

SAUGHALL & SHOTWICK PARK PARISH COUNCIL

Apr-Jun 2019

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Meetings this quarter:
Apr 8th (Annual), Apr 15th

Surgeries:
Apr 13th

From the Chairman, Peter Young

Welcome to the spring edition of the newsletter.

Parish Council

Elections take place in May with all 12 seats available. We really hope that residents will apply. You are very welcome to contact any of us with queries, but registration needs to be done asap. Please see www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/elections

"Lest we forget"

A commemorative tree was planted in the children's play area of Golden Jubilee Park recently, paid for by the Co-op. The manager of the Co-op and some of the local Brownies were involved in the simple ceremony supported by Helen Cakebread, the Tree Warden.



School Buses

The Parish Council is very concerned about the proposed cancelling

of the school buses from the village to Upton and Bishops High Schools. We are in discussion with CWaC and Stagecoach.

Contract Signed!

A contract has been signed recently with Parsons to build a BMX Cycle track in the Golden Jubilee Park. Work will start in April.

Budget News We have an extra page this quarter which summarises where money has been going during the 2018/19 financial year

New Parish Map

In 1999 Peter Bond, Chairman of the Parish Council, created the first Parish Paths map. By 2017 the map was out-of-date, and work began with Peter Bond and a Graphic Artist from CWaC to design a new one. After walking the paths and several rewrites, the new map is now available. We express particular thanks to Julie Ellis, our designer from CWaC, who provided the photos and is a Saughall resident, making her participation even more special.

Unfortunately, Peter Bond passed away last



Defibrillators in Saughall

1. Outside the Co-op (available 24/7)
2. Inside the Vernon Institute kitchen
3. Inside the Uniform Groups Kitchen (Golden Jubilee Fields)
4. Saughall Medical Centre - when open – ask at reception

Footpath Closure

The Council will close the new Public Right of Way alongside Shotwick House so that improvements can be made. Closure will be for 4-5 days, 9am-4pm (signs with dates will be displayed). Vegetation will be cut back, a field-side fence will be installed and the barbed wire from the existing wooden fence will be removed.

October, and the map is dedicated to him.

Free copies will be delivered to every household in the Parish by early April. Additional copies are available at Lynda's Tea Rooms, Saughall Pharmacy and the Co-op for a suggested £1 donation. So, get your walking boots on and enjoy the magnificent Saughall scenery!

Saughall Medical Centre

A Parish Council representative met with Saughall Medical Centre Practice Manager and patient representatives to air complaints that we have received and which we felt weren't being addressed by the standard complaints procedure. A summary of the response follows.

The surgery is a branch surgery, not a village surgery. As such its service is limited, but it must be open for at least 20 hours / week. Minor operations are not offered.

A minimal number of "urgent – on the day" appointments are available to all patients, but staff try to ensure that elderly Saughall residents take priority. The site is only closed as a last resort, e.g. due to GP sickness, but the reception area remains open. The staggered appointment booking times, 8am for urgent appointments and 10am for routine appointments, has been a huge success.

Saughall residents are able to book 48 hours and 1 week in

advance. As some patients fail to attend their appointments if booked more than 1 week in advance, this facility was dropped. However, some Nurse appointments are available up to 6 weeks in advance.

Transport concerns regarding City Walls need to be raised with CWaC and the bus service provider by the Parish Council.

Concerns were raised about the reception team and these will be looked into and a Saughall Medical Centre Supervisor has been appointed.

The £1 charge for the car park at City Walls with the barrier was introduced to address rogue parking and has paid for an additional clinician.

No patient will be disadvantaged if they raise a complaint. Patients are encouraged to join the Patient Participation Group (PPG) and share their views – details from reception. The PPG will update the noticeboard at the branch site so that information about practice improvements, PPG meetings etc. are available. You can also contact Mike Johnson

mike.johnson@saughall.gov.uk



Local Crime

Although Saughall is a comparatively low crime area, there has been a worrying pattern emerging over the last 2 months of house burglaries. In March an elderly lady was targeted, and cash was stolen. We urge residents to be vigilant. If you do not know the visitor and are not expecting anyone, don't open the door. If you are worried, call for assistance or dial 999.

