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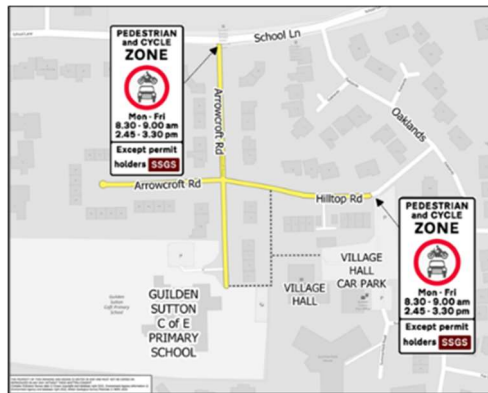
Green Belt Alliance- Following the petition last year, our position was discussed at a full Council meeting of CWaC where we urged that focus be given to promotion of urban regeneration and brownfield development so as to protect our valuable Green Belt.

Many will be aware of the outline planning application which has gone in for 90 houses on School Lane. The Council voted to object to this application at the last PC meeting. Residents can view the application on the CWaC Planning Portal (26/00830/OUT) and can also submit their own comments for or against the application before 25th April at planning@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Green Lane Improvements (Footpath 7)- Work is being done by CWaC on this footpath to remove excess vegetation, widen the path and use stones to improve drainage. It was one of the areas marked for improvement following the survey carried out last year. Getting a permissive path along Station Lane is still the goal but it is hoped that the improvements will mean more pedestrians can use this footpath, cutting out a large chunk of Station Lane and making it safer to get to Meadow Lea and Mickle Trafford.



School Street-officially launched on 20th March. This is an exciting step towards creating a safer environment outside the school at drop-off and pick-up times, supporting children and families to walk, wheel, scoot and cycle as part of the school run. A feedback survey has been launched, giving parents, residents and the wider community the opportunity to share their views and experiences. For more information and to access the survey visit **School Streets** on the Chester West and Chester Council website and click on the Guilden Sutton Primary School link.



E-Bikes- Following last year's successful campaign by the local Police in confiscating E-bikes, we have unfortunately had several reports of these bikes being seen in the village again. The Police are actively visiting schools to make pupils aware and are seizing bikes that are being used illegally. The advice is to call 101 if you see them giving a time and description and photo/video (if it is safe to do so) which can help to identify riders. It is also possible to report activity to the Police online using the link below:

<https://www.cheshire.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

Report an issue - A reminder that you can also report many issues directly to Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC).

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

or follow the QR code below:-



Dog fouling- Sadly, we have had an increase again in 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 support in this matter.

Maintaining Footpaths and Verges - A huge thank you to the Highway Volunteer group who continue to clear the verges as well as reclaiming the footpaths around the village. The Highways Volunteer group work in conjunction with the Parish Council and with the evenings getting lighter, are keen to hear from residents about any areas that may need some attention, such as grass verges, low-hanging branches or other overgrown vegetation. This will either be dealt with by the Highway Volunteer group or passed onto the relevant team. Please get in contact with our Highways Officer Simon Tiplady at simon.tiplady@guildensuttonpc.co.uk to share any suggestions or concerns. Thank you for your support.

Annual Parish Meeting – will be on May 6th at 7pm in the Village hall. This is not a parish council meeting but rather an opportunity for residents to voice issues or opinions on village interests without restrictions on public speaking time. It will be followed by the normal Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm.

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

Web: www.guildensuttonpc.co.uk

Email: clerk@guildensuttonpc.co.uk; Phone: 07733 414175 (this is not monitored 24/7 so there may be a short delay in replying to your message)

CWaC contacts: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Ward Councillors: Graham Heatley and Margaret Parker

Local Police –101 for general issues; 999 in an emergency.

PCSO Deborah Netherton retired at the end of March. We thank her for everything she has done for the village over the years. PCSO James Hannath will be taking over. James has worked in the Village before and we welcome him back to the area.

Future Parish Council Meetings- Wednesday 6th May (Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm followed by normal meeting), Wednesday 3rd June and Wednesday 15th July 7.30pm in the Marigold room, Village Hall

Next Street Surgeries: Saturday 2nd May, Saturday 30th May, Saturday 11th July. 10am-10.30am outside the Post Office.