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Guilden Sutton Parish  
Council

Minutes of the ordinary  
meeting of the Council  
held on  
Monday 5th March 2007  
in Guilden Sutton  
Village Hall.

Chairman: Cllr R M Armitage.

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

In attendance: City Cllr B J  
Bailey, PC M Baker, S Parker  
Esq.

Public Speaking Time.  
Mrs Y Kirk thanked the  
Council for dealing with the  
various matters she had  
raised and referred to the  
need for footway sweeping  
together with amenity  
cleansing to deal with litter  
particularly in the verge  
adjoining Guilden Sutton  
Lane in the vicinity of The  
Willows and in the ditch at

the playing field. Mrs Kirk was thanked for her attendance by the Chairman who assured her the matters would be dealt with.

1 Apologies. Cllr I Brown,  
County Cllr J E Burke.

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.

07/00211/FUL two storey  
side extension, ground floor

rear extension and first floor front extension at 101 Oaklands for Mr Connolly. Cllrs Hughes and Paterson indicated they would have a prejudicial interest due to the relationship between the applicants and Guilden Sutton Community Association of which they were both office holders.

(ii) Confirmation of the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 5 February 2007. The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 5 February 2007 were proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Carter and agreed subject to the Apologies being amended as County Cllr J E Burke had been present.

(iii) Dates of future meetings.

Confirmed: 16 April, 14 May, 18 June, 23 July, 3 September, 1 October, 12 November and 17 December, 2007. It was noted the present Vice Chairman may have difficulties around the proposed date for the December meeting. Cllr Paterson, as Village Hall booking secretary, kindly agreed to review bookings in

that period. Action: Cllr Paterson

(iv) Quality Council matters.  
(a) review of the quality town and parish council scheme. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 6 February 2007, of advice from DEFRA of possible future changes to the quality town and parish council scheme. Action: noted.

(v) Consultation on amendments to the model code of conduct for local authority members. It was noted that submissions on behalf of the Council or by individual Members were due by Friday 9 March 2007. Cllr Fisher referred to the need for guidance concerning any confidential material held by Members, including when they had left office. City Cllr B J Bailey kindly agreed to inquire into the latter point. Action: City Cllr Bailey.

(vi) Buckingham Palace Garden Party. The Clerk reported the receipt, by circular dated February 2007, of advice from the Cheshire Association of Local Councils that the Association had been invited to nominate four

persons to attend a Royal Garden Party to be held on Tuesday 10 July 2007.

The Council should nominate the Chairman to attend, on the basis of past service, but those nominated should not have previously attended one of Her Majesty's Garden Parties. As Cllr R M Armitage had previously attended one of Her Majesty's Garden Parties, the Council noted it was unable to make a nomination for 2007.

Action: noted.

(vii) Standards Board for England, satisfaction with advice and guidance research 2006. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated February 2007, of this research. The Clerk and one Member were invited to respond if they wished.

Action: noted.

### 3 Planning.

(i) New applications.

Telecommunications issues:

05/00107/FUL 37.5m high lattice mast on land at Tile Farm, Wicker Lane for T Mobile. Following the issues

raised by City Cllr B J Bailey and by Mr H Morgan, the following representation had been made to the Development Co-ordination Manager:

*(i) Members welcome the proposal by T Mobile to reduce the height by 5m on the basis it moves towards the Council's objection.*

*(ii) The Council supports fully the belief of Littleton residents that the height should be reduced to 27.5m.*

*(iii) Members ask for clarification by the agent as to why the initial proposal for a 22.5m mast will not meet network requirements.*

In addition, the LPA had been requested to indicate the action it would normally expect to take following the submission of plans which were subsequently shown to be grossly inaccurate and to say whether this had, or would apply, to this application.

A response was awaited. City Cllr Bailey reported that an independent assessment was being made of the coverage diagrams provided by T Mobile. The planting of trees to provide further screening

was being investigated. City Cllr Bailey gave an assurance that the Parish Council would continue to be kept informed. Action: City Cllr Bailey.

