

## GUILDEN SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held in Guilden Sutton Village Hall on Monday 15 November, 1999.

Chairman: Councillor D Fisher.

Apologies: Councillor Arditti, City Councillor B J Bailey.

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

In attendance: City Councillor J R Boughton, C Hardy Esq., Executive director, Chester City Council, Linda Jewsbury, Policy Development Unit, Chester City Council.

### 1. Minutes.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 11 October, 1999 were proposed by Councillor Gartland, seconded by Councillor Astbury and agreed subject to the deletion of 'Councillor Gartland' in minute 4 (v) and the insertion of 'Councillor Hughes' and the addition of 'The Clerk confirmed the City Council had been requested to cut the boundary hedge before any planting took place' to minute 8 (b).

12 (ii) Chester City Council: visit by C Hardy Esq., Executive Director. Members agreed this item should be brought forward to accommodate Mr. Hardy. Mr. Hardy referred to the City Council's draft annual plan on which comments were sought from the Parish Council and to the authority's desire to improve communications with Parishes, which was seen as a priority. The Chairman welcomed consultation which he believed took the Parish Council beyond parochial matters but felt that there had not been as much progress with planning issues, discussed during previous visits, as there might have been, although he was hopeful for the future.

Councillor Armitage referred to double rating in relation to the play area and parish car park. Mr. Hardy accepted this was a difficult issue to which there was no easy solution.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hardy for his attendance and

expressed the Council's appreciation for the opportunity to discuss improved communications.

## 2. Planning.

### (i) New applications.

99/001225/FUL, extension to provide granny flat and alterations to front elevation to provide pitched roof over porch/study at 48 Oaklands for Mr and Mrs West. Councillor Armitage reported. It was agreed there was no objection subject to the projection of the proposed porch not encroaching upon the building line, roof lines to be in keeping, the provision of three no parking spaces within the curtilage, single occupancy and no further development on the site.

99/01047/FUL, lean to for golf driving range at Vicars Cross Golf Club, Tarvin Road. Details of this neighbouring application were awaited.

### (ii) Appeal.

98/00589/FUL, installation of telecommunications radio tower, equipment cabin etc. for Cellnet at Dee Valley water reservoir, Guilden Sutton Lane. The decision notice was awaited.

### (iii) Decision notices.

99/00275/FUL, two storey extension at 28 Guilden Sutton Lane for Mr and Mrs Webster.

99/000900/FUL, two storey side extension at 5 Woodcroft for Mr and Mrs Rahmani-Torkaman. It was noted the provision of three no car parking spaces within the curtilage was required by condition.

99/00958/FUL approval of reserved matters for erection of bungalow and detached garage at Woodcote, Wicker Lane for Mr and Mrs J Dernie. It was noted that detailed conditions had been imposed, including the withdrawal of permitted development rights.

### (iv) 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. City Councillor Boughton had helpfully confirmed the agreement of the Architect to a site meeting. This would be progressed following the completion of the hard landscaping as current ground conditions were not suitable. Further details of the realignment of the Cheshire railings opposite the entrance to The Steadings would be sought at this meeting together with the position as to the reinstatement of the hedge across the original access to Highfield.

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.

98/01297/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.

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.

99/00641/ADV, free standing signs at Vicars Cross Golf Club.

99/00701/FUL, extension and alterations at 66 Oaklands for Mr

and Mrs J Croft.

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

99/00829/FUL, dining room, family room and bedroom at 17 Oaklands for Mr and Mrs A Rixon.

99/01031/FUL extension for disabled use at Wood Farm for Mr P Gresty. Notwithstanding the application site lay within the approved North Cheshire Green Belt, the City Council had been informed there was no objection in principle given the alteration to the frontage did not have any significant effect on the openness of the setting.

The Council, however, would wish to see a condition restricting the use of the extended dwelling to single family occupancy, together with an appropriate Section 106 Agreement that no further development would be sought.

(v) General:

Parish Planning Forum. The Clerk indicated he had nothing further to report as to the intended forum which it had been hoped would have been held in the first part of November.

(vi) Strategic Planning.

(a) Chester District Local Plan. The Clerk was arranging a fixture with the Programme Officer at which Councillor Armitage would speak to the Council's proof.

(b) Cheshire 2011. A copy of the Plan was being requested.

(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.

