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Parish Councillors	Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 16 April 2007 in Guilden Sutton Village Hall.	
Role of PC		
PC Meeting Dates	Chairman: Cllr R M Armitage.	
PC Minutes	Present: Cllrs Armitage, Bayton, Brown, Carter, Fisher, Hughes, Moulton, Paterson.	
PC Newsletters		
Community_		
Association	In attendance: City Cllr B J Bailey, County Cllr J E Burke.	
Marigold Newsletter	Dublic Creating Time	
St John's Church	Public Speaking Time.	
Methodist Chapel	There was no public speaking.	
Political		
Representatives Police	1 Apologies. PC M Baker, S Parker Esq.	
Schools	2 Procedural matters.	
Local Transport		
Photo Gallery	(i) Declarations of interest.	
What's On	Members were reminded that they should declare any personal interest	
Lottery Results	which they had in any matter or item to be considered at the meeting. Any	
Local Weather	declaration must be made before the matter, or item, was considered or as	
Links	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.	
	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 March 2007. The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the	
	Council held on Monday 5 March 2007 were proposed by Cllr Armitage,	
	seconded by Cllr Bayton and agreed.	

(iii) Dates of future meetings.

Confirmed: 14 May, 18 June, 23 July, 3 September, 1 October, 12 November and 17 December 2007. Confirmed dates would be revisited, as appropriate, at the annual meeting.

(iv) Quality Council matters. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(v) Consultation on amendments to the model code of conduct for local authority members. City Cllr Bailey indicated he had nothing further to report at this stage as to the need expressed by Cllr Fisher for guidance concerning any confidential material held by Members, including when they had left office.

(vi) Members allowances. A document had been circulated by the Chairman. Cllr Fisher indicated he had raised the issue particularly to encourage younger councillors. He accepted that not all Members would wish to take advantage of any allowances which might be available. The Chairman believed this would be an issue for the new Council to discuss. It was agreed the matter would be revisited at the annual meeting.

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.

City Cllr Bailey indicated there was nothing further to report at this stage as to the proposals for a reduction in the height of the installation.

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. The following response had been made:

The Council is grateful to the applicant for moving towards its concerns and those of nearby occupiers in the revised proposal. Members are not persuaded, however, that sufficient has been done to mitigate the impact of three storey development in the historic core of the village, which it believes to be inappropriate.

The Council would, however, be minded to withdraw its objection if a further reduction in floor level by up to one metre, to meet the original request that the property should be no higher than the immediately adjoining dwelling, could be achieved. The finished level would still be above that of Church Lane.

The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 20 March 2007, of advice

from the Strategic Director, Development that the application had been withdrawn. He understood, however, from discussions with the agent that this was not the view of the applicant. City ClIr Bailey indicated he believed the proposal could not be entertained by the planning authority as it was time expired.

06/02074/TPO felling of 1 no Scots Pine at Wood Farm, School Lane, CH3 7ET for Mr P Gresty. Mr A Young (Tree Warden.) The Clerk had pursued an assurance from the Tree Officer that the 2 no replacement Oak and 5 no replacement Scots Pine to be planted would be protected. The Trees and Woodlands Officer had advised that the replacement planting would only be protected by condition requiring trees to be replaced, should they fail, until they became established. In order to protect them under a protection order, a new order would be required. **Action: noted.** 

07/00029/FUL bedroom extension at 14 Old Hall Park CH3 7ER. There was nothing further to report with respect to the correspondence per Dr and Mrs J E Cantle.

07/00280/FUL ground floor extension at 78 Oaklands for Mr Duffy. Cllr Carter reported. It was agreed that no objection would be raised.

07/00304/FUL Two storey side extension, rear single storey extension and pitched roof over existing flat roof to front and part side elevation at 7 Belle Vue Lane CH3 7EJ for Mr and Mrs Clowes. Cllr Armitage reported the proposal amounted to a minor alteration to the approved plans. It was agreed that no objection would be raised.

07/00366/FUL extension and two dormer windows at Brackendale, Church Lane for Mr Jessop. Cllr Fisher reported. It was agreed that no objection would be raised. .

07/00419/FUL Two storey extension and pitched roof over existing dormer windows at 3 Station Lane CH3 7HD for Mr and Mrs I Tonks. Cllr Bayton reported. It was agreed that no objection would be raised.

