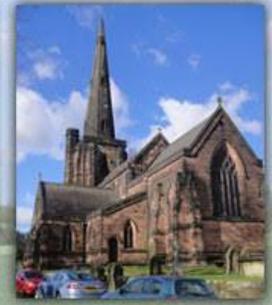


DAVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Newsletter for Davenham & Whatcroft

November 2015

Christmas Lights 3rd December, 6pm

Please join us in the village garden for the annual switch on of the Davenham Christmas Tree Lights. There will be music and carols from our local schools as well as free light refreshments for the children. You may also want to visit Santa's grotto and treat yourself to an Organic burger or two from a local provider. Many village shops will be staying open late and both our local pubs will be open for refreshments. This was a great community event last year and we look forward to seeing you all again.

Farewell to Brian Robinson

In May, Brian Robinson stood down as a Parish Councillor after 30 years of service to our community. We would like to say a huge thank you to Brian for all his hard work and commitment during this time and wish him well in his 'retirement'.

How to help the PCSO?

In the event of an incident that is NOT an emergency, call 101. Please report all incidents, however minor or repetitive it may seem. Unless we report it, our PCSOs are not aware of ongoing issues. Retain your incident number and date of the incident to avoid a lengthy process during subsequent calls.

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Parish Councillors are all volunteers and we are always in need of extra help on certain projects, such as improving our website (do you have the technical ability to help, please?), setting up Speed Awareness Groups, or responsibility for an area in the Community Pride Award. We'd love to hear from you if you'd like to be involved.

Home Safety Advice - We are proud of the fact that Davenham and Whatcroft are generally such safe places to live and our residents look out for each other. Unfortunately, there are times when crime becomes more prevalent and, more recently, there has been a spate of break-ins and car thefts. Our local Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) wish to remind you of the importance of security for your homes and vehicles. They advise residents to lock vehicles and put keys in non-obvious places in your homes (i.e. not in handbags or near front doors). Keep valuables out of sight and lock your windows and doors.



Neighbourhood Plan Update

The team has been working extremely hard to finalise the Neighbourhood Plan and we are pleased to announce that it is now available to view on our website (davenhampc.org.uk).

The Plan is undergoing the Strategic Environmental Consultation. Following this, we can begin the formal pre-submission consultation stage during which you are invited to comment on the Plan. Please look out for more information on our website, noticeboard and emails over the coming weeks.

After the 6 week consultation, the Plan will be reviewed and a Consultation and Basic Condition Statement will be drawn up. Ultimately, the Plan will be submitted for review by an examiner and, if passed, voted on by you via a Referendum.

Please take the time to review the Plan as it will be a vital Planning Policy document to ensure future development within our village is in line with our wishes.

What are we working on?

Much of our time this year has been spent representing the village in the many Planning Appeals and finalising the Neighbourhood Plan.

We have also continued our work in maintaining and developing the Parish playing fields, parks, village garden, fountain and war memorial.

The Fountain has been cleaned and maintained, and the railings around the War Memorial have been re-painted.

Laburnum Field has been protected under the Fields in Trust Scheme to preserve its use for recreation and sporting for future generations.

We have planted bushes, shrubs, trees and bulbs on Laburnum Field, and in other areas, which will hopefully brighten up the village in the Spring and Summer months.

To help to enforce the 20mph zone, we have undertaken a Speed Management Group in which some of the Primary school children also participated.

We have been liaising with different community groups about the need for a Community Hall Facility and continue to explore any possibilities to move this forward.

Planning Update: As most of you will be aware, this year has seen the Appeals of the Planning Decisions relating to the Fountain Lane and Hill Top Farm developments, both of which have now been approved for development. The Parish Council attended and made representations at both appeals.

Cheshire West and Chester has confirmed that, following much consideration by their legal team, these decisions will not be challenged at the High Court due to a lack of legal grounds on which to do so.

We understand that this is a disappointing outcome for the majority of residents in Davenham. We would like to thank you all for your hard work and support in trying to 'fight off' these developments and we are also saddened by the outcome.

In October, there was also an Appeal hearing relating to a development of 16 dwellings on Church Street. Again, we attended and made representations and we are now awaiting the outcome of that decision.