Householder issues:

06/02060/REM detached dwelling, The Vicarage, Wicker Lane CH3 7EL for the Chester Diocesan Board of Finance. Amended application 07/00241/REM/ correspondence from agent. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 8 February 2007, of advice from the architects as to amendments made to the previous application. The overall height, both of the ridges and eaves, had been further reduced and the dormers relocated to the rear. The applicants felt the Parish Council's concerns had been properly addressed and that the relationship of the proposed dwelling to the village as well as its immediate neighbour was now wholly acceptable. It was hoped the Council would accept the response as genuine and constructive and now feel able to support the application. The amended application referred to therein

had subsequently been received from the local planning authority. Cllr Fisher indicated it had been the intention to reconsult neighbours. The Council was minded to respond that it would only agree to more than two storeys in exceptional circumstances. It believed the floor level could be further reduced by up to one metre and was not persuaded to move from its previous objection although this would be withdrawn in the event of the height being further reduced.

06/02074/TPO felling of 1 no Scots Pine at Wood Farm, School Lane, CH3 7ET for Mr P Gresty. The Clerk was pursuing an assurance from the Tree Officer that the 2 no replacement Oak and 5 no replacement Scots Pine to be planted would be protected.  
Action: The Clerk.

07/00029/FUL bedroom extension at 14 Old Hall Park for Mr and Mrs R Smith. The following response had been made:

*`Members were a little unsure as to how to apply the house extensions policy as to separation distances due to*



*the topography and the orientation of the application property viz a viz Paddock House.*

*Having viewed the application site from Paddock House, however, they are persuaded that in its present form the extension, which would move development closer to Paddock House, would be sufficiently over dominant as to be detrimental to the amenities which the occupiers of Paddock House could reasonably expect to enjoy.*

*Should there be an amended proposal which would lower the floor level of the extension, reduce the ridge height and provide for a hipped roof to reduce the impact on Paddock House, the Council would be minded to withdraw its objection.'*

It was noted the application had been approved. (See beneath.)

07/00056/FUL replacement dwelling at Westview, Hare Lane CH3 7ED for Mr and Mrs P D Collinson. Cllr Bayton. It was noted this application had been withdrawn. The Council had expressed concern at the

difference in handing  
between the location plan  
and that of the proposal.

07/00110/FUL replace  
garage with new double  
garage including office and  
storage above at Ash Villa,  
Hare Lane CH3 7ED for Mr N  
Haslock. Cllr Paterson and  
the Clerk reported. Additional  
documents relating to the  
proposal had been obtained  
by the Clerk. Cllr Paterson  
had been minded to  
recommend refusal on Green  
Belt grounds as the previous  
application had been refused  
planning permission on that  
basis. Enquiries by the Clerk  
of the case officer had  
suggested the local planning  
authority was minded to  
approve as the removal of  
other outbuildings mitigated  
the impact of the increased  
height of the proposal on the  
Green Belt. He also  
understood no objection was  
being raised by Great  
Boughton Parish Council. It  
was agreed no objection  
should be raised subject to a  
condition that the outbuilding  
should not be occupied as a  
separate dwelling.

07/00211/FUL two storey  
side extension, ground floor  
rear extension and first floor

front extension at 101 Oaklands for Mr Connolly. Cllrs Hughes and Paterson registered a prejudicial interest due to the relationship between the applicants and Guilden Sutton Community Association of which they were both officers and withdrew. Cllr Carter reported. It was noted the plans had been amended although a revised application had yet to be received by the Council. Members were minded to raise no objection subject to the local planning authority being satisfied the proposal met the supplementary planning document for house extensions. Action: Clerk to make further enquiries of the planning officer.

07/000280/FUL ground floor extension at 78 Oaklands for Mr S Duffy. It was agreed that further inquiries would be made by Cllrs Hughes and Carter.

(ii) Decision notices.

07/00029/FUL bedroom extension at 14 Old Hall Park for Mr and Mrs R Smith. Planning permission.

