

## **A history of Saughall local government from 1894**

### **Great Saughall Parish Council 1894 – 1949**

### **Little Saughall Parish Meeting 1894 – 1949**

### **Saughall Parish Council 1949 – 1974**

### **Saughall & Shotwick Park Parish Council 1974 to date**

### **Population of Saughall 1900 onwards**

1901 – Great Saughall 703, Little Saughall 137 and Shotwick Park 8 = 848

1931 - Great Saughall 865, Little Saughall 304 and Shotwick Park 26 = 1,195

1951 - Saughall 1518 and Shotwick Park 70 = 1,588

1961 - Saughall 2178 and Shotwick Park 64 = 2,242

1971 - Saughall 2426 and Shotwick Park 69 = 2,495

1981 - Saughall 3360 and Shotwick Park 80 = 3,440

1991 - Saughall 3729

### **4<sup>th</sup> December 1894.**

Extracts from the minutes book for **Little Saughall Parish Meeting**, held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1894, at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Parkgate Road, Saughall to elect a Chairman and generally discuss the Local Government Act of 1894.

The Clerk was instructed to procure the official seal for the Council and also to purchase a suitable lamp and supply of oil for use at the meetings of the Council.

Parochial electors present,

Messrs George Nicholas, William Matthews, William Corfield, William Billock, David Williams, George Lawson, Samuel Dutton, Thomas Walley and Sam Davies.

George Nicholas elected Chairman, served as such until 1914 (20 years)

### **13<sup>th</sup> December 1894**

First meeting of **Great Saughall Parish Council** took place on a Tuesday evening in the National School, Saughall.

Meetings to be held on Mondays from now on at 7.30pm

Extract from the minute book, held on a Thursday evening, 13<sup>th</sup> December 1894 in the National School, Saughall.

All the recently elected parish councillors were present,

Messrs' Robert Foulkes, William Thomas Harvey, John Jones, Thomas Edward Pugh, Mark Vickers, Stephen Whaley, George Henry Warrington, John Tomlinson Whaley and James Hyatt Williams. (10 members).

Mr James Williams, Chairman of the Parish Meeting (the predecessor of the Parish Council) presided over the meeting until the Chairman of the Parish Council was elected.

Mr. John Jones was subsequently elected as Chairman of the Great Saughall Parish Council for the next municipal year.

### **21<sup>st</sup> January 1895**

Proposed that all future meetings to be held in the Town Hall, Saughall, this proposal failed to get a seconder, so fell, meetings to be held quarterly 15/4/1895 – 15/7/1895 – 14/10/1895 – 13/1/1896.

**\*The Town Hall, Saughall**, an extended former cottage, this building which stood just north of the VI was provided by the Trelawny family as a village social centre, and was used as such. It was used for Anglian church services from 1890 to 1896 staffed by Shotwick church clergy and was also used as a Sunday school. Many organisations met in the Town Hall including the Parish Council, and in this century, the Home Guard during the last war. Subsequently bought as a church hall and Sunday school by the Methodists, it was demolished in the early 1960's Four houses stand on the site.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> April 1895**

Ann Powell Charity – Charity Commissioners letter, appointing trustees from Parish Council, John Jones and WJ Huxley

### **21<sup>st</sup> March 1899**

Ann Powell Charity – From Charity Commissioners, charity is now deemed to be an Ecclesiastical Trust and therefore the Parish Council are no longer able to appoint trustees. Parish Council objected to this in the following terms:-

‘That Council’s opinion had been taken by the trustees representing the Parish Council and that the opinion was to the effect that the case cited by the commissioners is ‘not on all form’ with Powell’s Trust and that the commissioners were wrong in their view that Ann Powell Charity is all Ecclesiastical. Therefore this Parish Council request the commissioners to reconsider their decision as per their letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 1899. It was also resolved by the Council to ask the current trustees to take steps to discover what families in the village were desirous of obtaining bread weekly, so that they may decide who should be the recipients of the extra bread that will soon be available’

Ruled against by the Commissioners, the Vicar of Shotwick and the Churchwardens would be the only trustees for the charity.

### **1894**

First mention of the Warrington dynasty, George Henry Warrington elected as one of the first members of the new Great Saughall Parish Council.

