



# SAUGHALL & SHOTWICK PARK PARISH COUNCIL

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**October 2017.**

**Welcome** to the new format for the Parish Newsletter. We have teamed up with the Saughall & Mollington Handbook to present you with a quarterly snapshot of what your Parish Council is doing with your Council Tax. Please feel free to let us know what you think of this new format, join us at the monthly Council meetings (dates below) or make comment to our Clerk, **Shirley Hudspith** at [clerk@saughall.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@saughall.gov.uk)

**Council meetings** take place in the Vernon Institute, Church Road, Saughall, usually on the first Monday of each month, starting at 7.00pm concluding by 9.00pm.

**Future meetings: - 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018, Annual Budget meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

For details of the Agenda items please go to [www.saughall.gov.uk](http://www.saughall.gov.uk)

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**Cheshire Police Alert** is the community messaging system, register for regular news and updates at <https://www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk>

**If you see anything suspicious or that you think the police might need to know about, please report it!**

**Dial 101 in a non-emergency or 999 in an emergency**

## **Current Topics.**

**Bus service 15 /15a** since the new bus interchange in Gorse Stacks had opened, we have received many complaints of cancellations and delays for both services from Arriva Wales and Stagecoach. In August, Arriva said that they would interwork the 15 service with the Mold service (3) in an attempt to make both routes viable and they have seen an increase in passengers going through to Broughton Retail Park from Saughall on the Mold service. Unfortunately when the bus returns from Mold to resume the Saughall service it does get held up on route which has led to cancelled services and long delays. They admit to a 13% increase in delays since moving to the new interchange. We are also all aware of the delays that the 15a service has when going through the Countess of Chester Hospital grounds, especially during visiting hours.

The Parish Council has recently suggested to CWAC that instead of the 15a service going through the hospital, it uses one of the numerous Blacon services instead, leaving all Saughall services direct to Chester. CWAC have rejected this suggestion. Stagecoach have altered their working practices and we have noticed that this service is more reliable in the last few weeks. We will keep the pressure up on Arriva to improve their service, but please report any problem to the clerk on [clerk@saughall.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@saughall.gov.uk) or direct to CWAC by emailing John Jones on [john.jones@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:john.jones@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) or by phoning any Councillor.

**Speeding traffic through the village** You will have all noticed that in recent months the number of 'Learner Drivers' has drastically increased, this is because the Driver Testing centre has moved from Newton, Chester to its new HQ at Telford Court, Dunkirk Trading Estate, Chester Gates Dunkirk, Chester. Some people may find this situation frustrating but we will remind you that we all had to learn to drive at some time and actually their very presence in the village has had a traffic calming effect on other drivers, especially in the new 20 mph zones.

Cheshire Police have continued with their speed enforcement programme and you will be seeing a lot more of them in the coming months on the main roads through the village.

## **Golden Jubilee Park**

At last this long term project is coming to fruition. Tenders were issued to 6 contractors in September and a decision will be made at the October Council meeting as to the preferred contractor with an anticipated installation date in December 2017. After many years of delays, studying various designs and layouts



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and local consultation, we believe that the final scheme will be welcomed by all residents. The first phase is to completely replace all the current equipment for all ages up to 11 years. The next stage is to seek your opinions on a bike track similar to the one just installed on Blacon Avenue next to St. Theresa's Social club and a 2 metre wide tarmac path around the circumference of the Golden Jubilee Park, a distance of approximately 800 metres.

Additional seating and outdoor gym equipment may also be considered. Your thoughts would be appreciated to [clerk@saughall.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@saughall.gov.uk)

### Remembrance Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017



The churches in Saughall will all have their own remembrance services in the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup> November, but for many years now the Parish Council has arranged a second and separate service in the afternoon to allow those who attend other services in the morning to come together as a village community to remember.