Condition re non opening window/obscure glazing. A copy of the case of officer's report had been obtained by the Clerk and circulated subject to appropriate Members.

(iii) Appeal.

05/00971/FUL corn/grain shed at Tile Farm, Wicker Lane CH3 7EL for Mr and Mrs S Arden. The Clerk reported the receipt of the Inspector's decision, which had been circulated. The appeal had been allowed and planning permission granted on the basis a building 12.33m in height, compared with the previously approved height of 8.5m, would lead to little or no additional traffic.  
Action: noted.

(iv) Parish Plan. (a) progress report including meeting with Mr and Mrs S Arden. Cllr Bayton reported a further meeting had been held between the group and officers from Chester City Council and Cheshire Community Council. It had been agreed a parish plan should proceed and an application should be made for an initial grant. A parish

plan page would also be included on the village web site. The following officers had been appointed:

Chairman: Peter Hawkins  
Project: Officer Glyn Jones  
Secretary: Michael Roberts  
Editor: Cathy Carter  
Treasurer: Richard Batterham  
Community liaison: Trisha Paterson.

The Chairman congratulated the group on the progress which had been made. City Cllr B J Bailey indicated the city councillors for Christleton ward would wish to be involved. This was noted. Cllrs Fisher and Paterson reported on discussions with Mr and Mrs Arden, Tile Farm, Wicker Lane. Mr and Mrs Arden would welcome an opportunity to contribute to the parish plan as a local business.

(v) Village Design Statement. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(v) Strategic planning. (i) Draft supplementary planning document: design for residential development. The following response had been made: *(i) The Council*

*welcomes the document, supports the Aims and Objectives and agrees with the Key Principles. (ii) In para 4.2 we should like to see more emphasis placed on the importance of Local Distinctiveness and a sub-paragraph stressing that extensions to residential properties should always conform to the design and character of the surrounding development. (iii) In para 4.4.2 we agree that the height of buildings should respect the character of the area. We should like to see a further sentence included: "Design should reflect the rural, suburban or urban character and dwellings with more than two storeys will not normally be permitted in rural areas."*

4 Parish car park. The condition of the parish car park continued to be monitored.

5 Leisure Services.

(i) Playing Field: (a) grounds maintenance issues (b) mole infestation (c) nets. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(ii) Play Area

(a) CCTV and CCTV protocol. Advice on alternative providers of CCTV equipment was being sought through the Cheshire Association of Local Councils. In the meantime, the Clerk would contact the Area Manager, Gowy North Area Committee to advise it would not be possible to take up the grant during the current financial year. The draft protocol prepared by the Clerk would be revisited at a future meeting. Action was awaited by Messrs Barlows who had been informed that the infra red sensor on the camera at the rear of the Village Hall appeared to be loose.

(b) inspections including condition of safety surfacing/ operation of gate. (i) Cllr Paterson reported. Play and Leisure had rectified the defect with the self closing gate. The condition of parts of the wet pour surface had been visited at a site meeting and appropriate action would be taken. The condition of the see saw handles would continue to be monitored. The Clerk would recirculate the inspection rota for 2007

pending the outcome of the May elections. (ii) Purchase of lock and chain. The Clerk was purchasing a lock and chain and preparing a suitable notice for use should it become necessary to close the play area on health and safety grounds. (iii) training course. It had not been possible for the Council to be represented at the inspection training course held by Chester City Council on 6 and 7 March 2007. It was noted that Cllr Moulton would wish to attend any future course.

(c) Grounds maintenance issues. The proposed variation to the specification for grounds maintenance within the play area to include the removal of accumulations of leaves and hedge cuttings would be raised with the appointed contractor.

(iii) Public Footpaths

(a) Footpath 7. There was nothing further to report at this stage. (b) Replacement signs. A response was awaited from the Countryside Access Manager, Cheshire County Council as to the requested costs for treated softwood signs with the name



of the path indicated in black paint on a full size arm. (c) Footpath 2. Meeting with Mr and Mrs S Arden. Cllrs Fisher and Paterson reported on a meeting with Mr and Mrs S Arden. It was now understood that Mr and Mrs Arden did not own a large part of the dingle and it had been pointed out there was no access for machinery to cut any overgrowth.

