

GUILDEN SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held in Guilden Sutton Village Hall on Monday 6 September, 1999.

Chairman: Councillor D Fisher.

Apologies: Councillor D Hughes, City Councillor B J Bailey.

Present: Councillors Astbury, Arditti, Armitage, Fisher, Gartland, Patten, Whitehouse.

In attendance: City Councillor J R Boughton.

1. Minutes.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 26 July, 1999 were proposed by Councillor Gartland, seconded by Councillor Armitage and agreed.

2. Planning.

(i) New applications.

99/00772/FUL, first floor bedroom extension at 5 Cathcart Green for Mr and Mrs D Potter. Further inquiries had been made by Councillors Whitehouse and Arditti. The occupiers of no 7 had been consulted in particular with respect to the joint wall affected by the proposal but had no objection. It was agreed no objection should be raised. See also (ii) beneath.

99/00829/FUL, dining room, family room and bedroom at 17 Oaklands for Mr and Mrs A Rixon. Further enquiries had been made by Councillors Gartland and Whitehouse. It was noted that similar extensions had been approved at other properties in the immediate vicinity. Although there was no objection in principle, it was agreed the Council would wish the planning authority to give careful consideration to the impact of this proposal on the character of its setting which was covered by an Article 4 Direction.

Whilst there were no concerns as to the rear elevation, Members wished to draw attention to the fact the proposal would result in

a significant change to the visual impact of the more important front elevation as a result of the property being extended to the forward line of the garage and sub station. The work would also result in five different roof lines being visible.

The revised dwelling would be substantially more dominant on the streetscape and would fundamentally alter the balance of the three different house types at this point. The aesthetic design of the carefully stepped line of properties matching the curve in the road would also be broken and the Council would wish the planning authority to be satisfied as to the appropriateness of these two aspects. Should the planning authority be minded to grant permission, Members would wish to see a single occupancy condition.

99/000900/FUL, two storey side extension at 5 Woodcroft for Mr and Mrs Rahmani-Torkaman. Councillors Armitage and Whitehouse reported. It was noted the proposal included provision for a self contained granny flat and that notice had been served upon the occupiers of no 3 due to tying in. Although there was no objection in principle it was agreed the Council would request that a condition be imposed limiting the property to single family occupancy. Attention would be drawn to the terracing effect which would occur if the adjoining property (no 3) were to apply for a similar extension. The planning authority would also be asked to note that care would be needed when constructing the single storey garage roof where it abutted the party wall with the garage of no 3 which would need to be covered in Building Regulation approval.

99/00958/FUL approval of reserved matters for erection of bungalow and detached garage at Woodcote, Wicker Lane for Mr and Mrs J Dernie. Councillor Whitehouse reported. It was agreed there was no objection although the planning authority would be requested to remove permitted development rights in any permission.

(ii) Decision notices.

99/00641/ADV, free standing signs at Vicars Cross Golf Club. It was noted the permission included a requirement for the location of the signs to be agreed at a site meeting. This was welcomed.

99/00701/FUL, extension and alterations at 66 Oaklands for Mr and Mrs J Croft. It was noted the planning authority believed the

property had reached its physical limit in terms of the impact on the scale and design of the dwelling and therefore likely that any subsequent proposal for an extension would be refused.

99/00724/FUL, first floor extension to dwelling and front porch alterations at The School House, Guilden Sutton Lane for Mr and Mrs J P W Foreman.

99/00772/FUL, first floor bedroom extension at 5 Cathcart Green for Mr and Mrs D Potter.

(iii) Current applications.

95/01046/FUL, COU of redundant farm buildings to 8 no dwellings, swimming pool, tennis court, garages, driveway and improvements to the highway at The Byatts, (now The Steadings), Wicker Lane for Kilmorey Estates. It was noted the Cheshire railings opposite the entrance to The Steadings had been realigned to improve sight lines. Further details would be sought. The reinstatement of the hedge across the original access to Highfield would be sought should no action be taken.

The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 27 July, 1999, of the agreement of the architect for a site visit towards the conclusion of the development, expected to be in approximately 12 months time. A further approach would be made as to the possibility of a visit this Autumn.

95/01052/FUL, alterations to dwelling and COU to form garden at The Bungalow, Church Lane for Mrs. C Jones. The proposed improvement to the remaining area of open space adjoining the footway from Church Lane to Fox Cover was to be pursued following the erection of the permanent fencing to the application site.

