

## **August 2021 Parish News**

### **HS2.**

Parish Councillors attended the HS2 Phase 2b Crewe to Manchester route update at the Culcheth Sports Club to engage in information sharing and discussion with representatives of HS2 on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Members of the public were able to view information boards and maps which could also be taken as hard copies. Parish Councillor's put forward their reasons for being strongly against the Golborne spur specifically, and the HS2 project generally. Copies of the most recent maps of route 2b (which includes the Golborne Link or Spur) can be found on the internet by searching for HS2b Western Leg Community area map book MA05: Risley to Bamfurlong or MA04 Broomedge to Glazebrook. The maps are also available in Culcheth library for local people to view.

### **The Play Area on Culcheth Green.**

Funding has been allocated for the replacement of the play area on the village green and preliminary work started to identify the equipment available within the £100K budget and to take on board ideas given by local children. The play area has served the local children well for many years but is now reaching the end of its usable life. It is hoped the funding allocated will cover additional areas for use by older children and adults. A site visit with an officer of Warrington Borough Council is planned in early August.

### **Law and Order.**

There have been some criminal incidents recently, this could be due to more people venturing out and using the night time economy (Pubs and restaurants). TRUCAM continues to be used throughout the villages enforcing speed limits, this enforcement program will continue. Shaw Street Car Park has been identified as needing attention. Working with Warrington Borough Council and local Police it is intended that late night visitors are discouraged, many who come from outside of our villages, who cause noise and upset to residents. It is important that if you witness any antisocial or criminal incidents that you report them to the Police via the telephone number 101.

### Christmas Lights switch on.

As the Christmas Market has been cancelled due to ongoing uncertainty about COVID restrictions in the Winter months it has been decided to return to making the Christmas lights switch on a simpler event. This could include Christmas carols round the Millennium Clock and light refreshments in the Parish Hall restrictions allowing.

### Traffic in our Villages.

The introduction of the HGV weight restriction on the roads in Culcheth and Glazebury came into force on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and the signs are now installed on local roads. Residents of Glazebury have been logging and reporting back to those companies whose HGV vehicles have been ignoring the restrictions. Many of those reported have had legitimate reasons to be in the villages, most local companies are now aware of the restrictions and there has been a noticeable reduction in the volume of HGVs.

Next Parish Council is on September 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm at the Culcheth Centre.