07/00496/FUL replacement dwelling at Westview, Hare Lane CH3 7ED for Mr and Mrs P D Collinson. Cllr Fisher reported on this amended proposal. It was agreed that no objection should be raised subject to the separation from the boundary with Halfways being maintained and to the design and materials of a proposed garage roof matching the new dwelling

07/00525/FUL single storey extension, removal of porch and bay window, pitched roof to replace flat roof and conversion of roof space at 5 School Lane CH3 7ET for Mr D Everton. Cllr Paterson reported. It was agreed that no objection should be raised.

07/00561/TPO proposed works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order. One Sycamore crown raise or remove, one Cedar remove one stem and crown raise, one Cherry crown, clean and raise at Cedar Lodge, School Lane for Mr B Harding. Cllr Bayton reported. It was agreed the

## following response should be made to the Trees and Woodlands Officer:

`Thank you for consulting my Council on this application, which was referred to the Parish Tree Warden.

We have no strong feelings about the sycamore, which is neither particularly impressive nor in a conspicuous position, and have no objection to the crown being raised or to it being removed completely, as the application asks.

Regarding the cherry, which the occupier wants to crown raise, we have no objection as long as a fair sized crown is left so that the tree is well proportioned.

With respect to the cedar, the rear stem overhangs the neighbour's bungalow and we thought it might brush against the roof in a wind and cause damage. While it would be better if the rear stem were not there, it is very large, over a foot in diameter, and removing it might be detrimental to the health of the tree, as might removing the lower branches as requested. However, you are best placed to decide on the effect on the tree's wellbeing.

If some removal of branches is to be permitted, we believe that 20 feet is too high and is unlikely to have any beneficial effect for the Hardings, beyond what a 12 foot crown raise would achieve. Therefore, subject to the City Council's opinion on the effect on the health of the tree we recommend that crown raising be limited to 12 feet.

Work on the remainder of the hedge should be restricted to such pruning as is essential to enable the occupier to use the drive for motor cars.'

(ii) Decision notices.

07/00110/FUL replace existing garage with new double garage including office & storage above at Ash Villa, Hare Lane CH3 7ED for Mr N Haslock. Planning permission. Conditions re occupation solely for purposes incidental to the occupation and enjoyment of the main house as a dwelling, no use as a separate unit of accommodation and no windows in the western elevation to protect privacy.

07/00211/FUL two storey side extension, ground floor rear extension and first floor front extension at 101 Oaklands for Mr Connolly. Refusal of planning permission. The proposed side extension by virtue of its design and siting in relation to the side boundary at this prominent corner location would result in a form of development appearing discordant with the existing dwelling house, over prominent and detrimental to the openness of the estate.

(iii) Parish Plan. (a) progress. Cllr Paterson reported. Cllr Fisher indicated that provision had been made for the website to include information relating to the parish plan.

(iv) Village Design Statement. The Council confirmed it had noted the desirability of such a statement being produced but at this stage would await progress with the parish plan.

(v) Strategic planning. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 16 March 2007, of advice of consultations on draft supplementary planning documents. These involved the Tarvin Village Design Statement, for which comments were due by Friday 27 April 2007; the Kelsall Parish Landscape and Design Statement, (Friday 13 April 2007) and specific sections of a draft supplementary planning document on affordable housing, (Friday 13 April 2007). This indicated a minimum site size threshold for a requirement for affordable housing of 15 dwellings and did not preclude developers from providing affordable housing on sites which were below the size threshold, including in rural areas. In villages where there was a clear and demonstrable need for affordable housing, the City Council would seek a proportion of affordable housing even on the smallest sites. <u>Action:</u> **noted.** 

(v) Cheshire Planning Forum, Friday 30 March 2007. It had not been possible for the Council to be represented.

4 Parish car park. The condition of the parish car park continued to be monitored. Cllr Fisher believed that ivy on an adjoining boundary wall mites needs cutting back at some stage. It was noted that weeds were growing through the hard surface.

# 5 Leisure Services.

(i) Playing Field: (a) grounds maintenance issues (b) mole infestation (c) nets. Cllr Hughes indicated that with respect to item (c) further work was required to satisfactorily fix the nets to the posts. **Action: Cllr Hughes.** 

# (ii) Play Area

(a) CCTV and CCTV protocol. Advice on alternative providers of CCTV equipment had been sought through the Cheshire Association of Local Councils but there had been no response. It was agreed that in an attempt to make progress, the issue should be raised at a meeting of the Gowy North Area Committee. <u>Action: The Clerk.</u> The Clerk had contacted the Area Manager, Gowy North Area Committee to advise it would not be possible to take up the grant during the 2006/07 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 that action to deal with areas of the safety surfacing which required attention was awaited. The condition of the see saw handles would continue to be monitored. (ii) The Clerk would recirculate the inspection rota for 2007 taking account of the outcome of the May elections. <u>Action: The Clerk.</u> (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. Action: The Clerk.