Police Surgeries are held weekly at Saughall Scout Hut, Fiddlers Lane – please drop in if you have any issues you wish to discuss: 1st April 11-12, 10th April 11-12, 15th April 5-6, 16th April 5-6, 26th April 5-6, 1st May 1-2

CONTACT THE POLICE

999: only when there is a **threat to life** or a **crime is in progress**

101: to report a crime that has already taken place, or to pass on information about a crime
Face-to-face contact at your police station or with your PCSO

General Contact Form

for general queries
www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/general-enquiries/

Contact an Officer

Form For contact with a named officer on your case

www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/contact-an-officer/

Local Geocachers



Geocaching is the world's largest outdoor treasure hunting game in which participants use GPS to hide and seek containers, or 'caches', anywhere in the world. Caches may contain any number of small items, or they may contain a log-book for players to sign. Does anyone know of any local residents or groups who partake in this activity? If so, please contact alan.bailey@saughall.ov.uk or phone him on 07484 103 475

Our Community



If you are finding it hard to manage on your own, or know of someone in the village who could do with some help, then please contact Anna Manning (anna.manning@saughall.gov.uk, 880 675) and she will do her best to link you with support. People often become isolated due to illness, bereavement and many other issues.

Flowers in Saughall

Anvil Close Residents against the suggestion of a seating area on the grassed area off Anvil Close outnumbered those in favour. The Parish Council voted to drop the idea.

Planters Two further planters will be located at the end of Meadows Lane where it meets Hermitage Rd when CWaC Highways draw up a licence.

Further Flowers If anyone has a location in mind for flowers of some kind and a couple of volunteers, please contact Anna Manning (contact details opposite). The idea will then be put before the Parish Council and voted on.

May 2nd – Please Vote!

This is the last newsletter from the Parish Council with its current members. On May 2nd, a new council will be elected. If more than 12 people stand then local residents will get the chance to vote, so please come and choose who you would like to have on your Parish Council. The Parish Council will then elect its Chairman and Vice Chairman. Our Annual Meeting is on April 8th.

Christmas Lights

Some residents have asked for Christmas lights on Hermitage Rd. Quotes will be sought and a decision will be taken later in the year.

Dog Issues

Items Harmful to Dogs



Please can we ask residents not to put items that are poisonous or harmful to dogs on their grass as a deterrent – e.g. sultanas and chicken bones. A resident reported the need to take her dog to the vet for treatment at significant cost.

Jubilee Fields Many people have been taking their dogs onto Jubilee Fields despite the "No Dogs" signs. Please can we ask you to use other places.

Dog Waste Please can dog owners clear up after their dogs and put the waste bags into the bin.

Next Issue: July 2019

If you would like anything of community interest included in the next issue, please contact Shirley Hudspeth by June 11th

Making Contact with the Parish Council

Surgeries are held on the Saturday before each full meeting. Residents can talk directly with councillors. See noticeboards for details. **Full Meetings** take place

every six weeks, usually in the Vernon Institute, 7-9pm. They are open to the public with a public forum. Dates at the top of this newsletter.

Annual Meetings are held in spring, April 8th this year, giving the public and local organisations

opportunity to participate in a full meeting. The Council gives a report on the work carried out during the year. Residents can give views on any matter which affects the community.

Working Groups

Most councillors belong to specific working groups and may have more knowledge about your query.

Field Inspection Group

Jenny Young, Peter Young, Andrew Warrington

Highways Group Brian Kerr, Mike Johnson, Howard Jennings,

Janette Knox

Communications Group

Alan Bailey, Dennis Holman, Andrew Warrington, Anna Manning

HIGHWAYS ISSUES

To report potholes, flooding etc. to CWaC go online: <https://maps.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/cwac/faultreporting/> or phone: 0300 123 7036 or the Street Scene Team on 0300 123 7035

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Parish Council Budget 2019-20.

The Budget has been set for the next financial year and, for a third year in a row, the Parish Council has not asked for an increase in our portion of the Council Tax.

We have reduced the precept (the amount that we ask for from Cheshire West & Chester Council) from £91,105 last year down to £81,297 this year by adjusting budgets accordingly. As a result, the Band D Council Tax will remain the same as in the previous Financial Year at £56.20 per property. The table below gives more information about how money has been allocated.

Council Budget 2019/20	Allocation
Budget Head	£
Finance and General Purposes	34,100
Golden Jubilee Park	30,697
Traffic Calming Fund	10,000
Public Footpaths	2,500
Contingencies	3,000
Total	80,297

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