3. Parish Car Park.

Business Rates. The comments raised by Mr. C Hardy in the

earlier part of the meeting were noted. The Clerk referred to the reported support of City Councillor G Proctor for Parish Councils.  
99/00 067

It was agreed the question of double rating and the need for a change in City Council policy to remove the burden placed on Parishes would be referred to him. The views were also being sought of the Community Association and the PCC as to the transfer of the car park to either of these organisations, with appropriate funding arrangements, in order to attract discretionary rate relief.

#### 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. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(b) Safety surfacing. The Clerk was making further enquiries to identify alternative sources of bark. On the suggestion of Councillor Armitage, it was agreed the advice of the County Playing Fields Association should be sought. Members revisited the estimated cost of a hard surface and it was agreed City Councillor Boughton should be requested to seek the advice of the City Council as to external funding.

(c) Possible transfer. The comments raised by Mr. C Hardy in the earlier part of the meeting were noted. The Clerk referred to the reported support of City Councillor G Proctor for Parish Councils. It was agreed the question of double rating and the need for a change in City Council policy to remove the burden placed on Parishes would be referred to him.

(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. This was being pursued. Costings for replacement fencing would be investigated on receipt of this advice. The Clerk reported the receipt of an inquiry from Mrs. Beresford as to this aspect and the tree planting referred to below.

The Clerk referred to the letter he had circulated to Members setting out the reasons for the inability of the City Council to progress the planting of amenity trees at this stage together with an alternative estimate which the City Council had helpfully suggested could be obtained from their contractor. A further estimate had also been obtained. It was agreed that Councillor Gartland, Parish Tree Warden, should attend a site meeting with the contractor, to be arranged for Wednesday 17 November, 1999 to discuss the proposal. In the event of progress being possible, it was proposed by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Mrs Astbury and agreed that the quotation of Messrs Cliff Evans should be accepted.

A sign prohibiting dogs within the play area was also being sought.

The possibility of pre school groups meeting in the Village Hall becoming involved in ownership of responsibility for day to day maintenance and improvements to the play area was being raised. Mrs. Beresford was being thanked for her contribution.

(iii) Public Footpaths.

(a) Parish Footpaths Group. Councillor Hughes reported on the present position following the expiry of the Parish Paths Partnership scheme and paid tribute to the great deal of help provided by the County Council's Public Rights of Way Unit. He thought it unlikely the Group would take up during 1999/00 the £350 grant aid earmarked by the Parish Council.

(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.

(c) Parish Paths News no 6. Received and circulated.

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

(v) Grounds Maintenance. The contractor had been informed of the Council's agreement to additional cuts as required outside the contract period, to be charged at the prevailing rate subject to prior approval and with no resulting surface damage.

Members considered the account referred to beneath raised by the contractor for work carried out during the 1999 season and discussed performance against specification. 99/00 068

It was agreed that revised monitoring procedures should be introduced for the 2000 season, to include a pre contract meeting and two-monthly progress meetings. It was proposed by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Whitehouse and agreed that the invoice tendered should be paid.

The Clerk reported he had raised the complaint by an adjoining occupier that strimming by the City Council contractor in the vicinity of Guilden Sutton Lane/Heath Bank had resulted in damage to a number of marigolds in bloom. The supervisor had undertaken to review the incident report and to contact the complainant.

## 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.

(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.

It was noted that action was being taken to relaunch this service.

(d) Service reductions. The C39 from Mickle Trafford to Chester via Hoole Road had been re-introduced on

8 November, 1999 with the support of the Rural Development Commission. The Clerk had arranged for the timetable to appear in the newsletter.

(ii) Bus Shelters. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(iii) Chester District Public Transport Liaison Committee. It was further noted that the next meeting of the committee would be held on Monday 24 January 2000 at 6.30pm in Committee Room 2 at County Hall.

## 6. Highways.

(i) Major schemes: Chester Deeside Transport System. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 11 November, 1999, of notification of site start of phase one of the scheme to provide a shared use footway/cycleway. This was noted.

(ii) Local matters.

(a) A 41/Guilden Sutton Lane. Instances of more than one vehicle seeking to cross at any one time and also of other unauthorised movements, were being diared to enable an assessment of the scale of the problem.

(b) Road surface, Guilden Sutton Lane. A response was waited from the highway authority as to the egress of water onto the carriageway at both the Guilden Sutton Lane and Belle Vue Lane bridges. This would be pursued with the approach of winter weather.

