

# SAUGHALL & SHOTWICK PARK PARISH COUNCIL

Jul - Oct 2019

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**Meetings this quarter:**  
Jul 1<sup>st</sup>, Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Surgeries:**  
Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

## From the Chairman, Alan Bailey

Welcome to the summer edition of our newsletter. I am delighted to have been re-elected to the Parish Council and elected as Chairman for the next municipal year.

You will all probably be sick and tired of hearing about elections, but I am really pleased to report that the residents of Saughall showed a great deal of interest in becoming Parish Councillors. There were 12 positions available and 15 nominations. An election was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and the following residents were duly elected and took their places at the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 15<sup>h</sup> May.

We say a warm welcome to our new Councillors:

### Kath Evans



### Rachel Lowe



### Lynda Rutter



We are pleased to see the return of our previous Councillors **Dennis Holman, Howard Jennings, Mike Johnson, Brian Kerr OBE, Jeanne Storrar, Andrew Warrington, Jenny Young, and Peter Young.**

We say a thank you and farewell to **Jan Knox** and **Anna Manning** who did not seek re-election. Jan has been a Councillor for 11 years and Anna for 3. Both have served the residents of Saughall giving their time to improve the village for all and I say a personal thank you to both. I am very pleased however not to have totally lost Anna's services as she has agreed to continue to act as editor of this newsletter and to serve as a co-opted member on the Communications & Marketing working group.

We said farewell to our Borough Councillor, Brian Crowe, who retired at this election after over 25 years' service to the communities of Saughall and Mollington. Brian has settled many issues on behalf of the Parish Council and we thank him for his

## 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

support and guidance over the years. He is seen below receiving a small gift from Peter Young at the March meeting which was his last. We wish him well in his new role as a Parish Councillor for Mollington and are sure that our paths will cross in the future.



We welcome Simon Eardley as our new Borough Councillor and look forward to working with him in future years.



## BMX Track Opening

Our local MP, Christian Matheson, and the Lord Mayor of Chester, joined us on Saturday 18th May to open the new BMX track on the Golden Jubilee Park, Fiddlers Lane, Saughall. Many local children took to their bikes and shot off around the track. Delicious refreshments were provided by members of Saughall Neighbourhood Management Committee.

The track offers the opportunity for young people to develop their cycling skills in a safe environment away from roads. It is also an excellent form of exercise. Please note that it is important for children's safety that they wear bike helmets and ride clockwise.

Special thanks go to Cllr Jenny Young and the Parish Council appointed Project Manager, Alan Dymond, for all their hard work in bringing this great new facility to completion on time and on budget.



## Local Crime

Although Saughall is a low crime area, there has been a recent pattern of house burglaries. In April a property on Parkgate

## Vernon Institute Clock



You may have noticed that the Vernon Institute clock has stopped recently. Unfortunately, our clock is now beginning to show its age. It was found that the spring which supports the pendulum had started to crack which caused the pendulum to twist and jam. Luckily, the pendulum, which is very heavy, didn't fall. The clock company has come in and removed the spring in order to replace it. By the time you read this newsletter we hope that the clock will be working again.

Road was targeted, and cash stolen. Please be vigilant. If you do not recognise a caller 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 (unless stated otherwise) – please drop in if you have any issues you wish to discuss:

### July:

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 11-12pm  
(*Saughall Market, VI*)  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 5-6pm

### August:

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 5-6pm  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 5-6pm

## 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/)

## Saughall History, Pictures & Artefacts

Saughall History Society, in conjunction with the Parish Council, is instituting a long-term project to pull together all known facts about Saughall village into a website and online database. However, help is needed! If you would be happy to research and write an article or even just to record reminiscences, please contact Dennis Holman on [dennis@chester.ac.uk](mailto:dennis@chester.ac.uk) (phone/address opposite) to have your name put against the topic to avoid duplicate efforts. We would also like to borrow photographs for scanning, or artefacts for photographing.

## New Licensee at The Greyhound Inn



Over the past months, the Council has received many complaints from residents voicing concerns over the management of the pub and the fact that it seemed to be in decline. People were worried that this important village amenity was about to close. We are therefore delighted to report that a new licensee is now in place and on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019 the pub reopened for business with a new coat of paint

and a fresh attitude.

We welcome the fact that two local residents have taken over, Nicola Edmonds and John McLeay, from Hermitage Road with Andy remaining as the live-in Manager. Nicki said, "We want to return the pub to the village traditions, removing the pool table, replacing the dart board and offer a good quality simple 'pub grub' type menu."

We wish them all the best for the future.

## Christmas Lights

Several residents have requested that the Parish Council consider Christmas lights on Hermitage Road. A decision was made at the May meeting that twelve additional lampposts from the junction of Church Road / Seahill Road would be fitted with garlands. The work to fit the necessary sockets has been completed.

All Christmas lights will be illuminated from 4.00pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019 and will stay on throughout the Christmas period.

## 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@ammauthorship.com](mailto:anna@ammauthorship.com), 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. There may be organisations and local people who can provide assistance.

## Local Footpaths: Help Needed

We hope you are enjoying the footpaths described in the Parish Paths Map.

It would be of great help if you could take with you a pair of secateurs or shears to help keep the paths free of brambles and nettles as CWAC do not have the resources to do so and our existing small band of volunteers can only do so much.

If you have difficulty walking along any path, then please contact the Parish Council Clerk (contact details opposite) who will inform the appropriate person to deal with the issue. Enjoy!

## Next Issue: Nov 2019

If you would like anything of community interest included in the next issue, please contact [newsletter.editor@saughall.gov.uk](mailto:newsletter.editor@saughall.gov.uk) or Alan Bailey (details opposite) by October 20<sup>th</sup>.



## Making Contact with the Parish Council

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

month (Tuesday in the case of a Bank Holiday), usually in the Vernon Institute, 7-9pm. They are open to the public with a public forum. Dates at the top of this newsletter. **Parish Meetings** are held in April each year giving the public and local organisations an

opportunity to participate. The Chairman gives a report on the work carried out during the year. Residents can give views on any matter which affects the community. The Parish Meeting also includes the Chairman's Awards.

## Working Groups

Most Councillors belong to specific working groups and may have more knowledge about your query. **Golden Jubilee Park Group** Jenny Young, Andrew Warrington, Peter Young  
**Highways Group** Brian Kerr, Mike Johnson,

Howard Jennings, Jeanne Storrar

**Communications and Marketing Group** Dennis Holman, Alan Bailey, Rachel Lowe, Lynda Rutter, Andrew Warrington  
**Business Group** Alan Bailey, Howard Jennings, Brian Kerr, Andrew Warrington, Peter Young

## 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

## Parish Councillors: Chairman Alan Bailey, Vice Chairman Peter Young

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