



Dunham on the Hill & Hapsford Parish Council Newsletter

Spring 2021

Note From The Chair

In spite of COVID-19

A year ago, who would have believed that we would still be in the grip of the Covid-19 pandemic. It's been a challenging year for many of us but we are lucky to live in such a wonderful Parish and all of your Councillors are committed to do everything possible to try and keep it that way. We voluntarily give as much time as we possibly can to maintain high standards in our area and are always looking for volunteers to join us.

As the elected temporary Chair, I aim

to continue DHHPC's hard work, ensuring openness and transparency and to encourage resident working groups whenever possible on village matters.

I've always been passionate about supporting/keeping things local which will bring benefit to residents for many years to come and DHHPC continues to look into all ideas as to how it can focus on projects which would benefit the community as a whole.

One year on we need to try and look

forward to the positives and try and get some normality back into our lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

Keith Bradley

Temporary Chair

Parish Council Meetings

As the pandemic restrictions remain in place, Parish Council meetings continue to be held remotely. There will be an on-line open meeting via Zoom on Tuesday 6th April at 7.00pm - why not join us? For more information contact our Clerk – via clerk.dunhamhillpc@gmail.com

Dog Mess - 'Bag It And Bin It'

Dog mess is one of the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our roads/lanes. We have seen an increase in dog fouling during lockdown. While most dog owners are caring, responsible individuals, there are still some who do not clean up after their dogs, with some owners actually bagging up their dog's mess but leaving it hung in branches or thrown into fields where there is livestock. This is totally unacceptable and is life threatening to both livestock and wildlife.. DHHPC must reiterate that all dog mess is bagged and disposed of in bins found around the Parish or taken home.

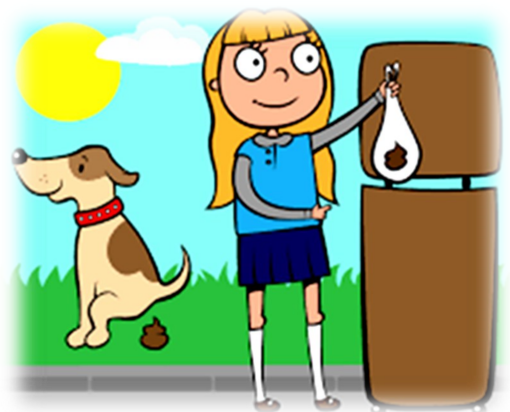
It's simple to remember:

JUST BAG IT AND BIN IT!

It's against the law to not clear up after your dog, and you could face a fine of up to £1,000

Community Litter Pick

The Parish Council are looking to hold a community litter pick on Saturday 3rd April meet at the Defibrillator in Hapsford and the Village Hall in Dunham Hill at 10am —we have a number of litter picking kits that will be available to loan out. If you are willing to get involved please contact clerk.dunhamhillpc@gmail.com to make arrangements



Village Green - Dunham on the Hill

You will have seen from our recent flyer that one of the projects which DHHPC are currently working on is the redevelopment of the Village Green in readiness for our first Community Christmas gathering later this year. We provided some ideas and the public response has been very positive. If you have any thoughts, ideas and suggestions, please send them to clerk.dunhamhillpc@gmail.com by 3rd April 2020.

Covid West Cheshire Co-ordinated Community Response

DHHPC have recently received details of an online resource pack Cheshire West & Chester Council (CWAC) have made available to help anyone who has to self-isolate for 10 days to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. This includes information about who should self-isolate, how to self-isolate, and how to look after any symptoms at home.

There are also sections about how people can get financial help to tide them over the self-isolation period, how to get essential shopping, where to get support with wellbeing and even tips on how to cope with boredom.



CWAC will be sharing regular tips on social media to inspire self-isolators. Residents are invited to share their ideas and experience, either by posting on social media and tagging @Go_CheshireWest and using the hashtag #InspiringCW, or by visiting:

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/inspire-cheshirewest and adding your ideas in the “**how are you making the most of staying at home**” section.