97/01146/S73, extension of period of time on previous planning permission ref. 6/25443 for erection of circular underground reservoir.

98/00445/COU, change of use of land to incorporate a new vehicular access road to segregate car park from yard at Topaz Hair Cosmetics, Guilden Sutton Lane. The Clerk indicated there was nothing further to report at this stage.

98/00589/FUL, installation of telecommunications radio tower,

equipment cabin etc. for Cellnet at Dee Valley water reservoir, Guilden Sutton Lane. It was understood an appeal was in prospect.

98/00729/FUL, creation of foot/cycleway Mickle Trafford - Dee Marsh junction for Sustrans. Councillor Armitage indicated there was nothing further to report at this stage.

98/01297/FUL, extension to front elevation at 3 The Hall, Station Lane for Mr and Mrs D McIver, amended application. Councillor Gartland was being afforded a sight of the plans.

98/01353/FUL, dormer bungalow with detached garage for residential - disabled use at Wood Farm for Mr P Gresty. (amended application). The Clerk indicated there was nothing further to report at this stage.

99/00086/FUL, demolition of kitchen, new kitchen/diner, replacement of flat roof by pitched at 8 Moorcroft Crescent for Mr and Mrs A Wright.

99/00181/COU, change of use of agricultural land to holiday park for 120 touring caravans and 60 tents at Rose Manor Farm, Warrington Road, Mickle Trafford for Fordent Properties. The decision notice was awaited.

99/00275/FUL, two storey extension at 28 Guilden Sutton Lane for Mr and Mrs Webster. The decision notice was awaited.

99/00499/FUL, amendments to approved barn conversion details, unit 1, The Steadings, Wicker Lane for Kilmorey Estates.

99/00701/FUL, extension and alterations at 66 Oaklands for Mr and Mrs J Croft. The planning authority had been informed there was no objection to the proposal although concern as to the proximity of the proposed new access to the public highway and the junction with The Vetches. A further reservation affected the pitch of the roof to the porch and existing garage at first floor level, which it was intended to continue over the extended lounge. This was steeper than the pitch proposed for the new double garage, giving an awkward detail at the join which needed careful consideration and conditioning. Ideally the Council would wish to see the existing pitched roof to the porch and garage replaced to the same pitch as the main roof and that proposed for the double garage. See also (ii) above.

99/00724/FUL, first floor extension to dwelling and front porch alterations at The School House, Guilden Sutton Lane for Mr and Mrs J P W Foreman. The planning authority had been informed there was no objection to the proposal so far as it affected the rear of the property. The alterations to the front porch represented a significant forward extension but this was in keeping and given the absence of a building line was acceptable. See also (ii) above.

99/00499/FUL, amendments to approved barn conversion details, unit 1, The Steadings, Wicker Lane for Kilmorey Estates.

99/00582/FUL, first floor extension over garage for bedroom at 2 The Vetches for Mr and Mrs A Arditti.

(iv) General:

(a) Parish Planning Forum. It was noted the City Council had yet to come forward with a date for the intended forum to deal with the Local Plan although the Clerk confirmed the Area Meeting would wish this to take place prior to the impending public inquiry.

(b) Outdoor advertisement control. The Clerk had obtained a copy of this City Council report referring to a DETR consultation paper in respect of proposed changes to the system of outdoor advertisement control. This was noted.

(v) Strategic Planning.

(a) Chester District Local Plan. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 25 August, 1999, of advice from the Forward Planning Manager as to the public inquiry. This was noted.

The Clerk reported he had confirmed to the Programme Officer the Council's wish to appear at the inquiry and had submitted further evidence in respect of the three sites within the parish to which it was proposed DENV 19 protection would not apply. An accompanied site meeting had been requested in respect of the sites identified. He had indicated the Council were minded to withdraw their objection to the DTR05 policy relating to a cycle trail along the Longster Trail subject to confirmation this proposal would not proceed.

(b) Cheshire 2011. The Clerk indicated there was nothing further to report at this stage.

(c) Cheshire Replacement Waste Local Plan. The Clerk indicated there was nothing further to report at this stage.

(d) Dee Estuary Strategy newsletter no 4, February 1999. The Clerk was referring this informative newsletter to Councillor Gartland.

