

# **Guilden Sutton Parish Council Newsletter**

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*A Quality Council promoting democracy and community engagement*

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## **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION**

**GULDEN SUTTON PARISH  
COUNCIL CORDIALLY INVITES  
HOUSEHOLDS TO ENTER THEIR  
HOUSES**

**JUDGING WILL SHORTLY BE  
TAKING PLACE FOR A SMALL  
PRIZE**

**FOR DETAILS CONTACT  
Cllr TRISHA PATERSON, 300307** p1

## **Parish Council Budget 2012/13 – have your say.**

In 2011/12, for the fourth successive year, the Council felt able to maintain its budget at £18,674. The precept would also have been held at the 2010/11 figure of £15,778 but for the loss of the last of the former Chester City Council grants which were paid to offset part of the Council's expenditure. The grant of £645, roughly £1 per house, had been used towards the cost of litter picking. The precept for the year was therefore set at £16,423, equivalent to 49p per week for an average band D property.

The Council will meet in January to decide the budget for 2012/13 and welcomes views. Please contact any of the councillors or the Clerk listed in p4 or attend the informal drop in event advertised at the end of this article.

The details of this year's budget are as follows:

Expenditure	2010/11	2011/12
ChALC sub	350	375
CPRE	30	30
Ch Community Action	50	50
Md Ch Ftph Soc	10	10
BTCV	0	0
Cty Playing Fields Assn	20	20
CLT	40	40
Salaries	5725	5725
Agreed expenses	104	156
Clerk's gratuity	185	185
Postage	200	150
Photocopies	175	300
Stationery/equipment	50	50
Telephone	50	50
Clerk's mileage	100	135
Parish car park rates	645	325
Insurance	1450	1050
Audit fees	225	225
Gnds maintenance	1500	1500
Lengthsman	1500	1500
Playing field rent	640	640
Footpath Group	50	50
Newsletter	600	600
Room hire	20	20

Memorial garden	50	50
Play Area capital	1000	1000
St John's PCC	200	250
Meeting expenses	125	125
Bulbs	100	100
Public seat	150	150
Web site	50	50
Shelter cleaning	65	75
CCTV maintenance	250	250
Christmas	50	50
Holiday Club grant	200	200
Member training	300	500
Clerk's qualification	500	0
QPC	550	550
Parish Plan/VDS	0	0
Events	1000	1000
Contingency	455	1228
	18764	18764

Financed by

Precept	15778	16423
VAT refund	125	100
Double taxation grant	w/d	w/d
Interest	50	25
Lengthsman grant	650	w/d
Principal authority grant	0	???
Graveyard grant	200	250
Reserves	1961	1966
	18764	18764

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## Budget drop in 2011:

**Tuesday December 13, 7.30pm,  
Village Hall Committee Room**

## **Superfast broadband**

Delivering superfast broadband is a priority for Cheshire West & Chester, Cheshire East and Warrington Borough Councils. There are significant benefits for organisations and businesses that operate in the parish.

The three councils have formed the Connecting Cheshire partnership aiming to deliver superfast broadband to every resident and business by 2015. The partnership has recently secured £3.24m to start the process and needs local communities such as Guilden Sutton to help it demonstrate;

***How much the community needs the technology?***

***What we will use it for?***

***What we can do to ensure everyone benefits?***

Guilden Sutton's input will help the partnership attract the match funding needed to achieve its aim of providing superfast broadband access to every household. Watch out for a drop in event in the New Year at which your views could shape the delivery of superfast broadband in our community.

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**Information.** The Council's e mail address is [info@guildensutton.org.uk](mailto:info@guildensutton.org.uk) and its web site is at [www.guildensutton.org.uk](http://www.guildensutton.org.uk) The web site includes a blog of current issues.

### **Future meetings:**

Future meetings of the Council are due to be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Mondays 9 January, 6 February, 5 March, 2 April, 14 May, 11 June, 16 July, 3 September, 1 October, 5 November and 3 December 2012.

All meetings include public speaking time and residents are welcome to attend and address the Council. A monthly surgery is also held, normally on the first Saturday, at the Summerfield Road shops at 10am.

### **Contacts**

Councillors Jane Hughes (Chairman) 300863, Imogen Brown 300812, Alan Davis 303022, Danny Fisher 301398, Derek Hughes 300185, Bill Moulton 348473, Trisha Paterson 300307 and Mike Roberts 300684. The clerk is David Norbury, 1 Orchard Croft, Guilden Sutton, CHESTER, CH3 7SL, 300783.

Mr Brian Lewin 301501 is the Rights of Way Warden. The Parish Tree Wardens are Cllr Brown 300812 and Mr Alan Young, 301558. Cllr Jane Hughes deals with recycling issues. Cllr Moulton 348473 is the Local Bus User Contact.