



# SAUGHALL & SHOTWICK PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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**May 2018**

**Welcome** to the third edition of the Parish Newsletter.

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

**For any information regarding the Council business please refer to our website at [www.saughall.gov.uk](http://www.saughall.gov.uk)**

**From June 2018 council meetings will take place every 6 weeks**, usually in the Vernon Institute, Church Road, Saughall, from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

**Future meetings: - Mon 4<sup>th</sup> 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 [www.saughall.gov.uk](http://www.saughall.gov.uk)

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### **Cheshire West & Chester Highways Department – Fault Reporting**

**Telephone 0300 123 7036** or the website link:-

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it/road-faults.aspx>

### **Cheshire Police contacts**

**Constable 2973 Rob Brown**, Beat Manager, Chester North, areas covered: -

Saughall, Mollington, Ledsham, Capenhurst, Backford and Upton, telephone **101** or email [Robert.Brown@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Robert.Brown@cheshire.pnn.police.uk)

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### **Matters from last Edition.**

#### **Willow Hey Drainage Issues.**

The Council is well aware that this major problem is yet to be remedied and with the extraordinary rainfall that we have experienced over the last few months it is true to say that any work by the contractors has not yet been possible, the Council are in constant contact with the Borough Council and Chris Matheson MP who is co-ordinating the project on the residents behalf. We hope that the drainage problems partially caused by the Willow Hey development will be sorted out this spring/summer, when it arrives!

#### **Traffic Calming measures**

We are interested in the experiences of people in Saughall in regards to the road traffic. Please could people let us know their experiences of the speed of traffic and driver behaviour through the village, Are drivers and cyclists fairly considerate to other road users and pedestrians or do you find them to be impatient? People are out and about at different times of day and it would be useful to have your views. We would like to hear from all road users, pedestrians, cyclists, car drivers, horse riders. We are particularly interested in the experience of the following areas: Hermitage Road, Long Lane, Church Road / Fiddlers / Lodge Lane junction. Hermitage Rd / Church Road junction and Seahill Road. This is your chance to influence the road safety strategy going forward - let friends and neighbours know. A number of options are being investigated by the Traffic Group and we need to gather people's experience to form the right policy for the future

#### **New Younger Children's Play Area**

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018 the new play area on the Golden Jubilee Park fields was officially opened by The Lord Mayor of Chester, Councillor Razia Daniels, and Chester MP Chris Matheson, Saughall All Saints C of E Primary School provided refreshments in the form of an afternoon tea party. The event was very well attended by over 60 people and there were many other attractions in the Uniformed Groups Headquarters building including a cake competition covering all age groups.

To commemorate the opening, the children presented the MP and Lord Mayor with planted teapots.

Particular thanks goes to **Councillor Jenny Young** and the children for organising this opening event which was a great success.

We now look towards the next phase for the older children which has been approved by the Parish Council. This is to build a Cycle / Scooter track similar to the one installed on Blacon Avenue which will hopefully be completed before the summer holidays in 2018.







### Current Matters:

**Bus Service** – Use it or lose it- the buses are much more reliable now and can save you a great deal of money over the year by avoiding the need to use not-using your car to visit our wonderful cCity.

**Applying for an Older Persons Bus Pass**, if you are of state pension age or above you are entitled to apply for a concessionary pass that allows **free** bus travel anywhere, at any time in England and Wales (if your journey starts in England)

The application process will require the three 'P's

- Proof of address - Utility bill or bank statement.
- Proof of age/identity - Passport, driving licence or birth certificate.
- Passport sized photograph - Showing your full face.

This cCan be done in person at Chester Town Hall or on line at

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/transport-and-roads/public-transport/concessionary-travel/older-bus-pass.aspx>

### **Saughall Crime Statistics - April 2018.**

In March the crime figures include three offences in the village which involved items being stolen from INSECURE garages and vehicles, it is important that we all make sure that we don't make it easy for opportunistic thieves to steal our property, **LOCK IT UP!**

### **Vernon Institute / Clock Tower Refurbishment – Road Closure.**

#### **ADVANCED WARNING.**

**FROM 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY – 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2018**

During the refurbishment works Hermitage Road will be closed to all traffic, from its junction with Church Road / Seahill Road for a distance of 50 metres. Pedestrians should be able to pass the obstruction, but this has yet to be confirmed. The closure

will be granted for 4 weeks but it is estimated that the works will probably be completed in 3 weeks, allowing the closure to be lifted early.

All Saughall bound bus services will be diverted through the Ridings for the period of the closure. Further information will be circulated when available.

#### **Major Planning consultation in the village.**

Pear Tree Farm, Hermitage Road – residential development of 33 dwellings, public space and associated infrastructure. In 2016, when this was last submitted, the Council commented, **“We are pleased that this site is going to be tidied up and developed as it has been derelict for some time. However, it does have a number of concerns that must be addressed. There are too many housing units – 33, this is over intensive. Please consider having 29 as it is a more realistic number”**.

The plans were subsequently amended by the developers down to 25 units which were mainly bungalows, but the Planning Authority refused the application on Green Belt issues.

In 2017 there was a change of use agreed from ‘Agricultural use’ to ‘Storage’ and in March 2018 the original plan was re-submitted on the grounds that the site is now classed as a ‘Brown field site’.

The Council has further commented. **“If this site is now deemed to be a brown field site then the Parish Council has no objection to the proposed re-development. However, it wants to draw to your attention that it previously has tried to encourage that a lower number of dwellings be built on the site”**

#### **Sanctuary Housing development, Church Road, Saughall.**

The work has started on the above scheme and the Council has been informed that as part of the project there will be a small allowance for Community Benefit projects in the area. The Council discussed this and has agreed to use any funds that are forthcoming to increase the number of flower tubs in the village with two suggested sites: one at the junction of Church Road / Lodge Lane and the other at Hermitage Road / and Ithe Ridings.