(e) Chester District Landscape Assessment and Guidelines. The Clerk reported the receipt of these documents, which were referred to Councillor Gartland, together with an accompanying letter dated 19 August, 1999.

3. Parish Car Park.

Business Rates. Following an approach from the County Secretary of the Cheshire Association of Town and Parish Councils, by letter dated 25 August, 1999, it was agreed an amendment would be submitted to a motion to be considered by the Annual Meeting in respect of measures to protect rural shops. This would seek to bring in the issue of business rating applied to parish car parks.

4. Leisure Services.

(i) Playing field. The notice prohibiting the playing of golf and the exercising of dogs was being replaced.

(ii) Play Area.

(a) Safety inspections. Further to the report and risk assessment prepared by RoSPA following an inspection on 21 May, 1999, the Clerk confirmed the City Council had been requested to deal with the projecting bolt thread at the base of the public seat and to secure the base of the spring koala bear. The grounds maintenance contractor had been instructed to maintain the safety surfacing by raking or rotovating.

The Clerk reported the receipt of a satisfactory safety inspection dated 12 August, 1999, from the City Council.

(b) Safety surfacing. The Clerk had obtained details from the

North of England Zoological Society as to the supplier of the material used within their play area but had been unable to contact the company concerned. Further efforts would be made.
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(c) Possible transfer. The possibility of the transfer of responsibility for the play area to the City Council would be raised at a future visit to the Parish by an executive director to discuss the corporate plan. A response was awaited from the Policy Development Manager.

(d) Public seats. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(e) proposed improvement. The advice of RoSPA was awaited as to the acceptability or otherwise of post and rail boundary fencing. Costings for replacement fencing would be pursued on receipt of this advice. A working party had met on Friday 30 July to carry out work in connection with phase one of the proposed improvement. The Headteacher had been thanked for kindly arranging for the height of the hedging on the school side of the boundary fencing to be reduced.

An estimate had been sought from the City Council for the planting of six cherries as discussed in Autumn, 1998. A sign prohibiting dogs within the play area would also be sought.

Further correspondence from Mrs Beresford by e mail dated 1 August and 15 August, 1999 would be revisited on a future occasion.

(iii) Public Footpaths.

(a) Parish Footpaths Group. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(b) Footpath no 2. The Clerk was progressing the provision of a fixing post to allow a bin to be provided adjacent to the kissing gate at the hollows.

(iv) Pond Life Project. Councillor Gartland indicated there was nothing further to report at this stage.

(v) Grounds Maintenance.

See (ii) (a) above.

5. Public Transport.

(i) Services: general.

(a) Sunday Service to Guilden Sutton. The Clerk indicated there was nothing further to report at this stage as to the future of this service.

(b) Punctuality. Councillor Mrs Astbury, Local Bus User Contact, indicated there was nothing further to report at this stage. The Clerk was ascertaining the position as to the possibility of reproducing a copy of the current timetable in the newsletter.

(c) Ince/Elton - Chester Business Park. Councillor Armitage indicated there was nothing further to report at this stage as to his request to the County Transportation Service to arrange through ticketing by the operator, Chester City Transport, which would enable passengers from Guilden Sutton to transfer to the 10 and 11 services on Green Lane to provide additional services to and from the City Centre.

Councillor Arditti referred to two further service failures occurring within the Parish upon which action had been taken.

(d) Service reductions. City Councillor J R Boughton indicated the replacement of the C39 from Mickle Trafford to Chester via Hoole Road remained a live issue. It was hoped the service would resume in the Autumn.

(ii) Bus Shelters. The Clerk indicated there was nothing further to report at this stage.

(iii) Chester District Public Transport Liaison Committee. It was noted the next meeting of the committee would be held on Monday 27 September, 1999 at 6.30pm at County Hall and that Councillor Armitage together with City Councillor J R Boughton would attend..

6. Highways.

(i) Major schemes: Chester Deeside Transport System. See 2 (iii) above.

(ii) Local matters.

(a) A 41/Guilden Sutton Lane. Members were noting the number of instances of more than one vehicle seeking to cross at any one time in order to enable an assessment of the scale of the problem.

(b) Road surface, Guilden Sutton Lane. Further investigations had been made by the Clerk as to the egress of water onto the carriageway at both the Guilden Sutton Lane and Belle Vue Lane bridges which he had advised to the highway authority.

