

# Guilden Sutton Parish Council Newsletter

Round-up of local news, February 2021

**New Parish Councillor:** We welcome Gaynor Hardman who has been co-opted to fill the vacancy. Gaynor is one of the village volunteers and a keen dog-walker.

**Parish Clerk:** Members were sorry to receive the resignation of the Parish Clerk. The post will be filled a.s.a.p. Thanks to Lisa for all her hard work for the Parish Council and the local community. We hope to keep things running smoothly but apologise if any delays occur.

**Refuse Collection Service:** CW&C are consulting residents about changes to their Waste Strategy. Changing to 3-weekly collections but with a larger bin is one option. Food waste and some recycling would still be weekly. CW&C want to increase re-cycling too and are considering charging for garden waste to be collected. Some councils do already, though it would still be free to take to household waste sites.

If you want more details or wish to comment use link below. Closing date is 18<sup>th</sup> March.  
<https://participatenow.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/waste-strategy-consultation>

**Christmas lights:** Thanks to Rob Parkinson and Michelle Kerfoot for arranging the lights in the Village Hall car park. A huge thank you as well to everyone who decorated their houses and took part in the Christmas trail. The winner of the competition was 3 Wood Croft.

**Fly-tipping:** Sadly there had been some fly-tipping in the Dingle behind Oaklands and next to the 'No Tipping'! Dumping is illegal and has been reported. CW&C were due to restart green waste collections on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**Parish Precept:** After looking closely at all routine expenditure the Parish Council has agreed that the Parish Precept for 2021/2022 will remain the same as 2020/2021. The GSPC will contribute towards setting-up and annual running costs for Greenspace, from the Reserves.

**Fire, flood and pestilence:** It seems we've been hit by all of these recently so the Parish Council are going to produce an Emergency Strategy Plan. Heavy rain brought serious flooding in January. Speeding traffic made things worse, as water sprayed from wheels into homes. Wicker Lane, Church Lane, Station Lane, School Lane and Belle Vue Lane were worst affected. Yet again volunteers were out helping so thank you to them.

**Minutes of Parish Council Meetings:** Draft Minutes will be published with the Agenda, at least 3 working days before the following meeting or within 28 days of the original meeting whichever is sooner.

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Website: [www.guildensutton.org.uk](http://www.guildensutton.org.uk) Voicemail: 07783012582, follow 'Guilden Sutton Village on Facebook or 'Zoom' into a parish council meeting. Cllrs' surgeries will resume when it is safe to meet.

**Census:** Don't forget the census on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March**. It's important to have up to date information about the number of people in the local area to help councils plan and fund future services. Personal details remain confidential for 100 years. Letters will be sent to all households with an option to complete the form on-line, <https://census.gov.uk/>

**Stile:** Partial repairs to the stile off Belle Vue Lane have been carried out so that it is passable. Please take care on the path alongside the ditch, especially in wet weather.

**Highway Code:** When walking on local roads without footways please remember to walk on the right hand side facing on-coming traffic. Local roads are getting busy with walkers and it helps keep everyone safe.

**Greenway:** Complaints about speed of some cyclists on the Greenway have been raised by residents. The Parish Council has asked that a warning signs, designed with schools in Blacon and Newton, should be extended to our area.