Following the above decisions, the Parish Council has met with our MP, Antoinette Sandbach, to discuss our concerns with the planning process. On advice, we have expressed our complaints in writing and communication is currently ongoing with the Planning Inspectorate on this matter.



Wot'z goin' on 'ere then? Davenham Players has embarked upon a project to create a mosaic wall next to the Theatre's entrance using recycled tiles. The mosaic will depict different aspects of our village and will be seen from Church Street. The community is invited to participate in the creation and support has been overwhelming. The Parish Council would like to thank Bob, Jan, Linda and all the team for their time and enthusiasm in organising such a successful project to improve a corner of Davenham and bring the community together.

Youth facility – the Royal British Legion is considering opening to 14-18 year olds, possibly Tues-Sat, 7.30-10pm, for a game of pool, darts, free wi-fi, soft drinks available. To take this any further, parental support will be needed. If you are interested, please contact Barry on 07815 516 828.

Defibrillator - A defibrillator will soon be placed on the side wall of Willowgreen gift shop. This will be available for public use in the case of such an emergency. We will keep you updated on progress.

Dog Fouling - Unfortunately, there have been an increasing number of complaints about dog fouling in our village. Whilst we know that the majority of dog owners responsibly clean up after their pet, it only takes a few to leave our pavements and playing fields a mess. Please bear in mind your fellow residents and scoop your dog's poop to help make our village a more pleasant place to live. As part of the Cheshire West and Chester dog ownership campaign, to report dog fouling, please ring 0300 123 8 123 or report online: cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk (search for dog fouling).

Village Matters

Village Parking

As we all know, parking can be a challenge in Davenham at any time of the day. This is an issue that is frequently brought to our attention but to which there is no easy solution. Please can we remind all residents to park courteously and try to avoid parking on pavements as this only exacerbates a further problem for pedestrians. Please also avoid parking on double yellow lines at any times. Thank you for your co-operation.

20 mph zone

To encourage awareness of the new speed limit, we are providing stickers for residents in the 20 mph zone that can be placed on your wheelie bins. This has been successful in neighbouring communities.

Notices are currently displayed around the village relating to the proposed extended 20 mph zone (Mount Pleasant and associated roads). Any responses should be sent directly to CWAC. Please see notices for further details.

Playing Fields

It is great to see both Laburnum Road and Butcher's Stile playing fields being so well used by a cross section of the community. Please help to make this a pleasurable experience for all by showing consideration for other users on the field and enabling access to the playing fields when children wish to use it for recreational games/use.

If you would like to use either field for a large scale event, please contact our clerk, to apply for written approval.

How can I keep up-to-date?

- Village Notice Board (an additional notice board will soon be placed near Jack Lane)
- Visit our website www.davenhampc.org.uk
- Email updates – to be added to the mailing list please contact Vicky, clerk@davenhampc.org.uk
- Attend our meetings – held on the last Monday each month, see our website or noticeboard for a list of dates (next meetings Mon 30th Nov and Mon 4th Jan). Residents can raise issues during the public session, 7.15-7.30pm



Community Pride

Davenham was entered into the Community Pride Competition this year and several members of the Parish Council attended the Awards Presentation in October. Judges were shown around the village during the summer months. We're delighted to announce that Davenham Bowling Green was awarded a 'Little Gem Award' and the certificate is proudly displayed on the Village Noticeboard.

We would love to have the opportunity to win a Pride Award in the future and, to do so, we need your help. To achieve such accreditation requires the involvement of our community as a whole. More information will follow as to how you can help more specifically. In the meantime, please take pride in your village, keeping it litter free and looking smart and tidy. Every little helps!

Good Deed Nominations

We would like to express a thanks to all those residents who take the time to help keep Davenham such a great place to live. There are many individuals who regularly carry out 'good deeds' (e.g. litter picking, sweeping public pathways, trimming back hedges, etc.) and we are grateful to you all.

To recognise this, the Parish Council would like to offer a 2 tickets to a Halle event at the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester (kindly donated by Manchester Airport). If you would like to nominate someone, please email Vicky, providing the name of the person nominated and details of their 'good deed'. clerk@davenhampc.org.uk

The winner will be chosen in the New Year.

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