(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. The promised reinstatement of the cobbles adjoining the churchyard was being pursued with Dr. S Howarth who was being asked to arrange for the work to be progressed as soon as possible.

(f) School Lane closure. Detailed aspects and outstanding reinstatements would be pursued with Transco. It was noted that further works following the main scheme had resulted in further disturbance of the road surface which would be brought to the



attention of the District Engineer. Action was being taken to secure the restoration of the mail box to a position within the layby opposite the old school house. The replacement for the street nameplate at Arrowcroft Road damaged during the course of the works was being sought.

(g) potholing, slip road A 41/Guilden Sutton Lane. The condition of the potholing at this junction would continue to be monitored.  
99/00 069

(h) Road narrows sign, Belle Vue Lane. Action by the District Engineer to deal with the obstruction of this sign by growth was awaited.

(i) Old Hall Park. The need for an additional cul de sac sign for the benefit of residents disturbed by motorists turning left into Old Hall Park in the belief they had reached Station Lane was being progressed by the Clerk.

(j) Wicker Lane. The Clerk reported the receipt of a copy letter dated 9 November, 1999 to County Councillor N Fitton from Mrs. I Varley as to conditions on Wicker Lane. City Councillor J R Boughton intimated he had also been contacted.

Councillor Mrs. Patten referred to the collapse of a sandstone boundary wall at the junction of Wicker Lane and School Lane. Councillor Whitehouse expressed concern as to the possible hazard to pedestrians.

(k) Highways and Transportation LJC for Chester. The Clerk reported the receipt of the agenda for the meeting of this committee held on 11 November, 1999.

(l) Gritting. City Councillor J R Boughton was pleased to report he had been successful in retaining Guilden Sutton Lane, School Lane and Wicker Lane as routes to be salted despite a reduction in the budget. City Councillor Boughton was thanked for his efforts on behalf of the parish.

(m) Ditch, Belle Vue Lane. The foul condition and odour of the ditch on the north side of Belle Vue Lane between Belle Vue Farm and The Orchards was raised by Councillor Armitage. The Clerk indicated he had also received a complaint. The matter would be raised with the District Engineer.

(iii) Strategic: Cheshire's local transport plan, consultation document. Responses by individual Members would be forwarded to the County Environmental Policy Manager. Councillor Armitage referred to the need for speed reduction measures specific to the rural area.

(iv) Street lighting.

(i) Faults. It was noted that faults in the vicinity of nos 49, 35 and 27 Oaklands had been rectified.

A fault in School Lane would be reported.

The Clerk referred to unsatisfactory performance by the street lighting authority in failing to rectify a fault affecting the Fox Cover steps which had remained unattended for a period of several weeks following repeated complaints by himself and a number of residents. It was noted this had resulted in personal injury.

(ii) A 41. Councillor Hughes referred to the unsatisfactory situation whereby parts of the A 41 immediately adjoining the Parish were lit and other parts not. This would be pursued.

7. Finance:

(i) income.

Bank of Scotland

interest (October) £ 31.52

(ii) payments.

Chester Standard

newsletter distribution £ 15.28 (VAT £2.28)

S & H Services

shelter cleaning £ 10.00

Clerk's photocopies

(October) £ 19.20

384 @ 59

Clerk's mileage

(October)

20 @ 20p £ 4.00

99/00 070

Gresty

grounds maintenance/lengthsman £ 1,187.92 (VAT £176.92)\*

Audit Commission

1996/97 - 1997/98 fee £ 1,454.18 (VAT £216.58)\*\*

Mrs R Hughes

purchase of bulbs £ 50.00

\* see minute 4 (v) above.

\*\* see minute 7 (iv) (b) below.

Proposed by Councillor Gartland

seconded by Councillor Mrs. Astbury

and agreed.

(iii) balances

Bank of Scotland £13,464.33

(iv) Audit.

(a) Internal. The accounts would be presented to Councillor Hughes in due course.

(b) External. The Clerk referred to a letter received from the District Audit, which he had circulated for Members' consideration, in response to the Council's request for details of the apportionment of hours for the audits in question. The reasons set out were carefully considered although Members did not accept that unfamiliarity with the new arrangements lay entirely with the Clerk. Concern was expressed at the time not fruitfully spent in revisiting the 1996/97 accounts.

