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Guilden  
Sutton Parish  
Council

Minutes of  
the ordinary  
meeting of  
the Council  
held on  
Monday 25th  
September  
2006 in  
Guilden  
Sutton  
Village Hall.

Chairman: Cllr R  
M Armitage.

Present: Cllrs  
Armitage, Bayton,  
Fisher, Hughes,  
Paterson.

Public  
Speaking Time

There was no  
public speaking.

1 Apologies:  
Apologies were  
received from City  
Cllrs B J Bailey  
and J R Boughton,  
County Cllr J E  
Burke and PC M  
Baker.

2 Procedural  
matters.

(i) Declarations of  
interest. Members  
were reminded  
that they should  
declare any  
personal interest  
which they had in  
any matter or item  
to be considered  
at the meeting.  
Any declaration

must be made before the matter, or item, was considered or as soon as the Member became aware a declaration was required. Similarly, if the interest was also a prejudicial one, this must be declared and the Member must leave the room and not seek to influence any decision made. Declarations were a personal matter for each Member to decide. The decision to declare, or not, was the responsibility of the Member based on the particular circumstances.

Cllr Paterson declared a prejudicial interest in application 06/01478/FUL replacement of hedge with brick wall at The Old School, Guilden Sutton Lane for Mr and Mrs P Hawkins as the immediately adjoining neighbour was a personal friend.

(ii) Vacancies.

The Clerk reported that further to the meeting on 11 September, 2006, notices had been displayed indicating the closing date for applications for co-option would be Monday 18 September 2006 at 6 pm. The following valid

applications had  
been received:

Dr Imogen Brown,  
5 Cathcart Green,  
Guilden Sutton  
CH3 7SR

Ms Catharine  
Carter, 5 The  
Vetches, Guilden  
Sutton CH3 7HL

William Moulton  
Esq, 9 Moorcroft  
Crescent, Guilden  
Sutton CH3 7HA

Stuart Parker Esq,  
Roselea, Station  
Lane Mickle  
Trafford.

The applications  
had been  
circulated to all  
Members of the  
Council prior to  
this meeting.

The Chairman  
indicated to  
members of the  
public being  
present that he  
intended to  
proceed by way of  
ballot. The ballot  
papers would be  
available for  
inspection should  
this be desired.  
Members would  
clearly indicate  
only the  
candidates they  
wished to support.  
In order to be  
successful, a  
candidate must  
gain a minimum of  
three votes, viz an  
absolute majority  
of the five  
Members present  
and voting.

Following the  
conclusion of the  
ballot and scrutiny  
of the ballot  
papers, the Clerk  
declared the votes

cast to be

Brown 5

Carter 5

Moulton 3

Parker 1

and that Dr Imogen Brown, Ms Catharine Carter and William Moulton Esq were so co-opted. Ms Carter and Mr Moulton being present were invited by the Chairman to join the meeting and did so after signing the declaration of acceptance of office.

(iii) Planning

(i) New Applications

06/01478/FUL replacement of hedge with brick wall at The Old School, Guilden Sutton Lane for Mr and Mrs P Hawkins. Cllr Paterson left the room. Cllr Fisher reported. It had now been possible to consult the applicant who had explained the height of the wall and gate was necessary due to the vertical alignment of the highway adjoining the property in order to safely contain large dogs. Having carefully considered the submitted plans and the outcome of consultations with the applicant

and neighbours, some of whom supported the proposal and some did not, the Council resolved to raise an objection on the basis that due to its massing and prominence, the 2.4m high wall and gate appeared to be over dominant and inappropriate at that location and would appear as an incongruous feature which would be harmful to the character and appearance of the locality.

