

Guilden Sutton Parish Council Newsletter May 2013, no 153

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Annual parish meeting

The annual parish meeting, at which all electors are entitled to speak and question councillors, will be held on Tuesday May 7 at 7pm in the Church Hall. The meeting will include a report on the Council's work during 2012/13 and a speaker on affordable housing.

It will be followed by the annual meeting of the Council.

New Councillor

Following the resignation of Jane Hughes, who has been thanked for her work for the Council and the community, the Council has co-opted Sue Ringstead who will serve until the elections in May 2015. Three candidates offered themselves for co-optation, all of whom were thanked by the Council for their interest.

Community governance review

Following the second stage consultation by Cheshire West and Chester Council on governance arrangements in the parish, a recommendation has been agreed there should be no change in line with the outcome of the consultation. As part of the review, it is proposed there should be small adjustments to the parish boundaries on Guilden Sutton Lane and Hare Lane where these were affected by the building of the A55. A small number of properties at Park Farm, which are reached from Guilden Sutton Lane, would also move into the parish from Mickle Trafford and District. The parish boundary with Great Boughton in Pipers Ash will be considered when Great Boughton parish is reviewed at a later stage.

Volunteer award

Following the Council's decision to make a Volunteer Award to a member of the public making an extraordinary contribution to the parish, the first award, on the basis of nominations, will be made to Mrs Lyn Littler for her splendid efforts, which many residents have seen, in litter picking the village on a purely voluntary basis. Congratulations to Lyn.

Green belt

Green belt issues have featured in previous editions of this newsletter and the purpose of this note is to encourage occupiers to keep an eye open for the consultation to be carried out by Cheshire West and Chester Council on its draft Local Plan which is expected in the near future.

The borough council had previously intended to have a separate, specific consultation on any land planned to be removed from the green belt around the city to accommodate some of its future development needs. The council says there is no move away from the commitment to consultation on this aspect but the new timetable will simply mean this will take place as part of the formal consultation on the entire draft plan.

There are two key reasons why the borough is keen to have an adopted local plan in place sooner rather than later. The first is that it wants planning decisions to reflect locally determined policies for new homes, jobs, the environment and investment in infrastructure.

Secondly, the regional plan that currently sets the borough's development targets, most significantly for housing, is expected to be scrapped by the government in the near future.

Cheshire West and Chester believes it is important the targets in the regional plan are replaced with locally set ones in an adopted local plan as soon as possible. They will then carry maximum weight in making planning decisions.

The borough council argues that including consultation on green belt aspects within the consultation on the wider plan enables people to see how any proposals to remove land from the green belt would fit into the draft plan as a whole. It is emphasised everyone will still have a full opportunity to have their say.

20s Plenty Have you any views on a 20mph zone in all or part of the village? If so please contact any member of the Council or use the e mail address in p4.

Smiley SID On the topic of speed, the Council has booked a number of sessions with the speed indicator device over the coming months.

Faster broadband If you believe there should be faster broadband in the village, join the campaign at info@connectingcheshire.org.uk

Parliamentary constituencies

It has been formally confirmed that the review of Parliamentary constituencies, under which it was proposed Guilden Sutton should move out of the City of Chester constituency into a new Winsford constituency, has been postponed until 2018.

Vicarage dwelling

No objections were raised by the Council to a fresh application for a dwelling in the rear garden of the vicarage on Church Lane. The vicarage and the two approved building plots in the side and rear gardens are currently for sale.

Messrs Gresty

The Council has thanked Messrs Gresty of Wood Farm, School Lane, who have retired, for their many years of service in carrying out grounds maintenance and lengthsman work in the parish. Mr Paul Gresty and the late Mr Philip Gresty were a great help to the Council and the community in many different ways, not least in assisting on a voluntary basis with the tidying of the war memorial for the annual Remembrance Sunday service.

Village planters Thank you to Cheshire West and Chester Council's Streetscene service for kindly providing free of charge the three inscribed planters which have been installed at the Guilden Sutton Lane, Station Lane and Wicker Lane gateways to the village.

Smoke free play area A voluntary code for smoke free children's play areas, promoted by the NHS, is being supported by the Council which provides the play area adjacent to the primary school.

Lock it up PC Rob Boulton, our local officer, advises that all property, including sheds, garages and vehicles, should always be kept securely locked. Also, ensure you take precautions if you are going away perhaps with neighbours/friends opening and closing curtains or using timers for lights. You could also let Rob know your emergency contact details.

Information. The Council's e mail address is info@guildensutton.org.uk and its web site is at www.guildensutton.org.uk. The web site includes a blog of current issues. The Council also has a Twitter account.

Future meetings:

Future ordinary meetings of the Council are due to be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Mondays 3 June, 15 July, 2 September, 7 October, 4 November and 2 December 2013.

Please note the May meeting, to include the annual parish meeting, will take place at 7pm on Tuesday May 7 in the Church Hall.

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.

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