### **1910**

Joseph Warrington elected as member of Great Saughall Parish Council

### **1934**

James Leonard Warrington elected.

### **1938**

Leonard Warrington – Vice Chairman, Belle View, Great Saughall

## September 1938.

Report of the Committee appointed to consider the question of the public lighting of the Parish.

Your committee met at the schoolroom on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 1938 when Messrs' Caunce, Maddock and Matthews, who constituted the committee, were present together with the Clerk of the Council. Mr Maddock was elected Chairman. The Clerk submitted the following particulars as to the cost of the erection of lamp brackets to existing Corporation transmission poles and the cost of lighting the lamps:-

Cost of lamps,

£5.5.0 per lamp complete with time switch, plus 7/6d per lamp for winding,

or

£3.5.0 per lamp with a hand switch

Cost of maintenance,

17s/- per lamp of 60watt power for half the night from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> May each year.

or,

27s/- per lamp of 100 watt power for the same period

For full night 35s/- and 57s/- respectively,

Lamp renewals, painting etc. would cost approximately 2/6 per year.

After a full discussion of the question, in the light of these figures, the committee came to the following conclusions:

1. The lamps fitted with time switches would be preferable to those with hand switches which would entail the employment of someone to switch on and off during the eight months of lighting period.
2. That lamps might be erected at the following points in the parish.
  - a. **Station Road**, Two, 1 at bus stop, 1 near 'The Mount'
  - b. **Little Saughall Road**, Three, 1 at each of the three 'Rakes'
  - c. **Church Road to Factory Corner**, Three, 1 near Methodist church, 1 near 'The Smithy', 1 near school and 1 at Factory Corner.
  - d. **Fiddlers Lane**, Four, 1 near Shepherds, 1 near J. Brayne's, 1 near Hey House and 1 at The Satburys Corner
  - e. **Long Lane**, Three, 1 near Mr. Litter's, 1 near Mr. Shepherds and 1 at Long Lane corner.
  - f. **Parkgate Road**, Two, Between Fiddlers Lane and Long Lane

Total of 18 lamps cost of which will be as follows:-

18 lamps with time switches @ £5.5.0 = £94.10.0, maintenance of £23.5.0

It could be arranged for the cost of the erection of the lamps to be spread over a period of say 3 years.

If that were done the additional rates required would be, one third of £94.10.0 = £31.10.0, with maintenance of £23.5.0, giving a total of £54.15.0

The net product of a penny rate for the parish is £14, so that an additional rate be levied for 3 years would be 4d and after three years 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> d

Recommended by committee for Council to agree to the adoption of The Lighting and Watching Act 1833

### **Lighting and Watching Act, 1833**

An Act which may be adopted in any parish by the votes of a majority of two-thirds of the ratepayers, and which, if adopted, regulates the lighting of the parish 'by gas, oil, or otherwise' and the appointment, employment, and dismissal of watchmen or constables therein. The Act may be abandoned in three years after adoption

### **November 1938.**

Mr Rathbone, Clerk to the Council, tendered his resignation after 14 years of service, to take effect on 31<sup>st</sup> December due to increased duties.

Petition from 46 residents of Great Saughall requesting the Council to urge that a Police Constable should reside in the village of Saughall and strongly urged the Chief Constable and his Committee to give the matter earnest consideration.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> October 1946**

Enquiry by Cheshire County Council into amalgamation of Little Saughall Parish Meeting and Great Saughall Parish Council

### **29<sup>th</sup> October 1946**

Joint meeting – Chaired by Frank Warrington, Chairman of Little Saughall Parish Meeting

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 1947**

The dedication of the War Memorial at Vernon Institute, Great Saughall

### **1948**

Wilfred Ewart Storrar elected to Saughall Parish Council together with Frank, George and James Leonard Warrington

### **1<sup>st</sup> April 1948**

At the Parish Council elections three members of the Warrington family were elected, Frank, George and James Leonard.

### **February 1955.**

Article in the Daily Express Newspaper

'The centuries old village of Saughall, Cheshire (population 2,300) mentioned in the Domesday Book, first to get some of that new-fangled street lighting'

It's all the fault of workers from the Atomic factory at nearby Capenhurst, who, three years ago invaded the village 175 Council Houses.