Anyone who needs support but does not have online access can call the Council’s helpline: 0300 123 7031



**Cheshire
Constabulary**

A budget which will allow Cheshire Police to continue to

deliver a truly local community police service in 2021/22 has been agreed. As well as allowing Cheshire Constabulary to enhance its community policing model, which sees a dedicated PC and PCSO for every area in Cheshire, the budget for 2021/22 will also allow:

- Recruit an additional 88 Police Officers, taking the total number of Officers in Cheshire to 2,224 - the highest level since 2010.
- Invest to bolster the recording and investigation of crimes, including serious and organised crime
- Make significant investment in tackling death and serious injuries on our roads, to support plans for further average-speed schemes on Cheshire’s most dangerous roads
- Allow further investment in the Force Control Centre to bolster the service for callers to 999 and 1010
- Provide funding for the recently-developed Stalking and Domestic Abuse Multi-Agency Team.

The policing precept - the elements of council tax that pays for policing - will rise by one point £1.25 per month (for the average Band D and the property over the 12 months) to help from this year’s budget.

Cheshire Constabulary are confident that this project will allow them to continue to deliver a truly local police service with protects Cheshire residents and build on the foundations that they have laid so far.

For more information please go to the website

www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk

**YOUR
VILLAGE
NEEDS
YOU!**



Parish Councillor Vacancies

Would you be interested in helping support and in the decision making of the Parish Council's work in Hapsford & Dunham on the Hill? We currently have a couple of vacancies so if you are interested in having a go why not attend a couple of meetings and if it's not right for you then it's simple, step back down.

For more information please contact Clerk -
clerk.dunhamhillpc@gmail.com

Planning

CWaC consult the Parish Council on all full and outline planning applications within our area. It is also possible for individual residents to comment during the consultation period directly to CWaC on a planning application by visiting :-

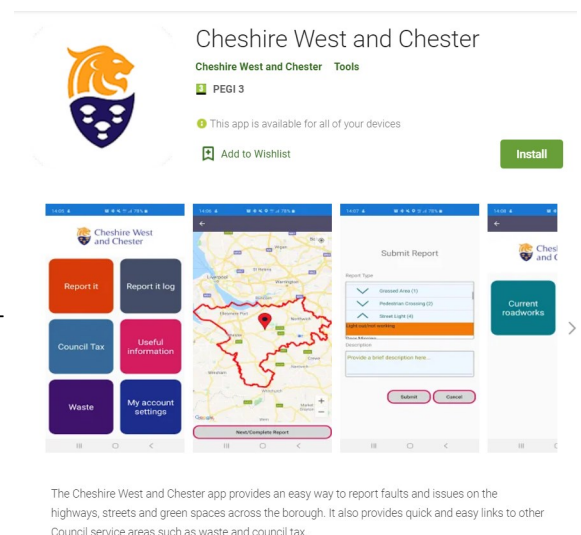
<https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications>

Report it

If you would like to report a road or pavement fault, street cleaning, fly tipping, dog fouling or litter bins that need emptying please visit CWaC website and report directly to them, they will then be able to contact you with an update as the fault is actioned.

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

Alternatively you can download the app onto your mobile phone.



The Cheshire West and Chester app provides an easy way to report faults and issues on the highways, streets and green spaces across the borough. It also provides quick and easy links to other Council service areas such as waste and council tax.

Meres Edge Master Plan

The Parish Council is working with Helsby Parish Council to formulate a plan for future development at Meres Edge, including the Honeywell site, to the benefit of both communities. We are at the early stages of this planning and will update you once we know more. Our initial proposals include additional footpaths and cycle ways along Hornsmill Brook hopefully linking up with other cycle ways and footpaths. As the brook is the boundary between Dunham Hill and Hapsford parish and Helsby development along its length involves both Parish Councils.

You may know that a planning application has been submitted to build 247 houses on the Honeywell site which will be going before the Cheshire West and Chester Planning Committee soon. Both ourselves and Helsby PC have objected to this development for a number of reasons including the way that it splits the larger Meres Edge site into two and restricts the potential future developments that could benefit both communities. Unfortunately we had no engagement from the developer to discuss our aims for the larger site prior to the planning submission. Therefore any future plans we would like to develop will be affected by the outcome of the planning application.

The proposed development on the Honeywell site is in addition to the 120 houses already approved for the old sports club site where development already appears to have started.

Wildlife Gardening - Pots & Containers Habitats

Let's see if we can make our Parish a much greener area - pots, baskets, window boxes and big planters all form spaces where wildlife can find a home. Sheltering under them, in them or being attracted to the plants they hold. There's even scope to make a mini-pond in a pot to add a valuable source of water!

