

**Guilden Sutton Parish Council****Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.30pm****Annual Parish Council Meeting**

Chairman: Cllr I Brown

Present: Cllrs Davis, Hughes, Moulton, Paterson, Ringstead, Roberts.

Clerk: Mrs K Lowe

In attendance: 4 members of the public.

**1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

- a. Apologies from PC Boulton and the newly appointed PCSO were also received.
- b. There were no new declarations of interest and no dispensations sought.
- c. It was proposed by Cllr Paterson and seconded by Cllr Ringstead to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 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 11<sup>th</sup> July, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

- e. Mrs Susan Hunt was present at the meeting and had previously provided members with background information. It was proposed by Cllr Paterson and seconded by Cllr Ringstead to co-opt Mrs Hunt onto the Parish Council as a full member. RESOLVED unanimously. Cllr Hunt joined the members at the meeting table for the rest of the meeting.

**2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- a. Visiting Officers – PC Boulton was not in attendance at the meeting. It was advised by Mr Lewin as the voluntary footpaths officer that many of the footpaths have become overgrown, members asked Cllr Parker for advice on who to contact at Cheshire West to escalate the problem.
- b. Visiting Members – Cllr S Parker reported that a royal visit is taking place on 11<sup>th</sup> July when The Queen and the Duchess of Sussex will officially open the Storyhouse Theatre in Chester. Members wished to record Congratulations to Cllr Parker who has been appointed as Sheriff of Chester from May 2018 for one year.
- c. Members of the public speaking time – No members of the public wished to speak at this stage of the meeting.
- d. Newsletter – The double page spread in Vicars Cross and Guilden Sutton Voice was discussed, Members asked the Clerk to check delivery was to be made on Station Lane to properties at The Stables and on Wicker Lane. Members felt that a piece in the newsletter every quarter might be sufficient and will review in September.
- e. Local surgery – The local surgery had taken place, the following issues were raised.

- i. Overgrown grass and weeds
- ii. Willow Tree on Oaklands needs cutting.
- iii. Hogweed has appeared on the steps near to the Bird in Hand pub
- iv. There were enquiries about two fields which have come on the market for sale

The next surgery will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 18. Cllr Hughes and Moulton will attend.

3. PLANNING

a. New/recent applications

18/01883/FUL 4 Wood Croft. There were no objections to this application.

b. New Planning Decisions

18/01474/FUL	34 Arrowcroft Road, Guilden Sutton		No objection	Approved
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- c. Bird in Hand – Members discussed the planning issues at the Bird in Hand at length. The Parish Council have been informed by Mike Allard at Cheshire West and Chester that they would need to be named as complainant for planning enforcement to look at the developments the pub has made without planning permission. There was considerable disappointment that the Parish Council have been put in this situation as all members are understanding of the community benefits of having a public house in the village and believe that Cheshire West as the planning authority should be willing to take action when concerns are raised locally.

It was proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Hunt that no action be taken in relation to the planning matters:

3 in favour of the motion, 5 against, 0 abstentions

It was proposed by Cllr Paterson and seconded by Cllr Davis that the council agrees to be listed as complainant for the investigation into planning matters to take place:

5 in favour of the motion, 3 against, 0 abstentions

RESOLVED that the council ask planning to proceed with the investigation.

ACTION Clerk to contact Mike Allard to confirm but to state that the Parish Council are dissatisfied with the process involved.

Cllr S Parker left the meeting

Cllr D Hughes left the meeting returning a few minutes later

- d. Section 106 monies – Cllr Brown and Cllr Hughes have met and put together a cost assessment which totals in the region of 35k. Prior to undertaking further work on the project, Cllr Hughes asked the Clerk to contact Cheshire West and Chester to get

a view on whether the project explore would qualify for the funding available from Section 106 monies. ACTION Clerk to contact CWaC and advise members of the response.

- e. Neighbourhood Plan – The NDP group are preparing for consultation with members of the public in September.

#### 4. TRAINING.

There was no new information to report.

#### 5. PARISH CAR PARK

The Clerk is waiting for a quote from Northwich Town Council for tree trimming.

#### 6. LEISURE SERVICES

- a. Grass cutting

There was no new information to report.

- b. Playing Field

The playing field is being well used the gate locked will be repaired/replaced by Northwich Town Council and a new key will be delivered to Cllr I Brown. David Norbury has suggested the play area gate is not working properly, the Clerk has asked Northwich Town Council to investigate when they are carrying out routine work.

- c. Footpaths / Footways

The footpath through the field connecting with Belle Vue Lane is very overgrown with nettles. Pathways generally are not in good condition and need weeds killing. Chris Matheson will be attending a surgery in the village and Cllr Ringstead intends to speak to him then about the poor state of groundworks in the village.

- d. Mobile Library – The mobile library is next in the village on 11<sup>th</sup> June. All members and residents are encouraged to borrow a book.

#### 7. PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

There have been changes to the number 9 bus this is a good service for the village.

#### 8. HIGHWAYS

- a. SID Group – The SID has not yet been deployed by the Parish Council due to a lack of volunteers. Cllr Moulton has booked SID for the first week of July, members are requested to inform Cllr Moulton of their availability. It was suggested that Guilden Sutton Lane could be assessed as a potential site.
- b. Standing Consideration of Highways matters – The Highways department have confirmed that implementation of the speed limit reductions in the village will take place very soon

## 9. FINANCE

- a. Income – No new income had been received

- b. Payments

The following payments were approved:

Chester Handbooks £190.80

Get Mapping £36.00

Churchyard Grant £500

Northwich Town Council grounds maintenance £117.60

Clerk pay June £329.60

- c. The bank statement was checked and signed.

Cllr Hughes asked a question about a cheque on the bank statement, the clerk will investigate.

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

## 10. ENVIRONMENT

- a. Streetscene – Cllr Paterson had obtained a quote for tree works on Oaklands for £150. RESOLVED unanimously to accept the quote and get the work completed. Cllr Paterson will ask Mr Roberts to send an invoice to the Clerk for payment.
- b. Dog fouling – No new information to report.
- c. Trees and hedges, planters and bulbs – The bulb planting that took place by the local community is completely obscured by the long grass that has not been cut. This puts people off from contributing to such projects.

## 11. CWAC and other organisations

- a. CWAC correspondence – The Clerk had circulated information about the new household waste centre from CWAC.
- b. ChALC/NALC – The Clerk had previously circulated the GDPR guidance to members.
- c. CPRE – No new information to report.
- d. Defibrillator – Mr Norbury has confirmed he makes visual checks to the defibrillator. Cllr Ringstead offered to submit the reports to North West Ambulance and Cllr

Paterson offered to support by providing holiday cover. Members would like to discuss purchasing a new defibrillator for Pipers Ash at the next meeting.

- e. Police and Fire – Cllr Hughes and Moulton attended a meeting of the Police and Crime Commissioner and gave an update to the meeting covering PCSO's, Speeding and speed gun issues, new technology to detect growing of cannabis and Operation Shield.

#### 12. GDPR

The Clerk will circulate information for members ahead of the next meeting.

#### 13. GILDEN SUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school have obtained funding for a defibrillator via one of their trustees. Yrs 5 and 6 had a talk on Hinduism and took part in cultural dance, the pupils were complimented on their excellent behaviour and manners.

#### 14. COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Village Fete will take place 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Battle's Over 11<sup>th</sup> November.

#### 15. VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Annual Meeting has taken place, officers were elected and the Chairman read a report. The committee are reviewing plans for the proposed extension.

#### 16. MEMBERS INFORMATION AND SPEAKING TIME

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 starting at 7.30pm