For two years the atomic workers have been asking 'give us lights' and the villagers have been saying 'No'

The only time the village has had street lights was 50 years ago and no one can remember what happened to them.

So last night Foreman at the atomic plant, Mr Herbert Taylor, who is also on the Parish Council called a special meeting, the atomic workers turned up in full force.

The result was that a recommendation that the Parish Council should spend £500 on lighting in the next year (1956)

Said Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr Robert Foulkes, "That means another 4d on the rates"

But many of the workers said that they were only there because they were forced by the Foreman to attend.

## **November 1955**

Report in the Chester Courant newspaper.

Footpath in Saughall that nobody seems to want.

Efforts to trace the owners. A footpath nobody seems to want is causing concern for Saughall Parish Council. The centuries old bridle path is in need of repair, but who is to repair it is a problem. After much searching the Council even approached the County Archivist in an attempt to establish the owner's identity. It seems that the path which runs by the school once belonged to the local land-owning family, but after they had lost the land details of ownership vanished. "So it looks as though we may have to go back as far as the early 1800's to trace the owners" said a Council member.

Motorists, it is reported, are using the path to park their cars, and this is not helping to keep it in a good condition. The search is to go on. Old records are to be checked and land documents investigated, in the hope that at last the real owner may be found and something may be done. Alongside a picture of Saughall Parish Council, left to right are, Mr LWW Sewell, Clerk to the Council, Mr. CWR Brown (the Chester Rural Council chairman-elect, Mr. G Warrington, Mr RH Foulkes (the Parish Council Chairman) and Mr. CH Leverton (vice-chairman and Parish Council chairman-elect)

## **1974**

Saughall became part of City of Chester District, formerly part of the Chester Rural District area.

### **25<sup>th</sup> January 1974**

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee of the Vernon Institute Trust, held at the VI annexe.

Present:- Sir Nigel Vernon (Chairman), Rev Geoffrey Robinson, Major RP Bonner, Mr. Peter Bond, Mr JOP Griffiths, Mrs D. Whitton, Mrs E. Charnock, Mr W. Murphy, Mrs A Bleasdale and Mrs CL McLennay.

The discussion surrounded adopting the new constitution of the VI, the view was expressed that there should be a better balance between the elected members and the representative members. Major Bonner said that another clause should read that "The committee to appoint a president and such number of vice-presidents as they see fit" and the officers so appointed to be ex-officio members of the Committee.

Clause three stated that all the organisations using the VI are entitled to representation, these are currently:-

- Women's Institute
- ToCH
- Youth Club
- Badminton
- Football
- Flying Club

- Golden Link
- Billiards and Snooker
- Scouts, including cub scouts
- Guides including Brownies and BP Guild
- Parish Council
- Parochial Church Council
- Gardening club

### Role of Honour 1894 – 2018.

GREAT SAUGHALL PARISH COUNCIL		
From	To	Chairman
1894	1897	John Jones (3 Yrs.)
1897	1901	William Harvey (4 Yrs.)
1901	1906	John Ball (5 Yrs.)
1906	1910	George Nicholas (4 Yrs.)
1910	1912	Thomas Williams (2 Yrs.)
1912	1938	H O Maddock (26 Yrs.)
1938	1949	Slowing Matthews (11 Yrs.)
SAUGHALL PARISH COUNCIL		
1949	1951	James Leonard Warrington (2 Yrs.)
1951	1952	Fredrick William Davis
1952	1953	Donald Keeling
1953	1954	Donald Keeling
1954	1955	Harry Robert Foulkes
1955	1956	George Warrington
1956	1957	John OP Griffiths
1957	1958	Phillip Campbell Holt
1958	1959	Cyril Walter R Brown
1959	1960	Lionel William Steele
1960	1961	James Ramage
1961	1962	Joseph Oakes
1962	1963	Eric Whittingham
1963	1964	Rev. Geoffrey Robinson
1964	1965	George Warrington
1965	1966	RH Foulkes
1966	1967	Charles Horace Leverton
1967	1968	Elsie Charnock
1968	1969	Bernard EE Linnett
1969	1970	Ellis Jones