Containers let you increase the number of ecological niches in a garden. We can all do our bit, if there's a container, a basket, window box, sink/trough, now that the weather is getting better, now is the time to look at our containers and increase the number of ecological niches in the garden to increase nectar and pollen rich plants in pots to draw in the bees, hoverflies and other pollinators. A fun thing about growing in containers is that you can be really creative in a small space. Pond in a pot - container ponds are great to make, especially if you have children to help. Even the smallest mini pond can have a frog make it a home and be used by birds to drink from.

For more information please visit www.rhs.org.uk



Brio Leisure

Brio Leisure is a Community Interest Company, owned by Cheshire West and Chester Council, responsible for the delivery of leisure, health and wellbeing services in Cheshire West and Chester on the Council's behalf.

A new vision has been developed to deliver accessible, affordable leisure, health and wellbeing services, tailored to each locality to support and improve the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities.

This new approach ensures there is a core hub building within areas across the borough including Ellesmere Port Sports Village, Northwich Memorial Court, Northgate Arena, Chester, and Winsford Lifestyle Centre as key hub sites. These will be supported by secondary hubs at Christleton, Neston and Frodsham/Helsby to ensure there is enough play and play access to activities across the borough. Each hub site will continue to offer services such as gym, fitness and swim and create new opportunities to house a range of different health and wellbeing services within the buildings, through the co-location of other organisations.

By working closely with partner agencies and local communities, Brio aims to develop opportunities to provide a more targeted service for local communities to increase the number of residents accessing services to improve their health and wellbeing. Working closely with partners and local groups, the spoke model will be delivered in innovative and flexible ways, making best use of existing community facilities and partner networks as well as utilising green spaces and outdoor facilities within identified areas. Spoke models will also use digital opportunities to encourage more local people to access Brio services. The spoke model will add value to services already provided within communities and will focus on providing opportunities for people to engage in Brio services at a very local level, build positive relationships and encourage access into hub sites.



Gowy Landfill

The Parish Council wish to thank Gowy Landfill for the donation of a new bench which we hope to install in Dunham Hill. This bench design was chosen to thank all of the NHS workers and Front Line Staff for everything they have done throughout Covid-19.



Polling stations will
be safe places to vote
in May, but there are
other ways to vote.



Want to vote by post?
Apply early

Find out more at electoralcommission.org.uk/voter

The
Electoral
Commission

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

DON'T LOSE IT





Government
Counter Fraud
Function

GOV.UK/coronavirus

NHS

Counter Fraud Authority

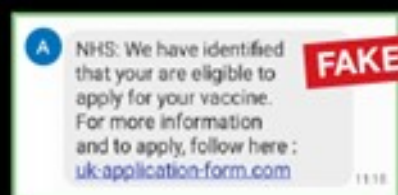
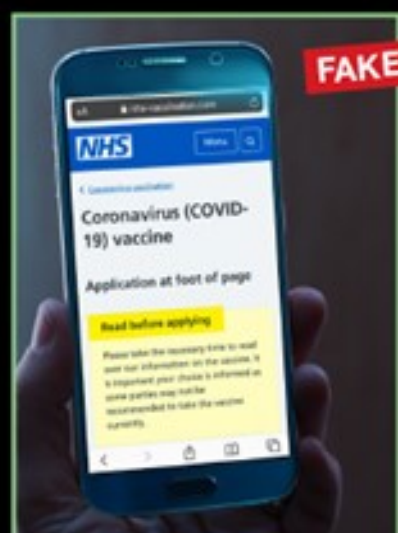
BE ALERT TO VACCINE FRAUD

Criminals are using the COVID-19 vaccine as a way to target the public by tricking them to hand over cash or financial details. They are sending convincing-looking text messages letting people know they are eligible for the vaccine or phoning people directly pretending to be from the NHS, or local pharmacy.

PEOPLE ARE WARNED TO BE ALERT TO THESE SCAMS

The **NHS** will:

- ⊗ NEVER ask for payment - the vaccine is free
- ⊗ NEVER ask for your bank details
- ⊗ NEVER arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine
- ⊗ NEVER ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport



FURTHER GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT



National Cyber
Security Centre

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk. Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number 7726 which is free of charge.

ActionFraud

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre
actionfraud.police.uk

If you believe you have been the victim of fraud or identity theft, you should report this directly to Action Fraud either online; actionfraud.police.uk or via phone 0300 123 2040.

CrimeStoppers.

If you have any information relating to vaccine fraud you can stay 100% anonymous by contacting Crimestoppers COVID Fraud Hotline online; covidfraudhotline.org or phone 0800 587 5030.