It was agreed that in order to comply with best value and to minimise the burden placed upon council tax payers, Members would wish to discuss the accounts with the Auditor in future years in order to clarify uncertainties and seek guidance as to the presentation of the accounts.

The Council expressed a wish to move forward and it was proposed by Councillor Armitage, seconded by Councillor Hughes and agreed, with reluctance, that the invoices referred to above, tendered by the Audit Commission, should be paid.

Members considered draft accounts for 1998/99 drawn up by the Clerk on the basis of the figures suggested by the Auditor. It was noted it had not been possible to wholly reconcile these against the Council's own records and the advice of the Auditor would be sought.

(v) Half year expenditure report 1999/2000. This had been circulated by the Clerk. It was agreed the figures should form the basis for the 2000/2001 budget to be considered in December. The introduction of a rolling contingency figure was seen as helpful and would be progressed by the Clerk.

#### 8. Access to school.

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

(b) rear of Village Hall. See minute 4 (ii) (e) above.

#### 9. Environment services:

(i) amenity cleansing. The attention of the Services Manager had been drawn to the remains of the large hay bale in the dingle which was thought to be lying on ground containing broken

glass. Accumulations in the accesses adjoining the Belle Vue Lane bridge had also been reported.

The Autumn fall on Porters Hill would be reported.

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

(iii) lengthsman. Councillor Whitehouse 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) Further to the previous minute referring to the felling of protected trees, the Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 11 November, 1999, of a response from the Tree and Woodland Officer setting out the position and the reasons for the decisions taken by the planning authority. This was noted.

(iv) Hedgerow Local Biodiversity Action Plan. The papers for the proposed survey of hedgerows were being furnished to Councillor Gartland.

(v) Complaint. The complaint by an occupier in Guilden Sutton Lane as to a reduction in the height of the hedgerow opposite his property which had previously screened the A55 was being drawn to the attention of the contractor.

(vi) Oak, Arrowcroft Road. City Councillor J R Boughton informed the Council of serious decay found in this tree. This was noted.

11. Cheshire Association of Parish Councils.

(i) Local Council Administration. The proposed purchase had been progressed by Councillor Armitage.

(ii) Annual meeting. A copy of the news release detailing the outcome of the meeting was being circulated by the Clerk.

(iii) Local Council Review. Copies of the November, 1999 issue were received and circulated.

(iv) Clerks and Councils Direct. A copy of the November, 1999 issue was received and circulated.

(v) Newsletter no 71. Received and circulated.

## 12. Chester City Council.

(i) Local Panels. The Council had been represented at the local panel meeting held at Ashton Parish Room on 4 November, 1999.

(ii) Visit by Executive Director. See above.

(iii) Parish Partnership Reception. The Council had been represented by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Councillor Armitage, Councillor Whitehouse and the Clerk at this reception held on Thursday 28 October, 1999 in the Town Hall.

(iv) Christmas Parcel Appeal. The Clerk reported he had confirmed that arrangements for the nomination of recipients from within the Parish were in hand.

(v) Council meeting 27 October, 1999. The agenda and reports for this meeting were received and referred to Councillor Gartland.

(vi) Housing News, transfer special nos 1 and 2, PEP newsletter no 1. Copies of these newsletters had been circulated by the Clerk for the information of Members following a request by a housing officer to make a short presentation to the Council at the December meeting.

(vii) Past Uncovered Autumn 1999. Received and circulated.

(viii) The Key, Autumn 1999, edition no 2. Received and circulated.

(ix) Lord Mayor's Charity Fund. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated November, 1999, of five books of draw tickets in

aid of this Fund. This was noted.

(x) Draft annual plan. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 10 November, 1999 of the City Council's draft annual plan of action for 2000/2001. It was noted that comments were required by 17 December, 1999.

### 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 and of any subsequent comment.

(iii) Transport in Cheshire. See minute 6 (iii) above.

(iv) Spending priorities - public consultation. Details of this consultation were received and noted.

(v) Envirolink volume 11, issue 16. Received and noted.

(vi) Performance Indicators 1999. Received and noted.

(vii) Envirolink volume 11, issue 17. Received and noted,

(viii) Chester Matters no 11. Received and noted,

### 14. Cheshire Community Council.

(i) Cheshire Best Kept Village competition. The Clerk had circulated the detailed comments and marks for the Parish which disclosed a position of 12th from 14 entries in the class, although the judges' comments were mixed and no mark was below average. Members recognised, however, the need for significant improvement and this would be revisited.