1970	1971	William Murphy
1971	1972	W Black
1972	1973	D Murdock
1973	1974	John OP Griffiths
		<b>SAUGHALL &amp; SHOTWICK PARK PARISH COUNCIL</b>
1974	1975	Dolores Whitton
1975	1976	Tom Pennington
1976	1977	John Blake
1977	1978	Brian Kerr
1978	1979	Brian Kerr
1979	1980	Brian Kerr
1980	1981	Tom Pennington
1981	1982	DG Baddock
1982	1983	Rev. Geoffrey Robinson
1983	1984	Rev. Geoffrey Robinson
1984	1985	Peter Bond
1985	1986	Peter Bond
1986	1987	Peter Bond
1987	1988	Peter Bond
1988	1989	Peter Bond
1989	1990	Brian Kerr JP
1990	1991	Brian Kerr JP
1991	1992	Andrew Warrington
1992	1993	Andrew Warrington
1993	1994	Andrew Warrington
1994	1995	Andrew Warrington
1995	1996	Peter Bond
1996	1997	Peter Bond
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1998	1999	Peter Bond
1999	2000	Brian Kerr JP
2000	2001	Brian Kerr JP
2001	2002	Brian Kerr JP
2002	2003	Alan Bailey
2003	2004	Alan Bailey
2004	2005	Alan Bailey
2005	2006	Alan Bailey
2006	2007	Brian Kerr
2007	2008	Jenny Young
2008	2009	Jenny Young
2009	2010	Jenny Young
2010	2011	Jenny Young
2011	2012	Jenny Young
2012	2013	Jenny Young
2013	2014	Jenny Young
2014	2015	Jenny Young

<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	Kathy Ford
<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	Kathy Ford
<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	Peter Young
<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	Peter Young

#### **Longest serving Chairman.**

**Mr. H.O. Maddock** - 26 Years, from 1912 –1938

**Mr. S. Matthews** – 11 Years, from 1938-1949

**Mr Brian Kerr** – 10 years total. 1977-80, 1989-91, 1999-2002 & 2006-07

**Mr. Peter Bond** – 9 years total. 1984-89 & 1995-99

**Mrs Jenny Young** – 8 years, from 2007-2015

#### **Longest serving Councillors from 1970 to date. (10 years or more)**

(Still serving in **bold**)

Mrs Dolores. Whitton – 43 years

**Mr. Brian. Kerr – 41 years**

**Mr. Andrew Warrington – 39 years**

**Mrs Jenny Young – 30 years**

Rev. Geoffrey Robinson – 25 years

Mrs Elsie Charnock – 24 years

Mr. Peter Bond – 20 years

Mr. J. Blake – 18 years

Mr. Fred Dutton – 18 years

Mr. Andrew Storrar – 18 years

**Mrs Jeanne Storrar – 15 years**

**Mr. Alan Bailey – 14 years** (1997-2005 & 2015 to date)

Mr. Len Argyle – 12 years

Mr B. Linnett – 12 years

Mr Rakesh Shukla – 12 years

Mr CWR Brown – 11 years

**Mr. Dennis Holman – 12 years** (2006-14 & 2016 to date)

Mrs Jean Johnson – 11 years

Mrs Jan Knox – 11 years

Mrs Ingrid Chennels – 10 years

Mr Bill Murphy – 10 years



## **Still serving Councillors.**

Mr. Peter Young – 9 years

Mr. Howard Jennings – 7 years

Mrs Anna Manning – 4 years

Mr. Mike Johnson – 3 years

**11<sup>th</sup> March 1995.**

### **‘Beating the Bounds’**

Saughall, Bumpers Lane, Lower Kinnerton & Pulford

The re-enactment of the ceremony ‘Beating the Bounds’ this Saturday is only the second time in living memory in which two separate elements of the tradition will have been brought together.

The first element will be the traditional re-affirmation of an existing stone when the Lord Mayor and the travelling party visit the stone at Lower Kinnerton which was originally laid on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 1989 by the then Mayor, Councillor John Price.

The second element is the laying of new stones which will take place at the District Boundary with Wrexham at Pulford and the boundary with Alyn & Deeside at Bumpers Lane and at Sea Hill Road, Saughall.

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Gordon Smith and his Lady Mayoress, Mrs Barbara Smith, will be accompanied by the Sherriff of Chester, Councillor John Ebo, the Sherriff’s Lady, Mrs Miriam Ebo and their new son, Simon John Ebo, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Richard Short and Mrs Margaret Short and a number of other VIPs.