(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. In the continuing absence of a response 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, it was agreed, on the advice of the Parish Paths Warden, to accept replacement metal signs. The Council would continue to seek an opportunity to provide replacement wooden signs. (d) Kissing gate project. The Clerk had informed the Parish Paths Warden of the advice from the Countryside Access Manager as to the availability of kissing gates to replace stiles on paths to increase accessibility. <u>Action: The Clerk.</u>

(iv) Grounds Maintenance.

(a) Vale. It was noted that the frequency of cuts in the dell and the Fox Cover amenity area continued to be inadequate. It was thought the verge adjoining the footway at the rear of the village hall had received attention.
(b) Parish Council contract 2007/08. Messrs Gresty had been advised of the acceptance of their successful tender. It was agreed that Cllr Hughes and the Clerk should continue to seek site meetings to monitor progress.

(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 (i) Arriva: services to Guilden Sutton. The Clerk was pursing further clarification of the response from Arriva indicating there were currently no plans to provide services to Guilden Sutton. (ii) Chester District Public Transport Liaison Committee Wednesday, 18 April 2007, County Hall at 6.30pm. The Clerk reported the receipt of the agenda for this meeting, which would be attended by Cllr Armitage.

7 Highways.

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

07/08 004

(ii) Local matters.

(a) Speed indicator device. It was agreed a request would be made for the use of the device during weeks commencing Monday 21 May 2007 and Monday 9 July, 2007. **Action: The Clerk.** 

(b) Speed gun. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(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. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to progress with the lining proposals which had been deferred to 2007/08. (ii) Gateway treatment, Guilden Sutton Lane - red patch SLOW marking, high visibility 30mph signs. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to progress with the lining proposals which had been deferred to 2007/08.

(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. The highway authority was being informed of the Council's view the limit on the CDS length of Guilden Sutton Lane from Willow Cottage to the highways depot should be reduced to 30mph. **Action: The Clerk**.

(e) 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. <u>Action: The</u> Clerk.

(f) 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.

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

(h) Footway, Guilden Sutton Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to the action being taken by City B J Bailey with respect to gravel from driveways migrating into the footway.

(i) Highways and Transportation local joint committee Thursday 22 March 2007. The Clerk reported the receipt of the agenda for this meeting, to take place at 6.30pm at County Hall.

(iii) Lighting. Cllr Hughes reported on a survey he had undertaken with Cllr Moulton. Faults would be reported affecting the Hare Lane 3, Oaklands 18

and Wood Croft 1. Action: The Clerk.			
8 Finance:			
(i) Income:			
Bank of Scotland:			
Interest	£ none in statement period.		
Chester City council			
Precept	£12,600.00		
Scottish Widows no 1 account			
Interest 2 April	£ 210.60		
Scottish Widows no 2 account			
Interest 2 April 26.73	£		
(ii) Payments			
Chester City Council			
business rates, first half year	£ 283.10		
Cheshire Community Council			
Subscription 2007/08	£ 33.00		
Cheshire Assn of Local Councils			
Subscription 2007/08	£ 254.99		
Local Council Review	<u>£ 28.00</u>		
	£ 282.99		
Mid Cheshire Footpath Society			
Subscription 2007/08	£ 8.00		
Mrs R Mort playing field rent			
April - June 2007	£ 137.50		

Allianz Cornhill			
renewal 1 June 2007	£ 1,228.63*		
Clerk			
Salary			
1 Jan - 31 Mar 2007	£ 1,079.33		
Expenses			
Postage	£ 18.50		
Newsletter distribution	£ 27.03 (VAT £4.03)		
Photocopies			
793@ 5p	£ 39.65		
Mileage <u>8@40p</u>	£ 3.20		
Agreed expenses	<u>£ 104.00</u>		
	£ 192.38_		
Transfer to gratuity account.	£ 161.90		
Proposed by Cllr Armitage seconded by Cllr Bayton and agreed.			
*deferred to May meeting			
(iii) Balances			
Bank of Scotland			
21 March 2007	£ 1,017.49		
Scottish Widows no 1 account			
3 April 2007	£18,155.24		
Scottish Widows no 2			
(3 April 2007)	£ 2,247.59		
(iv) Report on contingency payments.			
Budget:	£ 1,465		

#### Payments:

## £ NIL

(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, including the recently received renewal, initially by Cllr Hughes and the Clerk. **Action: Cllr Hughes, The Clerk.** 

(vi) Banking facilities. Transfer of current account. The Clerk reported further. It had been intended to operate the new account wef 1 April 2007 but this aspiration had been frustrated as the City Council, although advised of the new account details, had paid the precept to the existing account.