(ii) Cheshire Rural Transport partnership. Details of this initiative, together with a request for information, were received and noted.

(iii) Cheshire Rural Forum. Details of a meeting to be held on 23

November, 1999 at the Memorial Hall, Northwich, were received and noted.

15. CPRE.

Correspondence was received and referred to Councillor Whitehouse.

16. Health.

The consultation with local communities received in respect of the Children's Services Plan 2000-2003 was being referred to the Pre School Group.

17. Policing matters.

(i) Chester Police Forum 4 October, 1999. The Clerk reported the receipt of the minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on Monday 4 October, 1999. These were noted.

(ii) Chester Police Forum 17 January, 2000. It was noted the next meeting of the Forum would be held on this date at 7.00pm in St. Theresa's Parish Centre, Blacon.

(iii) Nuisance. The Clerk confirmed the police had been reminded of their agreement to route additional patrols through the Parish to deal with potential difficulties on Friday evenings.

(iv) A Member referred to a proposal to develop a devolved custody suite at the junction of the M53 and A56 which could have security implications for the locality. Further information would be sought.

(v) Retirement of PC J Pye. The Clerk reported he had been informed of the intention to appoint a replacement beat officer following the retirement of PC J Pye. This was noted.

(vi) The Vice Chairman referred to an attack on commercial property within the parish on the same evening as a burglary, dwelling on the Oaklands estate. This was noted. 99/00 073

18. Newsletter.

Following the publication of the most recent issue of the



newsletter, it was agreed at the suggestion of Councillor Hughes that a fixed publication date should be introduced. The Clerk was agreeable to this helpful suggestion and it was agreed the aim should be to publish future monthly issues on the Thursday preceding each 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.

Councillor Armitage reported further on the general arrangements. This would include Community Carol Singing at the Village Hall at 6.45pm on Monday 20 December, 1999. The Tree Warden had inspected the tree kindly offered by Mrs Alsop for this event and the necessary arrangements would be made.

(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.

There was nothing further to report at this stage.

#### 21. Bulb planting.

Councillor Hughes was pleased to note that a discount of 40 per cent had been obtained in the purchase price of the daffodils. This was welcomed.

#### 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. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

23. Web site.

Councillor Hughes referred to initiatives in Vale Royal which he was pursuing.

24. Involvement of youth.

An appropriate note inviting youth groups to request the attendance of Parish Council representatives had appeared in the newsletter.

25. Parking: Arrowcroft Road.

The incidence of obstruction by vehicles collecting pupils attending out of school clubs was being monitored.

26. Primary school.

The Chairman reported on future admission arrangements consequent upon the Government policy to limit reception class sizes to 30 pupils. The possible impact on children resident in Guilden Sutton was noted.

27. Road Safety.

The possible hazard posed by joggers using local lanes during failing light, raised by Councillor Mrs Patten, had been highlighted in the newsletter.

28. Environment Agency Floodline.

Details of this initiative were received and noted.

29. Chester Council for Voluntary Service newsletter Autumn 1999, issue 14.

Received and noted.

30. Chester Volunteer Bureau news supplement Autumn 1999, issue no 8.

Received and noted.

31. Remembrance Sunday.

The Chairman reported. Mrs. G Hughes would be thanked for cleaning the area around the memorial.

32. Guilden Sutton Village Hall.

Councillor Hughes referred to options being considered by the Community Association for further development of the Village Hall. These were noted. Councillor Hughes was thanked for kindly appraising Members of the position.

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.

33. Occupancy of property, planning condition.

The Council were informed of an understanding that an application was expected by the planning authority to vary the present consent. Details were awaited.

34. Enforcement action - industrial premises.

The result of the proposed further inspection was awaited.

35. Sale of Land

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

36. Provision of recreational facilities.

Possible dates were being sought by the Clerk for a meeting with the interested party to discuss the proposal on a strict without prejudice basis.

37. Personal injuries.

Advice as to the Council's position in respect of an incident which had arisen involving personal injury had been received from NALC which suggested no liability could arise. This was noted. The incidence of personal injuries allegedly arising when crossing private land was being brought to the attention of the owner.

38. Meadow Lea Farm.

The Council's interest in the area identified for use as a parish playing field was being confirmed to the agent. The Clerk was thanking the City Council for their extremely helpful advice together with the County Secretary who had provided information as to loans from the Public Works Loans Board.