(d) Kissing gate project. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 7 February 2007, of advice from the Countryside Access Manager as to the availability of kissing gates to replace stiles on paths to increase accessibility. It was noted the gates must replace stiles or similar inaccessible structures and the parish council must obtain the land owner's consent. Help was available towards installation costs but any contribution parish councils could make towards these would be welcomed. Action: Refer to Parish Paths Warden. The Council would support the replacement of stiles with kissing gates.

(iv) Grounds Maintenance.

(a) Vale. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to Members' concerns that Vale was not dealing adequately with City Council owned grassed areas at the amenity area in Fox Cover and adjoining the footway at the rear of the Village Hall.

(b) Parish Council contract 2007/08. This matter was dealt with in Part 2 due to the likely disclosure of the financial affairs of third parties.

(v) Public Seats. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(vi) Landscaping, Fox Cover. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(vii) Provision for youth. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

6 Public transport (a) Sale of ChesterBus. The Clerk was pursuing further clarification of the response from Arriva indicating there were currently no plans to provide services to Guilden Sutton.

7 Highways.

(i) Strategic. There were no action items to report.

(ii) Local matters.

(a) Speed indicator device. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(b) Speed gun. Cllrs Hughes reported on the use of the radar gun in Mickle Trafford. The Clerk had clarified with the City Council that the Council was seeking authorisation of existing sites and those suggested at Station Lane and Wicker Lane for the use of both SID and radar equipment.

(c) Signing and lining schemes. (i) Wicker Lane/ Station Lane. The location of a sign in Station Lane, which Members believed could be 10m to 15m closer to Guilden Sutton, was being raised with the highway authority. The inquiry as to progress with the lining proposals had elicited a response that the budget had been expended and the work deferred to 2007/08. Action: Noted with disappointment. (ii) Gateway treatment, Guilden Sutton Lane - red patch SLOW marking, high visibility

30mph signs. The inquiry as to progress with the lining proposals had elicited a response that the budget had been expended and the work deferred to 2007/08.

Action: Noted with disappointment.

(d) Speed review, Guilden Sutton Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to the decision by the highways and transportation local joint committee for Chester to carry out a speed review of Guilden Sutton Lane.

(e) mud, Guilden Sutton Lane, meeting with Mr and Mrs S Arden. Cllrs Fisher and Paterson reported that Mr Arden had indicated he would prefer to work in dry conditions and he believed his record was better than that of most farmers.

(f) junction A41/Guilden Sutton Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to the Clerk's approach to the highways and transportation local joint committee with respect to the need for a 50mph limit on the A41 at this junction to reduce hazards faced by vehicles emerging from the gap in the

central reservation, the provision of traffic signals to deal with the problem of more than one vehicle waiting in the gap in the central reservation and associated road rage and for street lighting between the junction and the Hoole roundabout. The Clerk was advising City Cllr B J Bailey of the representations which had been made. Action: The Clerk.

(g) Footway School Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to the overhanging Ivy affecting the footway on Porters Hill which had been brought the matter to the attention of the adjoining occupiers.

(h) speed restriction sign, Station Lane. The matter was being reported to the Area Maintenance Engineer. Action: The Clerk.

(iii) Lighting. Faults affecting The Dell 1, Middlecroft 5, Guilden Sutton Lane 22, Belle Vue Lane 9 and Oaklands 18 would be reported.

8 Finance:

(i) Income:

Bank of Scotland:

Interest

31 January  
£ 1.39

28 February  
£ 0.96

(ii) Payments

Clerk

Photocopies

315@  
5p £  
15.75

Proposed by Cllr Hughes  
seconded by Cllr Paterson  
and agreed.

(iii) Balances (latest figures  
previously reported)

Bank of Scotland  
28 February  
2007 £  
1,219.39

Scottish Widows

(29 January  
2007)

£17,944.64

(£1,500 transferred to current  
a/c 25 January 2007, not  
included in balance above.)

