting on a first come first served basis.**

For further details please contact Jane Whittingham on 881348 or Shelly Downes on 881906. They would be grateful to any parents who would like to help on a rotational basis at the meetings.

Further information on the Scouting Organisation is available on the Scouting website at www.scoutbase.org.uk.

If you are interested in starting a Cub, Scout or Explorer Scout Group in the village then please contact Eddie Johnson, County Commissioner on 01925 763927 (Start up grants are available).

Guides

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers meet in the village. There are a few vacancies so anyone interested in joining or helping with one of these units can call 01244 549456 or 881284.

Greyhound Pub Football Team

The newly formed team usually plays on a Sunday morning every other week. Anyone is welcome at training on Thursdays at 6pm. The venue varies so if you are interested in joining please telephone the Greyhound Pub on Tel No 01244 880205 for further details.

Saughall Friday Club Your Help is Needed



The Saughall Friday Club that meets on a Friday to provide a day of entertainment and good food for elderly local residents, is in great need of further volunteers. Club members are collected from their homes at approximately 10.15 a.m. and returned at approximately 3.15 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with this transport. Help is also needed with cooking of the lunches. If you could spare some time to help occasionally, this would be very much appreciated. If you would like further details, please call Jeanne Storrar on 880226, or you would be most welcome if you call in to see us at the Friday Club which meets in the Saughall Methodist Church Hall.

Activities at the Vernon Institute

A variety of activities take place at the Vernon Institute. Please see the notice board in the entrance hall for exact times and contact numbers. Activities include:

- Pilates
- Badminton
- Table Tennis
- Snooker/Billiards
- Women's Institute
- Saughall Library in the small hall. Open: Tuesday 3pm-4pm Thursday 7:30pm-8:30pm
- Gardening Club
- Golden Link
- Play School
- Whist
- Art Club
- Dancing Schools
- Weight Watchers
- Model Dolls House Making

Activities at All Saints Church

- Senior Monday Meeting
- Children's Group Meetings and Activities
- Youth Football Teams
- Uniform Groups
- Card Making Class

Activities at the Methodist Church

The following activities are provided in the Methodist Hall. The Bookings Secretary is Linda Pleasant who can let you have further details (Tel: 01244 881103).

- Mother and Toddlers Group
- Friday Club
- Mollington Singers Choir
- Slimming world
- Dancing Classes
- Coffee Morning, once a fortnight

This is Your Parish Newsletter!

This Newsletter is yours. Why not make a contribution to it? Interesting articles on village life are always welcome. The Council publishes the Newsletter four times a year. However, if village people provide enough material it could be published more frequently. Feel free to submit a small piece to the Clerk for inclusion.

Help generate interest in the local community, tell us what you are doing, inform on quality of life issues, let us know about an organisation that you are a member of, or publicise a planned event and provide us with information you think local people will want to know about.

Holy Week and Easter Services and Events

Palm Sunday, 1 April 2007

United services for All Saints, the Methodist Church and St. Bartholomew's

10:30am All Age Service at All Saints

6:30pm Communion at St. Bartholomew's

Wednesday, 4 April 2007

7:30pm Concert by Westchester High School Chorale at All Saints in aid of Methodist Church Building Fund

Maundy Thursday, 5 April 2007 at All Saints

6:15pm Passover Meal

8:00pm Communion and Vigil

Good Friday, 6 April 2007

2:15pm Procession from All Saints to the Methodist Church for a service at 2:30pm.

Easter Day Sunday, 8 April 2007

8:30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am Family Communion

6:30pm Evensong

Future Events

Saturday, 12 May 2007

10:30am to 12:00 noon Joint Christian Aid Coffee Morning at All Saints

Pentecost Sunday, 27 May 2007

United morning service at St. Bartholomew's

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Women's Institute

Mrs Norah Murchie,
Tel: 880701

Saughall Gardening Club

Barbara Goode,
e-mail: barbara@gardencycles.
wanadoo.co.uk
Tel: 880513

The Ridings Infant School

Headteacher – Mrs J Davies,
Tel: 881451

Saughall Cricket Club

Mr Brian Huxley, Tel: 880753

Saughall Table Tennis Club

Mr Bob Salisbury, Tel: 881323

Golden Link Club

Miss Dorothy Carline,
Tel: 880658

All Saints Church

Vicar: Rev Brian Harris
Tel: 880213

Church Wardens

Mr Roger Leslie, Tel: 880597

Mrs Margaret Lundy,
Tel: 372038

Saughall Community Day Centre

Church Road, Saughall
Tel: 880474

Thomas Wedge CE (Controlled) Junior School

Headteacher – Mrs L Kwissa
Tel: 880473

Pre-School Group

Mrs Lynda Johnson, Tel: 880954
(Term time only)

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SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

'USE THEM OR LOSE THEM!'