(c) Chevron signs, The Byatts. The fixing of the requested chevron signs was awaited.

(d) fencing, Cinder Lane. A response was awaited from the landowner as to the deteriorating condition of the fencing adjoining the fieldside footway in Cinder Lane.

(e) cobbles, Church Lane. It was not thought the promised reinstatement of the cobbles adjoining the churchyard had yet taken place. This would be pursued with Dr. S Howarth who would be asked to arrange for the work to be progressed as soon as possible.

(f) traffic conditions, Wicker Lane. The Clerk reported the receipt of advice from City Councillor J R Boughton by letter dated 26 August 1999, as to the outcome of a traffic count taken on Wicker Lane from 10 June, 1999 to 16 June, 1999. This revealed that the number of HCVs was very low indeed and less than revealed by the previous count in 1993. City Councillor Boughton believed therefore there was little prospect of the highway authority agreeing to a weight restriction given the lack of any evidence as to the use of Wicker Lane/Station Lane as a link between the A 51 and A56.

(g) It was noted the carriageway markings in Wicker Lane between Cinder Lane and School Lane had been reinstated. This was welcomed.

(h) School Lane closure. The Clerk revisited the history of this proposal by Transco to replace a pitted ductile iron main on Guilden Sutton Lane and School Lane between the parish playing field and the foot of Porters Hill, now in progress. He reported

the receipt of correspondence from City Councillor B J Bailey dated 5 August, 1999, who had requested, in addition to a wide range of measures, that opportunity should be taken to deal with a number of external gas supply pipes and from Mr B Blake who was seeking compensation.

No objection had been raised to the closure subject to frontagers being informed and the Council being advised as to hours of working and alternative arrangements for commercial, contract and school bus services operating via School Lane/Wicker Lane/Station Lane. Details had been requested of the diversion signing scheme and the possibility of signal controlled traffic during non working hours had been raised. The lack of consultation by Transco had been deprecated and raised with Christine Russell MP. The Clerk reported that no consultation had been offered on the diversion signing scheme and no information provided as to the arrangements for bus services during the closure of Porters Hill although temporary timetables detailing some of the changes had been taped to bus stop poles. Further, no response had been forthcoming as to working hours or the request for signal controlled traffic during non working hours. This was thought to be unsatisfactory.

It was noted that street nameplates at Oaklands and Arrowcroft Road had been damaged during the course of the works. Replacements would be sought.

(i) Belle Vue Lane. The Clerk reported that Hare Lane and Belle Vue Lane had been surface dressed including the length of Belle Vue Lane from The Orchards to Belle Vue Farm previously identified as particularly likely to benefit from treatment. This was welcomed.

(j) potholing, slip road A 41/Guilden Sutton Lane. The Clerk understood some limited remedials had been carried out by the District Engineer to deal with the potholing at this junction.

(k) water leak, Wicker Lane. A leak outside Highfield would be reported to the water company.

(l) Road narrows sign, Belle Vue Lane. The Chairman reported this sign was obstructed by growth. The District Engineer would be informed.

(iii) Street lighting. Nothing to report.

(iv) Strategic matters.

Cheshire Local Transport Plan. (a) submission. The Clerk reported the receipt, with an accompanying letter dated 16 August, 1999, of the 1999 submission to the DETR. This was referred to Councillor Armitage. (b) newsletter no 2, August 1999. Received and noted.

Transport in Cheshire: priorities for the next 20 years. Details were received and noted of this seminar. Councillor Armitage would attend.

7. Finance:

(i) income.

Bank of Scotland

interest (July) £ 32.67

(August) £ 33.27

VAT repayment £ 246.41

Chester City Council

lengthsman grant £ 103.92

(ii) payments.

Clerk's photocopies

July/August

307@59 £ 15.35

Adjustment to Clerk's salary

1.10.98 - 30.6.99 £ 120.00

Proposed by Councillor Gartland

seconded by Councillor Astbury

and agreed.

(iii) balances

Bank of Scotland £14,190.24

(iv) Audit.

(a) Internal. The Clerk submitted a draft minute encompassing matters raised by the District Audit for the financial years 1996/7 and 1997/8 together with those identified by Councillor Hughes as a result of the internal audit. This would be revisited at the next meeting.