Scottish Widows no 2

(2 Jan  
2007) £  
2,260.86

(iv) Report on contingency  
payments.

Budget:  
£ 1,465

Payments:

Clerk's agreed expenses	£ 104
Clerk's training	£ 70
Goal post painting	£ 117
Donation, Primary School	£ 253
Vice Chairman training	£ 20
Goal nets/ pegs	£ 83
File shredding	£ 70
Seat etc painting	£ 505
Playing field lock/	

tape	£ 14
Community Assn	
grant	£ 275
Parish	
Plan	£ 10
Holiday	
Club	£ 200
Parish	
Plan	£ 30
Hi viz	
vests	£
197	
Net	
ties	
£ 5	
Mole	
eradication	£
<u>180</u>	

Total  
£2,133

(v) Insurance. The application form obtained from the insurers with respect to the proposed increase in the fidelity limit would be completed. Further consideration would be given to a number of individual elements within the insurance, initially by Cllr Hughes and the Clerk.

(vi) Banking facilities. Transfer of current account. The Clerk reported further. It was intended to operate the new account wef 1 April 2007.



(vii) Budget. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(viii) Appointment of external auditor. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 9 February 2007, of advice from the Audit Commission that it intended to appoint UHY Hacker Young as auditor to Guilden Sutton Parish Council for the financial year 2006/07. The commission also advised that new fees had been approved to operate from 2006/07. These would remain in operation for a five year period.

9 Environment services.

(i) Recycling. Cllr Carter and the Clerk reported. Cllr Carter would provide information for inclusion in a future issue of the newsletter.

(ii) Amenity cleansing. (a) Grot spots. Members were compiling a list of grot spots throughout the parish for a site meeting to be requested through the ward Member. The Clerk was awaiting a response from the appropriate City Council

manager as to the invitation to attend a meeting of the Council to discuss the revised arrangements for area cleansing which were designed to take account of local needs. The reference at a meeting of the Gowy North Area Committee to the new area based cleansing teams was visited together with the unsatisfactory state of several areas of the parish including, particularly, Belle Vue Lane and the verge in Guilden Sutton Lane referred to by Mrs Kirk. It was agreed these would be referred to City Cllr B J Bailey. Action:  
City Cllr B J Bailey.

(iii) Dog fouling. (i) The dell. The Clerk was progressing the concerns raised by Cllr Paterson as to continuing dog fouling in the vicinity of the dell. Action: The Clerk (ii) Dog Control Orders. The Clerk reported the receipt of advice, by letter dated 4 February 2007, from the City Council's environmental protection team, that the City Council was reviewing the locations of dog control areas. In addition to the children's play area, which had been previously notified, he had requested the City Council to

place an appropriate restriction on the parish playing field. An extremely helpful response had been received from the officer concerned. Both areas would be included in the next review of dog control orders in Chester district.

(iv) Litter bins. Litter bins at the play area and the Village Hall were being monitored to check the regularity of their emptying. Action:  
Situation to be monitored.

(v) Lengthsman. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(vi) Sewers. There was nothing to report.

10 Trees and hedges.

(i) Dingle path. This had been dealt with at minute 5 (iii) (c) above. A letter would also be sent to an adjoining occupier.  
(ii) Access from Oaklands. Further inquiries were being made by the Clerk as to the responsibility for this access.  
Action: The Clerk. (iii) Hill Top Road. The Chairman would speak to an occupier in relation to a hedge on Hill

Top Road. Action: Cllr Armitage. (iv) Guilden Sutton Lane. A Member referred to a number of overgrown hedges adjoining the footway on Guilden Sutton Lane.

11 Cheshire Association of Local Councils. (i) It was noted the next meeting of the Chester Area Meeting would take place at County Hall on Wednesday 4 April 2007 at 7.30pm.

