



## No. 5 Bus

The timetable for the No.5 bus was severely disrupted by the closure of Farndon bridge, followed by the effects of roadworks in Huntington and Great Boughton. Now that spate of roadworks appears to be complete, Stagecoach say they expect to provide a more reliable service, but are prepared to look at making some minor changes in the light of experience.

### Sandy Lane Saughton is a problem

Using Sandy Lane - instead of the old C56 route through Saughton - is clearly inconvenient to some people in **Saughton**, particularly those who find it difficult to walk any distance. The bus company (Stagecoach) has assured residents that the bus will stop at the triangle (Sandy Lane/Saughton Lane junction) if requested.

Sandy Lane is not ideal as a bus route. It's very narrow and has a poor road surface. **Paul Roberts has asked CWaC Highways** to cut the verges back to the limits of the tarmac surface and to improve the road surface.

People have also asked - in view of the increasing population of **Farndon** - if there is any chance of restoring the hourly service.

**Paul Roberts says:** I would encourage residents to make as much use as possible of this new No.5 service. If usage increases over the next few months, and if I am elected to CWaC next May, I will have some "ammunition" to try to get the service improved.

### Sibbersfield Lane Churton/Farndon

Churton Parish Council have long believed that the national 60 mph speed limit is totally inappropriate along Sibbersfield Lane.

They have approached CWaC with a view to getting the speed limit reduced. Unfortunately, CWaC are now demanding that Parish Councils share the cost of implementing any new speed limits, which means a substantial financial burden for a small Parish Council.

At the time of writing, Churton Parish Council had not decided how to proceed.

**Paul Roberts says:** "In my view it is very unfair for CWaC to expect residents of parished areas to pay twice - through their Parish Council Tax as well as through CWaC Council Tax. In unparished areas CWaC would have to pay the full cost - why should we have to pay twice?"

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If you have any concerns about what is happening in our area, or a problem that Paul might be able to help with, then please get in touch.



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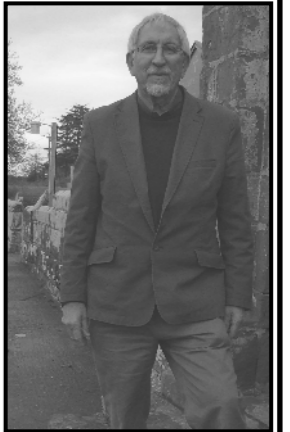
# PAUL ROBERTS CHOSEN AS LIB DEM CANDIDATE FOR FARNDON WARD

Paul has lived in Farndon for 24 years. He represented Farndon and Churton on the former Chester City Council for 13 years, so *he knows how to get things done*. He held the Environment Portfolio before becoming Leader of the Council.

Paul is a qualified accountant and held senior positions in a major multi-national company.

**Paul says:** "It was a privilege to serve the residents of Farndon and Churton on Chester City Council for 13 years, and I look forward to the opportunity to represent the residents of the - much larger - Farndon Ward on Cheshire West and Chester. I believe the prime role of a councillor is to do everything possible to look after the interests of the people of their Ward, and that it is important for a councillor to live in the area they represent."

"If elected, I shall work closely with all six Parish Councils in the Ward."



## Potholes - again!

## Do CWaC need to do more?

Eight months after Cheshire West and Chester Council received £892,000 from the Government for pothole repairs, potholes and poor road surfaces are still the Number 1 cause of complaints. They affect all through routes in our area.

Paul says: "Please make sure you report - on Cheshire West and Chester's website - every pothole you are aware of."



I don't know whether other areas are getting greater priority, or whether CWaC are still struggling to catch up everywhere, but it is disappointing to see the same potholes unrepaired month after month. Potholes can damage vehicles and can be really dangerous for cyclists. The Council really must do better!"

We understand that from November 2018, Highways' policy on potholes has changed. In addition to the location and severity, they will also assess risk. Quite how this will affect our rural roads remains to be seen, though we fear it will not be for the better.



## Where are Tilston's new road signs?

When planning consent was granted for new houses in Tilston, the village was promised money for improvements to the local infrastructure.

**The Parish Council decided** to spend the money making the 30mph signs on Malpas Road much bigger and clearer.



Cheshire West and Chester Highways were supposed to do this work about 12 months ago, **but Tilston is still waiting**. Residents continue to be concerned about traffic speed on Malpas Road.

**Paul Roberts says** "It is disappointing that CWaC councillors allow Highways to delay such work, despite constant reminders from the Parish Council."

## The Bull at Shocklach

Customers of The Bull were very disappointed when they heard that - after contractual negotiations with the brewery had broken down - landlord Ashley would be leaving.



Now that a potential replacement has pulled out, at the time of writing the future is unclear. Ashley's many fans are hoping that he may be persuaded to stay.

The pub was registered as a Community Asset by the Parish Council earlier this year.

## Aldford Postbox

The Postbox in Aldford is likely to be moved to outside the Village Hall. **Aldford and Saighton Parish Council** had asked for it to be located outside the new village shop, but this has been rejected by the Post Office.



Congratulations to **Tilston Parish Council and residents** for winning their category in Cheshire's Best Kept Village competition, as well as the "Little Gem" award for the Tilston Phone Box.

## Broadband and Mobile Signals

Broadband speeds in the more rural areas of Farndon Ward continue to be very poor, despite pressure from parish councils - particularly Coddington and District PC. Mobile signals are also very poor or non-existent in parts of the Ward. Particular problems reported to us include O2 in Shocklach; O2 and EE north of Aldford.

Paul Roberts says "It is very frustrating for residents to have constant reassurances about the wonderful progress in rolling out Superfast Broadband, whilst continuing to suffer superlow broadband speeds. Parish Councils do their best to bring pressure for improvements but I think Cheshire West and Chester should be more proactive on this issue."

## Aldford and Saighton speed limits

Two villages within Farndon Ward where CWaC's 20 mph speed limit proposals have been welcomed by their Parish Council are Aldford and Saighton.

**In Aldford**, most side roads - i.e. excluding Chester Road and Chapel Lane - are proposed for 20 mph limits. These proposals are supported by the Parish Council

**In Saighton**, a 20 mph limit is proposed for Saighton Lane outside the school. The Parish Council has asked CWaC to extend the 20 mph area to cover all of the current 30 mph limit in Saighton village.

**At Aldford and Saighton Parish Council's request**, CWaC are also consulting residents about the introduction of a 50 mph limit - instead of the current national 60 mph - on:

- ★ Sandy Lane from Saighton Camp to Saighton
- ★ The B5130 from Aldford to Churton
- ★ Saighton Lane from Saighton to the A41

At the time of writing, we haven't heard the outcome of these consultations.

## Under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014, Cheshire West and Chester BC have made orders amongst which are:

1. Not allowing dogs to enter fully enclosed children's play areas containing play equipment; fully or partially enclosed Multi-Use Games Areas; or tennis courts.
2. If in charge of a dog, have the means to pick up dog faeces.
3. Not walk more than 6 dogs at any one time, whether on behalf of a business or otherwise.
4. Not smoke within fully enclosed play areas which contain play equipment

**Any person who fails to comply with the requirements of the Order is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1000 or a fixed penalty notice of a maximum £100.**

