

Guilden Sutton Parish Council**Minutes of the ordinary meeting held Wednesday 5th September 2018 at 7.30pm**

Chairman: Cllr I Brown

Present: Cllrs Davis, Hughes, Hunt, Moulton, Ringstead,

Clerk: Mrs K Lowe

In attendance: 6 members of the public.

1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- a. Apologies from Cllr Paterson were received and accepted.
- b. There were no new declarations of interest and no dispensations sought.
- c. It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2018 as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting.
- d. Dates of future meetings. The Clerk has circulated a list of proposed meeting dates for 2018 as follows:

Wednesday 3rd October, Wednesday 7th November, Wednesday 5th December.

2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- a. Visiting Officers – PC Boulton was not in attendance at the meeting. Mr Lewin as the voluntary footpaths officer advised that many of the footpaths have become overgrown, all residents are encouraged to report concerns online via the Cheshire West and Chester website. Mr Lewin reported that the pathway leading to the Bird in Hand pub was overgrown.
- b. Visiting Members – Cllr S Parker explained to the Council that they could bid for Members's Budget funds. The Clerk will contact Sharon Marshall for further information.
- c. Members of the public speaking time – A member of the public attended to further discuss the Green Space plan for the village, there is to be an open meeting at the village pub to discuss on 6th September, Cllr Davis is unable to attend, Cllr Hughes will attend in his place.

A member of the public attended to raise concerns about the lack of pedestrian crossing or road markings on the A41 for young people who cross the dual carriageway to reach school bus services outside The Pipers Pub. The Parish Council will write to the Highways Department, Cllr S Parker suggested initial contacts might be Kay Parry and Sue Begley.

- d. Local surgery – The local surgery had taken place with Cllr Hughes and Cllr Paterson, no members of the public attended.
The next surgery will take place on Saturday 29th September 2018. Cllr Davis and Moulton will attend.
- e. Mr Lewin had submitted invoices for website costs totalling £41.93. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes and seconded by Cllr Davis to approve payment of the costs already

incurred. The Clerk and the Chair had planned to meet with Mr Lewin to discuss the Parish Council element of the website going forward, however due to the summer break and holiday periods of those involved it had not been possible to arrange a meeting and this will need to be rescheduled.

- f. Newsletter – It was agreed to continue the trial with Chester Handbooks for the provision of a newsletter service, the clerk will make contact to book space in the next suitable publication. Topics to be included are:
 - i. Green Space Plan
 - ii. Community Bulb planting exercise Sunday 14th October 2018 meeting at 2pm at the village hall, bulbs will be provided
 - iii. Battle’s Over Event in November
 - iv. Feedback on the difficulties crossing the A41 particularly for young people accessing the school bus services.

It was noted that a small number of residents may not receive the publication, any residents who do not receive the magazine should let the Clerk know who will ask the company to cover the missing areas. Parts of Wicker Lane need coverage. Consideration will be given to the costs of advertising in the A41 Gowy newsletter.

3. PLANNING

- a. New/recent applications

18/02674/FUL 1 Old Hall Park Guilden Sutton, new rear extension.

18/02661/FUL Ash Villa, Hare Lane, erection of a new two storey extension and a garage.

- b. New Planning Decisions

18/00592/FUL	Tile Farm		Objected	Approved
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- c. Section 106 monies – There was nothing new to report, members are open to the idea of Section 106 monies supporting the green space project where applicable.
- d. NDP – The NDP working group are hoping to complete the policies by the end of September.

4. TRAINING.

There was no new information to report.

5. PARISH CAR PARK

A resident who neighbours the car park has complained that the trees are very overgrown. There may be issues with the trees touching power cables belonging to Scottish Power. The Parish Council will look into the work that needs to be done. Cllr Brown and Cllr Hughes will meet with the affected resident.

6. LEISURE SERVICES

a. Grass cutting

The grass is being cut regularly.

b. Playing Field

The hedge has been cut but the football nets are looking untidy

The Play area safety check has been booked in by the Clerk, Cllr Paterson reported that there were no issues with the gate following the July meeting.

c. Footpaths / Footways

A tractor has been parked on Arrowcroft Road overlapping the footpath, this is causing issues with children walking to school. If the tractor is not removed the Council will report the matter to CWAC.

d. Mobile Library – The mobile library is not getting enough use, it needs greater footfall or it will be lost to the village.

7. PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

There was no new information to report.

8. HIGHWAYS

a. SID Group – Volunteers are needed for SID sessions in September. Now that the speed limit on Wicker Lane has been reduced to 40mph Cllr Moulton will ask Ian Rutherford to risk assess and evaluate a possible location for monitoring speeding in this area. A member suggested that the weight/size of vehicles on Wicker Lane was a problem but it was acknowledged this would be difficult to control.

b. Standing Consideration of Highways matters – Cllr Ringstead had spoken with MP for Chester Chris Matheson at a recent MP surgery in the village about issues around Highways services, it is hoped that Localities Officer, Sharon Marshall will attend a future meeting of the council. A member of the public had made contact about a grit bin which is one issue to raise with CWAC as this should not be a Parish Council responsibility. The Clerk updated members on the communications around the introduction of 20mph speed limits in areas of the village.

9. FINANCE

a. Income – No new income had been received

b. Payments

The following payments were approved:

Age UK Cheshire for works to the phone box Pipers Ash £250.00

Came and Company Parish Council Insurance £1075.22

Northwich Town Council July £176.40

Northwich Town Council August £558.60

Clerk pay September 329.60

- c. The bank statement was checked and signed.

It was proposed by Cllr Ringstead and seconded by Cllr Moulton to accept the financial information and approve the payments put forward. RESOLVED unanimously.

10. ENVIRONMENT

- a. Streetcare – Weeds in the village need continuous attention and have been a real problem in the last year.
- b. Dog fouling – No new information to report.
- c. Trees and hedges, planters and bulbs – A bulb planting event will take place on Sunday 14th October 2018 all participants to meet at the Village Hall at 2pm. The Parish Council will supply bulbs
- d. Greenspace Proposal – Discussions concerning the purchase of land and how it could be funded took place. The Parish Council are aware that the proposed land for the project is still being marketed and could be time sensitive. The Parish wish to support what would be a community project and committed to the following actions:
 - i. Looking into the options for purchasing land
 - ii. Solicitor costs and legal requirement surrounding the purchase of land
 - iii. The potential costs of a loan to include repayments, interest rates and the length of loan to cover the costs
 - iv. Issues surrounding access to/from the land and planning matters for the Green space group to consider

Cllr Moulton will make some initial investigations into the above.

11. CWAC and other organisations

- a. CWAC correspondence – The Clerk reported on ongoing consultations.
- b. ChALC/NALC – There was no new information to report.
- c. CPRE – No new information to report.
- d. Defibrillator – It was agreed that the Parish Council would make an application to Members Budget funding following the advice of Cllr S Parker towards the cost of purchasing and installing a defibrillator at the Pipers Ash telephone box. Cllr Ringstead reported that the existing defibrillator at the Village Hall needed new batteries.
- e. Police and Fire – The Clerk read an update on the 101 service and difficulties experienced, the information from the update will be available on the website.

12. GDPR

The Clerk will update the prepared information in the light of discussions about the website.

13. GUILDEN SUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school had held a meeting of all key stakeholders to discuss the outcomes of the SIAMs inspection. The school are outstanding and now need to plan for how to maintain the outstanding status.

14. COMMUNITY EVENTS

Battle's Over 11th November, this event will need volunteers to be able to take place.

15. VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The committee have a new volunteer willing to act as Treasurer.

16. MEMBERS INFORMATION AND SPEAKING TIME

There is a Shetland pony in the garden of a property in the village, hopefully this is a very short term situation.

The Clerk will contact the new PCSO regarding attendance at Parish Council meetings.

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 9.35pm

Members of the public were requested to leave for the council to consider a confidential matter.

Part 2

Members had been aware of the Clerk's letter of resignation. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy on the village website and facebook page, Parish Council noticeboards and via ChALC. The Clerk will keep the Chair updated as to applicants.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 3rd October 2018 starting at 7.30pm