The following response was made:

*Members wish to OBJECT.*

*The Council believes the massive wall would be an alien and incongruous feature which would be detrimental to the character and distinctiveness of the locality as it would urbanise and detract from the otherwise rural approach to the village.*

*The height of the proposed wall would be comparable to the height of the guttering on neighbouring bungalows and would be especially inappropriate across the frontage of a residential property where the existing hedge is*

*at a normal height  
for its location.*

*Whilst there exists  
an existing high  
hedge on the line  
of the planned wall  
along the side of  
the property, it is  
both green and  
not permanent.  
This wall would be  
an overdominant  
and inappropriate  
boundary treatment  
on a rural access.*

*Due to its massing  
and prominence at  
a major entrance  
and exit to the  
village and close  
to a busy junction,  
the wall would be  
out of keeping as  
there are no  
comparably sized  
walls in the  
locality.*

06/01594/FUL  
garage and  
dwelling adjacent  
to existing  
property at Church  
Farm, Church  
Lane for Mr D  
Tennant. Cllr  
Armitage  
reported. It was  
noted there were  
previously  
approved plans  
and the  
application  
appeared to be an  
amendment to the  
location of the  
development  
within the plot.  
The Clerk would  
provide Cllr  
Armitage with the  
previous drawings  
and further  
inquiries would be  
made by Cllr  
Armitage.

06/01625/FUL  
conservatory at 6  
Moorcroft  
Crescent, CH3  
7HA for Mr

Wilkins. Cllr Moulton declared a prejudicial interest as the applicant was well known to him and left the room. The relationship of the proposal to the layout of the application property and that of the immediately adjoining dwelling was noted. It was agreed that further inquiries should be made by Cllr Paterson.

(ii) Parish Plan meeting 12 September 2006. The Chairman reported this had been well attended and there had been agreement for a small steering group comprising three residents being present who had volunteered. The Chairman believed it would be important for the steering group to take the project forward and not the parish council. The Vice Chairman referred to the need for a further meeting and for more volunteers to be involved. Cllr Hughes emphasised the need for expenditure to be properly budgeted. It was also noted there was to be a workshop on parish plans in Waverton on Thursday 26 October 2006  
Action: Cllrs Bayton and Paterson to represent the Parish Council

on the steering group, parish plan budget issues to be considered by the Parish Council at the October meeting, an initial contribution of £200 towards setting up costs to be agreed.

### 3 Finance

#### (i) Payments

Cllr R M Armitage

Refreshments at  
parish plan  
meeting  
£ 30.46

Proposed by Cllr  
Fisher

Seconded by Cllr  
Hughes and  
agreed.

### 4 Members urgent information items.

Playing field: (a)  
moles. The Clerk  
reported the  
further concerns of  
Messrs Gresty as  
to mole infestation  
on the playing  
field. He had  
requested an  
estimate for  
dealing with the  
infestation using  
both humane and  
other methods.

(b) Nets. Cllr  
Hughes reported  
on the fixing of the  
nets to the  
goalposts. It was  
proposed by Cllr  
Fisher, seconded  
by Cllr Armitage



and agreed that Cllr Hughes be authorised to expend up to £50 on appropriate cable ties.

Policing. Cllr Moulton referred to difficulties arising in the rural area from the torching of hedges. It was agreed a suggestion should be made that a supportive letter for the action known to be taken by the rural inspector should be sent from the Chester Area Meeting of the Cheshire Association of Local Councils taking place on Wednesday 27 September 2006.

Speed of traffic. Cllr Moulton expressed concern at the speed of traffic on roads within the parish. It was agreed that dates for future sessions with the speed indicator device provided by the Gowy North Area Committee should be considered at the Council's October meeting.

Amenity cleansing. Cllr Fisher referred to the dumping of furniture and insulation materials on Belle Vue Path.

Action: Clerk to raise with Chester City Council.

Grounds

Maintenance of City Council areas. Cllr Fisher referred to a lack of grass cutting in the Fox Cover amenity area. Action: Clerk to raise with Chester City Council.

Cheshire Association of Local Councils, subscription. The Chairman referred to a proposal that the subscription should be increased by 2p per elector in addition to inflation to fund additional staff time at the county office. He believed the association should seek additional funding from the principal authorities and from other sources with any increase in the subscription making up any shortfall. This was agreed. Action: Chairman to raise at the Chester Area Meeting.