

Guilden Sutton Parish Council

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New Councillor – We are delighted to say that David Oxley has become the new Councillor for the parish, replacing Cllr. Whelan who left in July. We are thrilled that David has taken up the post and brings with him a great deal of project management and community experience.

CWaC Local Plan- potential removal of land from the Green Belt

As many residents will have seen, CWaC is in the process of updating the Local Plan which will set out where development will take place in Cheshire West and Chester.

Three options are being considered:

Option A is to retain the Green Belt and the other two options would see withdrawal of Green Belt in a number of areas including land to the east side of the village, backing on to the A41.

The Parish council has sent a comprehensive and detailed response as part of the consultation, stating that Option A and retaining the Green Belt is the preferred option.

In addition, Guilden Sutton Parish Council is part of the Green Belt Alliance. This is a newly formed coalition which also includes, Christleton, Littleton, Waverton, Mickle Trafford and Great Boughton Parish councils. A planning consultant has been appointed and fully briefed to represent the local villages and again, to emphasise that Option A is the preferred option. Whilst

the Parish Councils do not make the decisions, Guilden Sutton PC, along with all our local PCs is committed to representing resident views and protecting the Green belt from inappropriate development.

Don't let your hedge be a hazard

CWaC's latest campaign seeks to outline the dangers that can be caused by hedges and trees overhanging the public highway. In almost all cases, hedges are actually owned by the adjacent landowner/ resident and not the Council. Overgrown vegetation can pose a real hazard to the safety of pedestrians as well as the potential to increase the risk of accidents for drivers. It is an offence under the Highways Act 1980 to allow trees, hedges or shrubs to obstruct the highway. If there is an issue the Council will serve an initial informal request, followed by a 14 day notice to cut back the offending vegetation. After this, if the vegetation is still not cut back, the Council may arrange for the work to be done and will recover the costs from the landowner. All residents are asked to check their boundaries and to make sure hedges and trees aren't obstructing the footpaths or public highway.

For more information about hedges and trees obstructing the highway and to report an issue of overgrowing hedges please refer to the website:

cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/streets-and-open-spaces/hedges-maintenance

Or use the Report it app

Dog fouling- Sadly, we continue to have complaints about dog-fouling in the Parish. We appreciate most dog owners are very responsible and will clear up but please can we ask everyone to double check their dogs when out walking and to contact the Clerk if you see persistent dog poo being left. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.



E-Bikes Recently, we have had numerous reports of individuals with balaclavas on riding e-bikes around the village, particularly along Guilden Sutton lane. The use of e-bikes in the local villages is becoming an increasing concern for the Police - there are strict laws that govern where e-bikes can be used and our PCSO has asked that any sightings be reported to 101.

Speedwatch – The Parish Council has recently bought a new speed gun and now that the Police have carried out further safeguarding measures, the Speedwatch group is ready to go again and will be out in the next few weeks. New volunteers are always welcome. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

Parish Councillors: Chair Alan Davis; Vice Chair Trisha Paterson; Members: Emma-Clare Hewitt, Derek Hughes, Mel Littlewood, David Oxley, Sue Ringstead, Victoria Roberts.
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CWaC contacts: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Ward Councillors: Graham Heatley and Margaret Parker

Local Police – See Facebook ‘Chester Rural South Police’ or ring 101 for general issues; 999 in an emergency.

Future Parish Council Meetings- Wednesday 1st October, Wednesday 5th November and Wednesday 3rd December 7.30pm in the Marigold room, Village Hall

Next Street Surgeries: Saturday 27th September, Saturday 1st November, Saturday 29th November
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