



SAUGHALL & SHOTWICK PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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Welcome to the second edition of the Parish Newsletter. This edition includes the agreed Budget for 2018 /19 and a summary of spending for this financial year for your information.

Please join us at the monthly Council meetings (dates below) or make comment to our Clerk, **Shirley Hudspith** at clerk@saughall.gov.uk

Council meetings take place in the Vernon Institute, Church Road, Saughall, usually on the first Monday of each month, running 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

Future meetings: - Mon 9th April, Tues 8th May 2018, Mon 4th June 2018

We also hold monthly informal Parish surgeries on the Saturday before each full meeting. These are normally held outside the Co-op store in Church Road by one nominated member of the Council. See noticeboards and website for further details

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Matters from last Edition.

Bus service 15 – Arriva. **Well done to everyone who took the time to report problems to Cheshire West & Chester Council (CWAC).** Thanks are also due to Brian Crowe, our District Councillor, who has forcefully pursued the Parish Council's complaints to the relevant Council Officers. From Monday the 8th January 2018, Arriva buses stopped routing the 15 service through to Mold and we are glad to report that so far the 15 service keeps much better times. Thank you!

Speeding traffic through the village Council have set up a small group which will meet regularly and report as soon as possible into methods of calming the traffic throughout the village. A budget has been set up to assist with any associated costs.

Golden Jubilee Park You will have noticed that our contractors are on site replacing the Children's play equipment - the work is due to be completed at the beginning of March. The total cost of the project is £68,000 which has been funded by the Parish Council.

Cycling in Saughall. Thank you for the views expressed which will all be taken into consideration if this project comes up for further discussion. At the moment we have left it with Flintshire County Council who are considering the safety and planning aspects of the situation.

Current Matters:

Council community spending 2017/18 (over £1,000)

Golden Jubilee Park – New Children's Play Area £63,000

Golden Jubilee Park – Loan repayment and maintenance £9,856

Saughall Preschool – Grant £4,000

Saughall Christmas Lights £3,840

Flower Tubs for village £1,500

Vernon Institute – Rentals and contributions to refurbishment £1,053

Saughall Co-op – Community Heartbeat Trust – Defibrillator - £1,000

Total Community Spend 2017/18 **£84,249**

Parish Council Budget for 2018/19 and the Parish Precept.

After due considerations the Council has decided to hold the Precept, the charge on each household for the running of the Council, for a further year. **This will be the 2nd year** that we have not asked for an increase in our portion of your Council Tax. The total budget for 2018/19 will be £91,105, which equates to £56.20 for a dwelling in

Tax Band D, for more detail please visit the website on www.saughall.gov.uk

Budget Head	2018 / 19
Finance & General Purposes	£45,100
Golden Jubilee Park	£33,005
Traffic Calming Fund	£10,000
Contingencies	£3,000
Grand Total	£91,105

New Children's Play Area –

Official opening 2.30pm - Saturday 24th March 2018

by The Lord Mayor of Chester Councillor Razia Daniels, Christian Matheson MP and members of the Parish Council. We have been on a very long journey to get to this stage and are delighted that this project is finally completed. We invite you all to attend, especially the younger members of the community to test the equipment. Parking is very limited so if you can walk or ride your bikes this will ease any congestion on the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

Willow Hey Drainage Issues. As all the residents of this area are probably aware, a meeting was suggested by Christian Matheson MP and arranged in October 2017 by the Council. In attendance were representatives from Morris Homes, Welsh Water and the Chief Executive of CWAC. We have now been informed by Councillor Crowe that full agreement has been reached on a full solution to the problem, including who will pay for the work and we are further told that this will go ahead as soon as possible. **WE ARE WATCHING.**



Resident's proposals on how the Council could spend its money.

In September a resident, speaking against the Council decision to spend funds on further Christmas Lights made some suggestions on future spending which included:

- A Youth Worker
- More litter picking in the Golden Jubilee Park
- More litter bins for the village and the Park
- Speed cameras for Long Lane / Hermitage Road
- CCTV in the Park and at other "trouble hotspots"
- Upgrade the damaged bus shelter
- Plant more bulbs and wild flowers in the village
- Provide more benches around the village

Further proposals that the Council could fund are:

- Provision for skate boarders
- Facilities for teenagers
- A shelter
- Facilities for Tackling Dog mess

All of these proposals will be examined and where possible actioned by the Council. We will report our progress in the next Newsletter, if you have any suggestions please forward them to any Councillor, or email clerk@saughall.gov.uk

New Flower Tubs for the Village.

In May 2017 Councillor Anna Manning and others met with a representative from CWAC asking for permission to place 2 flower tubs made of recycled plastic, measuring one metre square, to be placed at the junction of Church Road and Saughall Hey. The Council eventually received permission in December and we are glad to report that they have arrived and will be planted up by volunteers as soon as possible. We have realised that they do look a bit insignificant and further tubs will be considered in the same position later this year.

Pictured below are Councillors Anna Manning and 'Inca'



Scarecrow Competition June 2018

The Police and CWAC Highways Department have been consulted over Saughall Music in the Park Group's proposal to hold a Scarecrow Competition. Entry forms for the competition are available from Councillor Jenny Young. The entry fee will be £1. The group has secured a grant of £1000 to help fund this event.

Traffic Calming measures. Following the Parish Council raising concerns with the Police over the speed of traffic in the village, CWAC have located a Police Speed Camera van bay on Hermitage Road at 'The Peg'. The camera van will be in place at any time, on any day of the week and hopefully will persuade motorists to obey the 30mph speed limit. This facility will also be backed up by additional police speed checks around the village.



Traffic survey - Hermitage Road – September 2017. One of the perceptions of residents and the Council was that many more vehicles were entering the village along Hermitage Road since the new variable speed limits was introduced on Sealand Road. We requested that CWAC conducted a survey to assist with our deliberations. CWAC Principal Engineer, Place Operations, has confirmed that according to data in the last 2 years there had been a slight increase of 2.4% (53 vehicles) northbound towards Saughall, an increase of 4.6% (105) vehicles) southbound and no change in average speeds. This information has been fed in the Traffic Calming Working Group to assist discussions.

Calling all Grandparents in the Village.

The Council has been approached by a ITV and a television company called Shiver Productions who are developing a new television programme for one of the major broadcasters. They are looking for vibrant, fun and outgoing grandparents who have **3 or more adult (18+) grandchildren** who they would like to spend more time with.

In the programme, grandparents will spend one-on-one time with their multiple grandchildren in an attempt to get to know them better and see if they can offer any help. They will learn about the pressures their grandchildren face, the lifestyle choices they make, their hopes for the future and what, if anything, is standing in their way of achieving them. And it should be a fun experience!

Filming for the programme will not take place straight away, this is the initial casting stage and they are only hoping to speak to people over the phone. If you are selected to be on the programme the Production team will arrange all the logistics for you!

They are hoping to hear from people **as soon as possible!** It would be great if you could let me know if this is something you could help us with.

They can be contacted on 0207 157 4588 or emailed at shivercasting@shiver.tv