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

(viii) Appointment of external auditor. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 22 March, 2007 from the Audit Commission, of confirmation of the appointment of UHY Hacker Young as auditor to Guilden Sutton Parish Council for the financial year 2006/07. The Audit Commission would write to Council again early next year regarding the auditor appointment for 2007/08 and future years.

9 Environment services: (i) recycling issues. There was nothing further to report at this stage. (ii) (a) amenity cleansing, Belle Vue Lane, other grot spots to be identified for site meeting including footpath no 2. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to progress made by City Cllr Bailey in dealing with this issue. (b) correspondence per Mrs Y Kirk. The Clerk reported the receipt of thanks, by letter dated 3 April 2007, from Mrs Y Kirk as to action taken, probably by the new residents of an adjoining property, to tidy the verge at the entrance to Church Lane. Mrs Kirk thanked the Council for its previous support in this matter. (iii) dog fouling. (a) The dell. The Clerk was progressing the concerns raised by Cllr Paterson as to continuing dog fouling in the vicinity of the dell. (b) Footpath no 2. It was agreed a bin should be sought for Footpath no 2. Action: The Clerk. (iv) litter bins. Litter bins at the play area and the Village Hall were being monitored to check the regularity of their emptying. (v) lengthsman. (a) verge adjoining Summerfield House. Cllr Brown referred to the incidence of litter in the ditch adjoining Summerfield House. It was noted the scavenging of this verge was now part of the lengthsman's contract. (b) lengthsman 2006/07. Further to an inquiry from the lengthsman, it was agreed to pay for an additional 0.5 hours per week for the period 1 August 2006 to 31 October 2006, replacing the previous decision to limit the increased hours to a two month period. (vi) sewers. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

10 Trees and hedges. (i) Access to footpath 2 from Oaklands. Further inquiries were being made by the Clerk to establish the extent of the City Council's ownership. (ii) Hill Top Road. The Chairman would take appropriate action in relation to a hedge on Hill Top Road. (iii) hedge, Guilden Sutton Lane. A Member referred to an overgrown hedge

obstructing the footway. The Clerk would be provided with the necessary information to forward to the Area Maintenance Engineer.

11 Cheshire Association of Local Councils. (i) Chester Area meeting, Wednesday 4 April 2007. Cllr Armitage reported. The annual meeting would be held on Wednesday 4 July 2007 subject to confirmation.

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. (ii) Gowy North Area Committee 8 March 2007. Members reported. (iii) Applications for Gowy North payments 2007/08. It was noted that any submission for the first round of payments would be due by Friday 20 April 2007. (iv) Review of Dog Control Orders. Cllr Bayton suggested that areas suitable for future dog control orders could possibly be considered as part of the parish plan process. (v) Rough sleepers head count. The Clerk reported the receipt of this survey, by letter from Chester City Council dated 20 March 2007. A nil return had been submitted. (vii) City Council Election 3 May 2007. The Clerk had been advised by the returning officer that an election would take place for the election of a city councillor for Christleton ward.

13 Cheshire County Council. (i) Local Councils Service, Chester Cathedral 25 March 2007. It had not been possible for the council to be represented.

14 Local Government Review. The Clerk reminded 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 Government had decided that both the County and City Council bids should be included in the short list for consideration. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 30 March 2007, of information from Chester County Council relating to the review and offering to visit the Council prior to the conclusion of the consultation period on Friday 22 June 2007. Action: **Noted.** The Chairman believed that any reorganisation of council structures should avoid double rating.

15 Cheshire Community Council. The Clerk reported the receipt of advice of a Spring members' evening to be held on Thursday 26 April 2007 in Byley Village Hall at 7pm.\_

16 CPRE. There were no action items to report.

17 Health. The valuable work carried out by first responders was noted together with an indication the ambulance service was willing to provide defibrillators. Mr Derek Bowker, Project Rural Matters coordinator, intended

to arrange a series of meetings for those interested in participating in the scheme.