This year the service will commence at 2.00pm at Saughall War Memorial, Vernon Institute, Church Road, Saughall, all churches will be represented with hot and cold refreshment available after the event. Any enquiries please contact either **Jenny Young or Peter Young** (Chairman)

### Christmas lights.

In 2015 the Parish Council decided to hire 12 Christmas Garlands to be mounted on the lamp standards in the Village, the initial hire period was for 3 years.



They have been very well received by most residents, one comment was

**"It's the best thing the Parish Council has done for the village in years, a lovely display"** At the 2016 Christmas Lights switch-on event the Council asked by way of a petition

whether the residents would like us to obtain more lights for the 2017 celebrations, 169 people stated that they would. At the August Council meeting it was agreed to enter into another 3 year hire contract and the lights will now stretch from Seahill Road (adjacent to Crofters Way) up Church Road, passed the Scholl and including the entrance of Saughall Hey. **Switch on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Public Footpaths in Saughall.** We are blessed with over 9 miles of footpaths in the Parish of Saughall, they are popular and well used by both residents and visitors from the surrounding areas. We have had a mix of **'Public Rights of Way'** (public footpaths) and **'Permissive paths'** (with the permission of the land owner) the land owner in Saughall is CWAC managed by Cheshire Farms Ltd. Their stated intention is to sell off land when the lease expires and this has meant that over the last few years the Parish Council has applied to have all paths designated as Public Rights of Way and therefore protected against any future new owners who do not wish them to be used as such. This process has now been completed and we will commence having all routes upgraded and cleared as soon as possible for the benefit of all

users and the popular Parish Maps guide will be reprinted.

We would ask all users to respect the paths, taking home any litter and using any litter bin in the parish to deposit your 'poo-bags' you do not have to use a designated dog bin anymore any bin will do, even your own black bins.

**Recent changes on Council**, the Council was sorry to receive the resignations from both **Michelle Collins** and **Jessie O'Malley** in the last few months, their input to the Council was highly valued, and they will be missed.

**Mike Johnson** and **Dean Taylor-Pogue** were welcomed onto the Council in their places.



#### **Dog owners help fight Neospora**

We would urge all dog owners to clean up after your pets, even when walking across the fields, to help stop the spread of a virulent parasite. The parasite NEOSPORA is found in dogs' faeces and if they foul grazing land and pregnant cattle ingest the parasite, it will cause them to abort or give birth to calves infected for life. Cattle must be kept away from dog waste to avoid infection, just one incident of a cow eating some of these parasite eggs can have a huge impact on a whole herd – and a farmer's future livelihood." For further information please contact **Mike Johnson**

**Cycling in Saughall.** Those of you who are cyclists will know that the approach to the Sustrans Cycle Route over the bridge in Sea Hill Road is dangerous to cyclists, pedestrians and horses. The Parish Council has had several near misses reported even with traffic keeping to the 40mph limit let alone those driving illegally. We have a plan to open a new entrance on the Saughall side of the bridge, direct onto the cycle track. Obviously this is in Wales and not in our purview, but, if the safety of Saughall residents is affected we can use Council funds in partnership with Sealand Community Council, Flintshire County Council and Sustrans.

We would appreciate your views on the above project to the Clerk at

[clerk@saughall.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@saughall.gov.uk) or to **Howard Jennings, Dennis Holman, and Alan Bailey**

**Saughall Summer Play Scheme** was run in August by the Neighbourhood Management Team (part of the Parish Council structure). The event was very successful with 4 paid leaders and 8 volunteers masterminding the week with an average of 21 children per day. Events included litter picking, learning about the Deaf Society and decorating cakes, the highlights of the week were a murder mystery activity and a visit from a police sniffer dog.

**THANK YOU** from the Parish Council to all those who have volunteered their time and expertise for the benefit of the residents of Saughall, especially members of the Neighbourhood Management Committee, Music in the Park Group, the Golden Jubilee Park- Field Inspection Group, Internal Auditor and our Responsible Financial Officer.