12 Chester City Council.

(i) Maintenance of churchyards and burial grounds. A response was awaited to the invitation to the parochial church council to apply for a matching grant of £250 towards the cost incurred in maintaining the churchyard. An application for grant aid in 2007/08 had been progressed by the Clerk. (ii) Parish Council Members database update. The Clerk was responding. (iii) Gowy North Area Committee, Thursday 8 March 2007. Members were reminded that applications for Gowy North payments in 2007/08 were due by Friday 20 April 2007.

Cheshire County Council. (i)  
The Clerk reminded  
Members of the annual Town  
and Parish Councils  
Conference to be held on  
Wednesday 14 March 2007  
in the Civic Hall, Winsford.  
The Chairman and Vice  
Chairman would attend. (ii)  
Local Councils Service,  
Chester Cathedral 25 March  
2007. The Clerk reminded  
Members of the invitation  
received from the Chairman  
of Cheshire County Council  
to a service to be held in  
Chester Cathedral on Sunday  
25 March 2007 to recognise  
and celebrate Town and  
Parish Councils in Cheshire.

14 Local Government  
Review. The Clerk informed  
the Council the Government  
had invited shire counties  
and districts to put forward  
proposals for unitary  
authorities. Information had  
been received from both  
Cheshire County Council and  
Chester City Council as to  
their respective preferred  
options. Cheshire County  
Council had preferred a  
single unitary for the whole of  
the present county area;  
Chester City Council  
preferred there to be  
authorities for Cheshire West  
and East, the former

comprising Chester, Ellesmere Port and Neston and Vale Royal. An alternative option, not pursued by either authority, was for improved two tier working. The Chairman and City Cllr B J Bailey reported further. It was noted the Government would have to announce a short list of the bids to be considered by Tuesday, March 27 in order to avoid the election period.

14 Cheshire Community Council. There were no action items to report.

15 CPRE. There were no action items to report

16 Health. There were no action items to report

17 Policing. (i) PC M Baker attended and reported on current policing issues within the parish. Members raised concerns of which they were aware, including parking in Moorcroft Crescent. PC Baker was thanked by the Chairman for his attendance. (ii) Draft policing objectives for 2007/08. Cllr Bayton reported he had expressed reserve at the vague aspirations contained within

the objectives which he felt would benefit from specific actions and targets. (iii) Chester Police Forum. It was noted that future meetings would take place on Tuesday 17 April in the Town Hall, Chester, Tuesday 10 July in the Village Hall, Common Lane, Waverton, Tuesday 9 October, 2007 in St Theresa's Parish Centre, Blacon and Tuesday 15 January 2008 in St Mary's Centre, St Mary's Hill, Chester, all at 7pm.

18 Newsletter. The Clerk confirmed he proposed to issue a further newsletter before the end of the financial year.

19 Memorial garden. There were no action items to report at this stage.

20 Bulb planting. Cllrs Fisher and Bayton would survey areas which might benefit from additional planting.

21 Parish ICT. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

22 Primary School. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

23 Remembrance Sunday.  
(a) The Fallen of the Great War. Further inquiries had been made by Cllr Moulton in connection with the possibility of the fallen of the Great War being formally recognised in the annual Remembrance Service. The names of those who served and fell in both world wars were hanging in St John's Church. It was noted the total number of names of the fallen of WW11, (nine) appeared to differ from those at the memorial (seven.) Further inquiries would be made by Cllr Moulton. Action: Cllr Moulton.

24 Overhead electricity supplies. The request by Cllr Hughes for Scottish Power to inspect overhead supply lines in Church Lane was being progressed by the Clerk. Action: The Clerk.

25 Uneven flags, private land, Summerfield Road. A response was awaited from the most recent known address of the landowner.

26 Annual parish meeting. This was confirmed as Monday 16 April 2007, 7.15pm to be followed by



the April meeting of the Parish Council.

27 Quadrennial elections 3 May 2007. The Clerk reported the quadrennial elections were due to be held on Thursday 3 May. Information and the necessary documents would be provided by the returning officer in due course. He understood that nominations would close at noon on Wednesday 4 April 2007.

