

# SAUGHALL & SHOTWICK PARK PARISH COUNCIL

Jan-Mar 2019

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Meetings this quarter:  
Jan 21<sup>st</sup>

Surgeries:  
Jan 19<sup>th</sup>

**Welcome** to the first Parish Council Newsletter of 2019! We hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas break.

We focus on local crime this quarter and give a roundup of Parish Council activities.



## 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)

### Parish Council News

**Speeding Issues** We are in discussion with CWaC Highways to look at options to calm the speeds and are pushing the police to do more. Several drivers have already been prosecuted – a speed detector van is positioned regularly on Hermitage Rd and new speed signs with a camera logo have been placed between Blacon and Saughall.

**WW1 Commemorative Tree** to be planted by Saughall Co-op with help from the Parish Council at Jubilee Fields.

**Construction of the BMX track** on Jubilee Fields should start in late spring.

**Noise from the MUGA fencing** - advice is being sought as to how this can be mitigated.

**A Residents' Information Leaflet** is under design for anyone moving into the village.

**An updated Parish**

### From the Chairman

*Peter Young*



Dean Taylor-Pogue has recently stepped down from the Parish Council. We are grateful for his contribution to the work of the Council and wish him well for the future. At the November meeting, the Parish Council approved the co-option of Peter Halford. Peter is well known locally, working in the Co-op and we are pleased he has offered himself to work in this capacity.

In May a new Parish Council will be elected. I would ask people to consider whether they could serve the local community by putting themselves forward for nomination to the Council.

**Path Map** is planned for early 2019. Councillors are walking all routes to check accuracy. A new circular walk of 8-10 miles will be named 'The Saughall Round'. The new map will be dedicated to the memory of Peter Bond (see tribute opposite).

**Parish Council Website** Plans are afoot to refresh the website.

**Report from Meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner**

20mph limit enforcement is under discussion at national level. All PCSOs in Cheshire will spend one hour a week on either speed enforcement or road safety. Future cost cutting will require either a rise in council tax or the loss of officers. He would only advise that the 101 system be suspended if the 999 calls were being affected.

**A Tribute to  
Peter Walker Bond  
02.05.32 to 11.11.18**



Peter was born at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Parkgate Rd, where his parents were the licensees. The family then moved to The Greyhound Inn. Peter married Elma in 1959 and they had three children and five grandchildren. Peter worked as an Electrical Engineering Draughtsman at Shotton Steelworks. He was a Parish Councillor for over thirty years, serving as Chairman for much of this time. He also chaired the Cheshire Association of Parish Councils in the 1980's, culminating in an invitation for Peter and Elma to attend Buckingham Palace for a Garden Party. During the 1960's he was a trustee of the Vernon Institute. Peter will be very much missed, and we give thanks for his generosity of spirit. May he rest in peace.



**Local Crime**

Saughall is a low-crime area. However, the following incidents have been brought to our attention:

**Door to door 'Gold Buyers'** Recent reports of a male & female in their 50's cold calling at addresses in the local area, asking to buy gold. They appear to be targeting mainly older people and vulnerable adults.

**Fraudulent BT Internet callers** Reports of phone calls from persons claiming to be from BT. The callers have Asian accents and claim that the customer's broadband has been experiencing problems. They try to persuade the customer to switch on their computer and connect to a website. From this website the caller will be able to connect to the customer's computer, enabling them to gain personal information, install ransomware, or delete files. PLEASE BE AWARE & VIGILANT.

**Fake Police Officer Calls** Reports of phone calls from persons claiming to be detectives from the Metropolitan Police asserting that a bank or credit card has been used fraudulently. The caller has gone by the name of DC Mark

Cooper (who does exist within the Metropolitan Police, but does not deal with these types of offences and has not made any of the calls). It is likely that the callers were trying to gather details of bank cards / credit cards and other personal information. PLEASE BE AWARE & VIGILANT.

**Recorded Local Crime** There were seven crimes recorded in the Saughall area between the Parish Council meetings of 01.10.18 and 12.11.18. Six of these relate to the theft of fuel via drive off from the Fuel Station on Parkgate Road near the motorway. The seventh involved the theft of canned drinks from a shop on Parkgate Road.

**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/](http://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/](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/contact-an-officer/)

## WW1 photo in the VI

The photo below, that hangs in the VI small hall, has deteriorated badly. Saughall History Society would like to restore it. Does anyone have a copy of the photo which we could borrow for a few days? If so, please contact Howard Jennings



## Flowers in Saughall

### Anvil Close



A suggestion has been made that a seating area could be made on the grassed area off Anvil Close: a couple of benches on a flagged area with some planters, giving people somewhere to sit in the fresh air in the centre of the village. We would welcome views of residents from the area concerned. Please contact Mike Johnson at

[mike.johnson@saughall.gov.uk](mailto:mike.johnson@saughall.gov.uk) (phone / address opposite)

**Planters** The Parish Council has voted to fund two further planters and locate them at the end of Meadows Lane where it meets Hermitage Rd. A resident suggested this location and has offered to help look after the flowers. The next step is to apply for a licence from CWaC Highways. If you have a location in mind for flowers of some kind and have a couple of volunteers, then please contact Anna Manning (contact details opposite).

## Interested in Joining the Parish Council?

Elections take place in May 2019 with all places available. We make decisions on issues such

as planning, local crime, management of open spaces (such as Jubilee Fields), and the delivery of better services and facilities. Please contact us for more information. The following website gives more details [www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/elections](http://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/elections)

## 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 (details opposite) and she will do her best to link you with support.

## Old Bridge, Seahill Rd

We are in discussion with Flintshire about the safety of the old railway bridge and Greenway entrance. Any feedback from pedestrians / cyclists / horse riders please contact Howard Jennings.

## Dog Waste

From Mike Johnson



Please can dog owners pick up after their pets and, when they do, dispose of the bag rather than hang it on hedges, fences, or stiles. Thank you.

## Next Issue: April 2019

If you would like anything of community interest included in the next issue, then please contact Anna Manning (contact details opposite) by March 13th

## 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, giving the public and local organisations an

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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