(b) External. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 24 August, 1999, of a request for payment by the District Audit of an amount of £1174.53. This had been acknowledged as being in dispute as a response was still awaited from the Auditor as to the apportionment of the hours for the audit in question.

The Clerk had attended the Audit on 20 August, 1999. He was pleased to report the Auditor had not raised any matters of substance although the accounts had been recast and further work would now be necessary to verify these against the Council's accounts. In particular, a question had been raised about the receipt of a VAT payment which would require verification. The accounts should then be returned to the District Audit for approval.

(v) VAT. The Clerk reported the VAT refund due for 1998/99 amounting to £246.41 had now been received. This was noted.

8. Access to school.

(a) adjoining 17 Hill Top Road. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(b) rear of Village Hall. The City Council had been requested to progress the planting of cherries to the rear of the Village Hall opposite the play area as previously discussed (see 4 (ii) (e) above). The request from Councillor Hughes that the hedge to the rear of the Village Hall should be maintained prior to any

planting had been progressed.

9. Environment services:

(i) amenity cleansing. The Clerk reported that 10 bag holders had been ordered from the supplier as agreed.

(ii) dog fouling. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(iii) lengthsman. The Clerk indicated there was nothing further to report at this stage.

(iv) sewers. The Clerk indicated there was nothing further to report at this stage.

10. Trees and hedges.

(i) access adjoining Hill Top Road. See minute 8 above.

(ii) Cheshire Landscape Trust. Councillor Gartland indicated there was nothing further to report at this stage.

(iii) Oaklands, basal growth. The Clerk had been informed by the District Engineer that the necessary work had been completed to deal with the basal growth on trees in the verge of School Lane, which obstructed the view of emerging traffic from Oaklands.

(iv) Boundary hedge. The Clerk reported the complainant in respect of the re-planting of a boundary hedge within the Parish had received an appropriate response.

(v) A Member referred to the felling of protected trees which had been brought to the attention of the planning authority.

11. Cheshire Association of Parish Councils.

(i) Local Council Administration. The proposed purchase was being progressed by the Clerk.

(ii) NALC constitution. Councillor Armitage reported further.

(iii) Annual meeting. The Chairman indicated he would be able to represent the Council and propose the amendment to the motion

referred to at (3) above. It was agreed the Council would meet the cost of lunch as on previous occasions.

12. Chester City Council.

(i) Local Panels. Councillor Armitage reported on a presentation to the Area Meeting on 1 September, 1999 by the City Council's Policy Development Manager at which a degree of reserve had been expressed by Member Councils as to the concept of local panels. It was noted the Council would hope to be represented at the local panel meeting to be held at Duddon War Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on 9 September, 1999, to be chaired by City Councillor B J Bailey.

(ii) Visit by Executive Director. This was being progressed with the Policy Development Manager.

(iii) Ragwort. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 3 August, 1999, of a request from the City Council for any incidence of ragwort within the Parish to be reported.

(iv) The Key. The Summer 1999 issue of this newsletter was received and noted.

(v) Local Democracy and Parish Councils. City Councillor J R Boughton reported on recent misinformed press comment relating to the powers and duties of parish councils.

(vi) Council meeting 8 September, 1999. The agenda for this meeting was received and referred to Councillor Gartland.

13. Cheshire County Council.

(i) Annual conference. The Clerk would circulate the notes of this conference to Councillors Armitage and Gartland.

(ii) Mobile library hours, reduction. Confirmation of the user information was being requested in writing together with an indication of the views expressed by borrowers when advised of the reduction in hours.

(ii) The Clerk revisited the Best Value Performance Plan, received by letter dated 16 June, 1999 and reminded Members of the opportunity to comment by 31 October, 1999.

(iii) Cheshire Community Care Plan 1999/2000. Received and referred to Councillor Patten.

(iv) A- Z of Highways Services and Contacts. Received and noted.

(v) Road Safety Matters no 8, Summer 1999. Received and noted.

(vi) Cheshire Economic Development Statement 1999/2000. Received and noted.

(vii) Cheshire Environment no 60. Received and referred to Councillor Armitage.

(viii) Envirolink volume 11 issue 12. Received and noted.

14. Cheshire Community Council.

(i) Cheshire Best Kept Village competition. Wilding Estates had been thanked for their further generous sponsorship of the Parish entry in the competition. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 10 August, 1999 of details of the presentation ceremony to be held at the Civic Centre, Alsager on 22 September, 1999 at 7.00pm. This was noted.