28 Members' information items.

Planning post cards. The request by Cllr Fisher for a further supply of planning post cards was being progressed by the Clerk.

Condition of land. The untidy condition of land, referred to by a Member, was being notified to City Cllr B J Bailey.

Verge markers, Wicker Lane. The request by an occupier as to the availability of verge markers had been progressed by the Clerk with the occupier.

Relocation of factory to McKenzie King/Topaz. Cllr

Fisher reported that concerns had been raised by occupiers on the adjoining length of Guilden Sutton Lane as to an increase in heavy goods vehicle traffic and damage to verges. He had visited and spoken to both occupiers and the site manager who had explained the increase in traffic was a temporary measure due to the relocation of a factory in Derbyshire to the Guilden Sutton premises. Damage to the verges would be rectified.

Meeting with Mr and Mrs S Arden. In addition to matters minuted above, Cllrs Fisher and Paterson indicated that other issues which had arisen included problems reported by Mr Arden including litter in Belle Vue Wood, the lighting of fires on his land, damage to crops caused by dog walkers and obstruction to his vehicles. Mr Arden had also pointed out that not all agricultural equipment using routes in Guilden Sutton originated from Tile Farm. In connection with damage to verges on Wicker Lane, Mr Arden had kindly offered the possibility of land for a footpath. Cllrs Fisher and Paterson described the meeting as very useful and

said there had been a great deal of goodwill on both sides. Action: Clerk to thank Mr and Mrs Arden.

Disability Discrimination Act. Cllr Hughes reported that following a report commissioned by Guilden Sutton Community Association, of which he was Chairman, on matters appertaining to the Village Hall under the Disability Discrimination Act, reference had been made to the barrier at the entrance to the footpath on Hill Top Road. City Cllr B J Bailey indicated this had been installed by the City Council to deter cyclists. He kindly offered to investigate the issue. Action: City Cllr Bailey.

Footway, Guilden Sutton Lane. A member referred to gravel from driveways on Guilden Sutton Lane migrating onto the adjoining footway. City Cllr B J Bailey kindly offered to progress the matter with the Area Maintenance Engineer. Action: City Cllr Bailey.

Speed limit, Guilden Sutton Lane (part.) Cllr Fisher commented that the speed limit on the length of Guilden

Sutton Lane leading to the rear entrance to the highway depot and to the entrance to McKenzie King appeared to have a 40mph limit which he believed should be 30mph. Further inquiries would be made by the Clerk.

Cheshire Planning Forum. The Chairman reported a meeting of the Cheshire Planning Forum would take place on Friday 30 March 2007.

Expenses. A Member raised the issue of the reimbursement of expenses incurred by Members of the Council. It was agreed advice should be available. An approach would be made by the Chairman to the Cheshire Association of Local Councils.

29 Information correspondence.

ChALC: Community Action training session Thursday 15 March 2007, 2007 training dates, Local Council Review March 2007.

Society of Local Council Clerks, North West Regional Conference, Tuesday 20

March 2007

Chester City Council: Council meeting February 21, 2007, Gowy North Area Committee priorities into actions workshop Thursday 22 February 2007.

Cheshire County Council. Cheshire Matters February 2007, A41 awareness campaign.

Cheshire Community Council: matters affecting the voluntary, community and faith sector in Cheshire.

CPRE: Countryside Voice Spring 2007

Celebrate St George's Day campaign

What sort of future do you want: Sciencehorizons discussion group.

Clerks and Councils Direct Update.

Matters to be considered in the absence of the press and public.

30 Development control. The Clerk was inquiring into

development taking place within the parish referred to by a Member.

31 Grounds maintenance contract 2007/08. The tender from the third contractor had been received and circulated by the Clerk. Members gave careful consideration to all three tenders, noting some of the prices in one were broadly competitive with those offered by the current contractor. It was proposed by Cllr Bayton, seconded by Cllr Paterson and agreed that the tender of Messrs. Gresty dated 18 January 2007 should be accepted together with lengthsman duties as specified at 3 hours per week.