<p>CO-OPERATIVE STORE Church Road, Saughall. 'Everything you need from your local friendly village shop' Tel. No. 881408</p> <p>SAUGHALL POST OFFICE Within the Co-operative Stores, Tel No. 880403</p> <p>SAUGHALL SERVICE STATION Church Road, Saughall 'For all your motoring needs' Tel. No. 881625</p> <p>CHESTNUT HOUSE DAY NURSERY Church Road, Saughall 'Quality care for Children' Tel. No. 880371</p> <p>B. J. CLEGG & SON 'Plumbing, heating and gas fittings' Tel. No. 880120</p> <p>PETER GARNETT 'For all your decorating needs' Tel. No. 881249</p> <p>BARRA BOARDING KENNELS Parkgate Road, Saughall Tel. No. 880837</p> <p>LITTLE CREEK DOG KENNELS Kingswood Lane, Saughall Tel. No. 880267</p> <p>FAR EAST CHINESE TAKE-AWAY Fiddlers Lane, Saughall Tel. No. 881621</p> <p>EGERTON ARMS INN Hermitage Road, Saughall Tel. No. 882001</p>	<p>OAK TREE NURSERIES Fiddlers Lane, Saughall 'Come along and see us – you won't be disappointed' Tel. No. 880895</p> <p>K's GARDEN CENTRE Off Parkgate Road, Saughall 'Solve your garden problems' Tel. No. 880468</p> <p>CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY 'Wedding and Social' Maurice Alley, Church Road, Saughall Tel. No. 880606</p> <p>PIANO AND ORGAN TUITION 'Children and Adults' Derek Whatling Tel. No. 881388</p> <p>W. GATER, PLUMBER 'Plumbing and Heating Engineers' Tel. No. 880654</p> <p>EPTOWING Mobile Tow Bar Fitting Service Darlington Crescent, Saughall Tel. No. 881609</p> <p>DR. WILLIAM RICHARDSON Homeopathy Church Road, Saughall Tel. No. 880574</p> <p>CHESTER SECURITY SYSTEMS 32, Church Road, Saughall 'Our business is your peace of mind' Tel. No. 881399</p> <p>SAUGHALL PHARMACY 30, Church Road, Saughall 'Your very own friendly dispensing chemist' Tel. No. 881765</p>	<p>RON STUART AERIALS 'All types supplied and installed' Tel. No. 880449</p> <p>CHESTER PAINT STRIPPERS Reclaimed doors & fire places for sale Sea Hill Farm, Saughall Tel. No. 881771</p> <p>PERFECTIONS UNISEX SALON 2 Fiddlers Lane, Saughall Tel. No. 881122</p> <p>READES RESIDENTIAL 'Lettings and Property Management' www.readesresidential.com Tel. No. 08450 097 097</p> <p>B&B MINI SKIP HIRE Hermitage Road, Saughall Tel. No. 881681</p> <p>SAUGHALL VILLAGE SURGERY Church Road, Saughall Tel. No. 881590</p> <p>GREYHOUND INN Seahill Road, Saughall Tel. No. 880205</p> <p>WHEATSHEAF INN Parkgate Road, Saughall Tel. No. 851804</p> <p>EGERTON ARMS INN Hermitage Road, Saughall Tel. No. 882001</p> <p>JS MORTGAGES 11 Hermitage Road, Saughall Tel. No. 881848 email: jaqirsingh@btinternet.com</p>
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If you would like your local business advertised in the next newsletter, please contact the Clerk.

JOB VACANCY

Part-time Assistant Caretaker Vernon Institute Village Hall, Saughall



Responsible, part-time Assistant Caretaker required for the Village Hall; duties to include: assisting the caretaker with his duties, cleaning, maintenance of building and grounds, security, and liaising with the clients of the hall and the general public.

**An average of 12 hours required per week
Flexibility with shift patterns required
Availability to provide holiday cover for the Caretaker.
Rate of pay £5.35 per hour**

The successful candidate will be friendly and cheerful, reliable and hardworking, caring and sensitive to the needs of children, parents and hall customers, and will be able to show initiative and have a good sense of humour.

If you are interested in serving the Saughall community through a very satisfying role, please apply in writing with your CV to

**Mr B Murphy, Chairman VI Management Committee,
15 Crofters Way, Saughall, Chester CH1 6AA
Closing date **Friday 30th March.****