The Lord Mayor is particularly sad not to be able to welcome Mr. CN Ribbeck to the events because of his ill-health. Mr Ribbeck was Mayor of Chester when the ‘Beating of the Bounds’ ceremony took place in 1972 and also attended ceremonies in 1989, 1990 and 1994.

The party will also include the Mayor and Mayoress of Wrexham, the Chairman of Alyn & Deeside District Council, the Chairman of Saughall & Shotwick Park Parish Council and Pulford Parish Council together with several members of those Councils. Those travelling will rendezvous at the four stones with local people who have been invited to witness the events.

Following the ceremonies the VIP party will travel to the Grosvenor Arms, Pulford, where the Lord Mayor will host a reception to commemorate the morning’s events.

A map of the area showing the route to be followed is enclosed for your information.

The programme for the morning’s events is as follows:-

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 1995.

10.15am – Arrival of Guests at Town Hall (Assembly Room) for coffee before departure.

10.30am – Departure by coach from front of Town Hall

11.00am – Arrival at the new boundary stone at Saughall, 'Beating the Bounds' ceremony takes place

11.15am – Departure from Saughall

11.25am – Arrival at the new boundary stone – Bumpers Lane, 'Beating the Bounds' ceremony takes place

11.40am – Departure from Bumpers Lane

12.00noon – Arrival in Lower Kinnerton at the existing boundary stone, 'Beating the Bounds' ceremony takes place

12.15pm – Departure from Lower Kinnerton

12.30pm – Arrival at the new boundary stone at Pulford, 'Beating the Bounds' ceremony takes place

12.40pm – Repair to the Grosvenor Arms, Pulford for reception lunch

2.30pm – Lunch concludes and coaches return those guests who wish, to the Town Hall

2.45pm – Arrival at Town Hall and guests depart.

The 'Beating the Bounds' ceremonies at all four stones will follow the traditional form as described on the accompanying sheet and we are most grateful to the local Parish Authorities for making arrangements for youngsters from their areas to take part in the ceremony. The proceedings will be videotaped by the City Council and copies will be available to those interested in due course.

Signed,

Chester City Council

March 1994

### **'Beating the Bounds' Ceremony**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 1995

The procession leads from the coaches in the following order:-

- The Mace & Sword
- Lord Mayor's attendant
- Lady Mayoress
- Lord Mayor
- Sherriff's Lady
- Sherriff of Chester
- Deputy Lady Mayoress of Chester
- Deputy Lord Mayor of Chester
- Mayoress of Wrexham
- Mayor of Wrexham
- Chairman's Lady

- Chairman of Alyn & Deeside
- Assistant Director of Development & Leisure Services
- VIPs and Honoured Guests

The Assistant Director of Development & Leisure Services indicates the stone to the Lord Mayor with the ceremonial wand. The Sword and Mace are then laid on the stone and the Lord Mayor says the following words;

**“I Gordon Smith, Lord Mayor of the City of Chester, do hereby declare this stone well and truly marks the boundary of the City of Chester at this point. May the citizens of this parish enjoy good health, long life and prosperity?”**

**“God Save the Queen”**

The locally selected child will then be ‘bumped’ on the stone by the Lord Mayor and Civil representatives.

The principal participants at the four locations are:

**Saughall:**

Chairman of Alyn & Deeside District Council – Councillor A Roberts

Chairman of Saughall & Shotwick Park Parish Council – Councillor A. Warrington

‘Bumpee’ – A pupil of the Thomas Wedge CofE Controlled Junior School, Saughall

**Bumpers Lane:**

Chairman of Alyn & Deeside District Council – Councillor A Roberts

‘Bumpee’ – Amy Ouaddah aged 8 yrs

**Lower Kinnerton:**

Mayor of Wrexham Maelor Borough Council – Councillor A. Griffiths

Chairman of Doddleston Parish Council – Councillor J Shanklin

‘Bumpee’ – Adam Bright aged 8 yrs

**Pulford:**

Mayor of Wrexham Maelor Borough Council – Councillor A. Griffiths

Chairman of Poulton & Pulford Parish Council – Councillor M. Venables

‘Bumpee’ Christopher Hulse aged 8 yrs