(ii) Action for Market Towns. Details of this campaign were received and noted.

(iii) Rural Life Conference. Details of this conference, to be held at Chester College from 14 - 16 September, 1999 were received and noted.

(iv) Cheshire Cauldron, August 1999. Received and noted.

(v) Annual general meeting. Details of annual general meeting to be held on 11 October, 1999 at 7.00pm in Antrobus Village Hall were received and noted.

15. CPRE.

(i) Traffic matters. The Clerk reported the receipt of the report on the results of the traffic survey which was referred to Councillor Armitage.

16. Health.

Nothing to report.

17. Policing matters.

(i) Funding. Further to the visit by Inspector Ardern, the Clerk reported he had pursued the question of funding with the Chairman of the Police Authority. The Force had received an increase of 4.1 per cent for 1999/00 although there was a requirement to achieve a 2.0 per cent efficiency saving for reinvestment in front line policing. This was noted.

(ii) Rural policing. Councillor Armitage reported on the possibility of consideration being given to forming a panel to contribute to the discussion of rural policing needs.

(iii) Crime and Disorder Strategy for Chester District. Received and noted.

18. Newsletter.

The Clerk reported he hoped a further issue would appear prior to the October council meeting.

19. Millennium Celebrations.

(i) Parish. An appropriate response was being made by the Chairman to the Headteacher in respect of the entry submitted by pupils to mark the millennium within the village.

(ii) City Council.

There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(iii) National.

There was nothing further to report at this stage.

20. Memorial Garden.

Councillor Gartland reported the planting scheme appeared to be thriving. The adjoining occupier had been thanked for his kind

offer to tend the planting.

21. Bulb planting.

Members revisited the options for further planting. It was agreed an expenditure of £60 should be allocated for the purchase of daffodils by Councillor Hughes.

22. Periodic Electoral Review.

(i) Chester. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to progress with the proposed meeting between Christleton, Littleton and Guilden Sutton to discuss boundary issues.

(ii) Cheshire. It was noted the Commission's recommendations so far as they affected Chester district as a whole and Guilden Sutton in particular were in line with the Council's views. Tarvin ward was not to be split between two County divisions and the name of the division was to remain 'Gowry'.

23. Web site.

The Chairman reported further.

24. Involvement of youth.

An appropriate note inviting youth groups to request the attendance of Parish Council representatives would appear in a future issue of the newsletter.

25. Parking: Arrowcroft Road.

The incidence of obstruction by vehicles collecting pupils attending out of school clubs would be monitored.

26. Primary school.

Councillor Armitage drew attention to NALC Circular 773 with respect to revised procedures affecting the removal by a governing body of a minor authority representative. This was noted.

27. Inter village quiz.

Details of the 1999 inter village quiz to be held at Tattenhall on 18 September, 1999 had been referred to Mr Christmas.

28. Road Safety. Councillor Patten referred to the possible hazard posed by joggers using local lanes during failing light. An appropriate note would appear in a future issue of the newsletter.

MATTERS CONSIDERED IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Armitage, seconded by Councillor Gartland and agreed that the press and public should be excluded for the discussion of the following items on the grounds of the likely disclosure of exempt information.

29. Occupancy of property, planning condition.

The Clerk indicated there was nothing further to report at this stage.

30. Enforcement action - industrial premises.

It was noted a further inspection was to be carried out this month.

31. Sale of Land

The Clerk indicated there was nothing further to report at this stage.

32. Provision of recreational facilities.

A reply was awaited.

33. Personal injuries.

The Council's insurers had been advised informally of the incident which had arisen involving personal injury. Further details were now to hand. The incidence of personal injuries allegedly arising when crossing private land was being brought to the attention of the owner.

34. Meadow Lea Farm.

It had now been ascertained that the area identified for use as a parish playing field did not form part of the disposal. However, the Council's interest would be confirmed to the agent. The Clerk reported he had received extremely helpful advice from the City Council as to potential sources of grant. The County Secretary had also provided information as to loans from the Public Works Loans Board.

35. Clerk's salary.

Following a report by Councillor Armitage, it was agreed the Clerk's salary should be increased to £630 per quarter from 1 July, 1999 from the figure of £615 per quarter established at 1 October, 1998.