

Cheshire West & Chester Council

PUBLICATION OF FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEWS OF SAUGHALL AND SHOTWICK PARK PARISHES

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

As part of the current Community Governance Reviews of Saughall and Shotwick Park parishes, under the terms of reference published on 25 October 2013, the Community Governance Review Committee of Cheshire West and Chester Council has made the following final recommendations to be subject to a further final period of consultation prior to being agreed by Council:

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 and Rendova 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, The Willows and Fourways Farm 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 Molverley 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
- 12) 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 1 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.



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Reasons for the recommendation

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 reflect the identities and interests of local residents; and to enable more effective and appropriate community governance arrangements which are proportionate to the size of the local electorate.

The current total electorate for the area is 2478 based on the Register of Electors in force from 17 February 2014. This figure is expected to increase to 2544 within the next five years. However, the boundary changes detailed in recommendations (1), (2) and (3) will reduce the forecasted electorate to 2506. Similar sized ungrouped parishes have Parish Councils of between nine and 12 seats.

The proposed boundary change detailed in recommendation (iii) will transfer a property from a parished into a currently unparished area. Whilst this would not normally be an expected outcome from a community governance review, the property is located at the end of a street which was wholly in and is only accessible from the unparished area of Blacon and lies approximately two kilometres from Saughall village.

Next steps

All residents and any other persons or organisations wishing to make representations on the draft recommendations may do so in writing to the Partnerships Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Goldsmith House, Hamilton Place, Chester, CH1 1SE. Alternatively, representations may 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 is midnight on 31 August 2014.

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