18 Policing. (i) Chester Police Forum Tuesday 17 April 2007, Chester Town Hall. It was noted a meeting of the Chester Police Forum would take place on Tuesday 17 April 2007 in Chester Town Hall at 7pm. Cllr Moulton would attend. It was noted that future meetings would take place on 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.

19 Newsletter. (i) It was noted issue 119 of the newsletter had been distributed.

20 Memorial garden. Members discussed the possibility of introducing colour into the garden which at present was planted with shrubs. Cllr Hughes suggested the possibility of trailing plants over the wall. Cllr Moulton expressed concern that litter was thrown into the garden and a road sign behind the BT cabinet looked untidy. It was proposed by Cllr Paterson, seconded by Cllr Brown and agreed that the purchase of appropriate plants should be authorised, up to a maximum of £20. A request would be made to the owner of the sign, if this could be identified, to remove it.

21 Bulb planting. Members visited the successful outcome of the planting carried out last Autumn at the junction of Guilden Sutton Lane and Heath Bank. It was agreed a further 3 no sacks of similar bulbs should be purchased during 2007 to be planted at a different location. Cllr Carter indicated she had photographs of the planting at various locations in the village.

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

23 Primary School. Cllr Hughes reported. A very well organised bag packing at Sainsbury's in aid of school funds had raised a total of £669 towards proposed improvements to the play area in the school grounds.

24 Remembrance Sunday Service (i) Fallen of the First War. Cllr Moulton confirmed that the bronze plaque at the memorial garden did not record all the fallen of the Second World War as had previously been assumed and none from the First World War. Members were informed of the names of the fallen of both wars. Cllr Moulton would make further enquiries as to information available at the Methodist Church. **Action: Cllr Moulton**.

25 Overhead electricity supply lines. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

26 Uneven flags, private land, Summerfield Road. No reply had been received from the absentee landowner.

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

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

29 Annual parish meeting: (i) matters arising. The issues raised by members of the public at the annual parish meeting which were not already being dealt with would be revisited at the annual meeting of the Council. These included the condition of the City Council amenity area at Fox Cover, including the `no ball games' sign, the state of part of the planting at the shops in Summerfield Road and the provision of bins for the reception of canine faeces. (ii) Annual reports. The Clerk was thanked for the comprehensive reports which he had prepared.

30 Quadrennial elections 3 May 2007. The Clerk had confirmed there were eight valid nominations for the eight vacancies on the Council and these candidates would be elected unopposed on Thursday 3 May 2007.

31 Disability Discrimination Act: barrier, Hill Top Road. It was not known at this stage if City Cllr B J Bailey had been able to progress this issue.

32 Commission for Rural Communities Inquiry: strengthening the role of rural councillors. The Clerk reported the receipt of this survey, with a closing date of Saturday 19 May 2007. <u>Action: To be circulated.</u>

33 Memorial safety. The Clerk had received correspondence from the Department for Constitutional Affairs providing guidance as to procedures to be followed in respect of memorial safety. This would be referred to the Rector. **Action: The Clerk.** 

34 Member's information items.

A Member referred to the felling of a large Oak within the parish. Inquiries would be made as to whether or not the tree was protected.

Guilden Sutton District News. The reporting of Guilden Sutton news in the press was visited. Cllr Moulton indicated an interest in assisting and would discuss this with the Clerk.

Fencing, Guilden Sutton Lane. A Member referred to the condition of fencing on Guilden Sutton Lane which was thought to be an eyesore.

Cllr Armitage had been informed that BT had erected a pole in the garden of Little Beck, Church Lane. It was believed this had been erected to provide a broadband service.

Cllr Catherine Carter. The Council expressed its thanks and best wishes to Cllr Carter who was not seeking re-election due to leaving the parish.

35 Information correspondence.

ChALC: newsletter 113.

Chester City Council: neighbourhood working; refuse collections Easter bank holiday period; Ethics and Standards Committee Thursday 5 April 2007.

Cheshire County Council: Cheshire Matters March 2007.

Cheshire Community Council: Cheshire Rural View March 2007.

CPRE: Fieldwork, March 2007.

Guilden Sutton Village Website

Policing: How to contact Cheshire Police.

Big Lottery Fund.

Neuromuscular Centre, open day Thursday 21 June, 2007.

Part II.

There were no part II items.