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Guilden Sutton Parish Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of  
the Council held on  
Monday 11th September 2006 in  
Guilden Sutton Village Hall.

Chairman: Cllr R M Armitage.

Present: Cllrs Armitage, Bayton, Fisher,  
Hughes, Paterson.

Public Speaking Time

Mr Michael Roberts raise concerns about  
overgrown hedges in the parish especially  
affecting the footway on Cinder Lane. Mr  
Roberts was thanked for his attendance and  
assured the matter would be considered.

1 Apologies: Apologies were received from  
City Cllrs B J Bailey and J R Boughton,  
County Cllr J E Burke and PC M Baker.

2 Procedural matters.

(i) Declarations of interest. Members were  
reminded that they should declare any  
personal interest which they had in any  
matter or item to be considered at the  
meeting. Any declaration must be made  
before the matter, or item, was considered or  
as 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.

Cllr R M Armitage declared a personal interest in relation to the repayment to him under item 8 (ii) of the agenda of urgent expenditure incurred in connection with the purchase of a replacement padlock for the parish playing field together with gaffer tape.

Cllr D Hughes, as Chairman of Guilden Sutton Community Association, declared a prejudicial interest in the payment to Guilden Sutton Community Association under item 8 (ii) of the agenda in respect of a grant towards the cost of replacement furniture in the Village Hall.

Cllr P M Paterson declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 06/01478/FUL as the adjoining neighbour was a personal friend.

(ii) Confirmation of the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 17 July 2006. The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 17 July 2006 were proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Fisher and agreed subject to the inclusion of apologies from PC M Baker and the reference to the Chairman in the action item relating to high visibility clothing being replaced by Cllrs Hughes and Fisher.

(iii) Vacancies.

(a) Application from Michael S J Roberts.

The Chairman and Clerk reported that although the legislation lowering the age of councillors to 18 had received the Royal Assent, the regulations had yet to be laid giving effect to this. It was intended by the Department for Constitutional Affairs that the section concerned should be implemented in good time for the elections due in May 2007. The Chairman and Clerk said they would share Mr Robert's disappointment that as a result he would not be able to be considered for co-option at this stage. (b) Publicity. It was noted the vacancies had been further advertised in the recent newsletter. The Clerk reported that apart from Mr Roberts, who must now be discounted, he was aware of six expressions of interest in writing or by telephone, all but one of which had been received in the previous 48 hours. As Members had not had an opportunity to consider written applications, it was agreed that a formal closing date would be advertised of 6pm on Monday

18 September and that a meeting of the Council should be held on Monday 25 September in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm to consider co-options and any other urgent business. Action: Clerk to give notice of closing date, advise candidates of the meeting on Monday 25 September and circulate written applications to all Members.

(iv) Action list. An updated action list would be circulated by the Clerk.

(v) Dates of future meetings\*: These were confirmed as 11 September, 9 October, 6 November and

11 December, 2006. The confirmed dates of 8 January, 5 February, 5 March, 16 April, 14 May, 4 June, 16 July, 3 September, 1

October, 5 November and 10 December, 2007 would be revisited if necessary following the outcome of the co-options.

\*In view of the number of Members remaining prior to any co-options, any Member not able to attend would inform the Clerk in order to ensure a quorate meeting.

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

(vii) Archive material - storage accommodation. Further to the discussion at the previous meeting, the Clerk reported further that he had received details of storage accommodation which might be suitable. Action: Accommodation to be investigated by Cllr Hughes.

(viii) Certificate of attendance of Cllr R J K Bayton, seminar on chairmanship, module 1, 15 June 2006. A certificate of attendance was received from the Cheshire Training Partnership in respect of the attendance of Cllr R J K Bayton at a seminar on chairmanship, module 1 on 15 June 2006. The certificate was presented to Cllr Bayton by the Chairman.

(ix) Local Recycling Champion. The Clerk reported that at the County Council's Annual Town and Parish Councils conference he had agreed to act as the Local Recycling Champion for Guilden Sutton parish. Initial information had now been received. The Clerk indicated that following the co-options, he would be more than happy to pass on the role to any Member with a particular interest.

(x) Society of Local Council Clerks. The Clerk reported the receipt of information from the Society of Local Council Clerks

addressed to both the Chairman and himself.

Action: noted.

3 Planning.

(i) New applications.

05/00107/FUL 37.5m high lattice mast on land at Tile Farm, Wicker Lane for T Mobile. The Clerk reported the receipt of copy correspondence per City Cllr B J Bailey, dated 18 August 2006, which indicated that agents for T Mobile had been instructed to ascend the structure to conduct a panoramic survey to ascertain the amount of the structure which could be removed without compromising the signal strength and clearing of the actual height of the trees. It was anticipated the height of the mast would be reduced by several metres. Once this survey had been completed, plans would be drawn up for the revised structure and submitted to the local planning authority for approval as soon as practicable. Action: Clerk to thank City Cllr Bailey for his diligence in this matter.

06/01050/FUL new front porch and canopy at 89 Oaklands CH3 7HG for Mr and Mrs Naidu. Cllr Hughes reported. It was agreed that no objection should be raised.

06/01054/FUL extension to garage, new pitched roof and porch at 6 Cinder Close, CH3 7ET for Mr and Mrs M Tilston. Cllr Fisher reported. It was agreed that no objection should be raised.

06/01163/FUL demolish car port and garage and erect two storey side extension, single storey front and rear extensions and alterations at 7 Belle Vue Lane CH3 7EJ for Mr and Mrs Clowes. Cllr Armitage reported.

An objection had been raised in the following terms:

*The Council objects for the following reasons:*

*(1) The proposed extension would increase the floor area of the house by over 90% as compared with the original, which is well above the guideline figure shown in the City Council's draft supplementary planning document 'House Extensions' and which would produce a house far too big for the site and out of keeping with adjoining properties.*

*(2) The length of the second storey frontage would be increased by over 40%, producing a terrace effect. This would be exacerbated if the adjoining property, no 9, were to be granted permission to extend over their garage.*

*(3) The application does not conform to planning guidance for two storey side extensions as the extension is not set back from the current building line as recommended in the house extension document. But more importantly, a feature of the Oaklands development is the siting of single storey garages in pairs to separate the two storey houses and give a feeling of spaciousness which should be preserved. This principle has been accepted previously when the application for 31 Oaklands was refused. My Council believes that for consistency this application should also be refused.*

*(4) The south wall of the extension would be significantly closer to the kitchen window of no 9, causing unacceptable visual intrusion and loss of light.*

*(5) The chimney appears to be unnecessarily*

*high and out of keeping with the property and the chimneys of the adjoining properties. If despite these compelling reasons the City Council should be minded to approve the application, my Council requests that the front wall of the extension should be set back from the existing frontage as indicated in the planning guidance note to make it visually and physically subordinate and to reduce the terrace effect and that the roof at the south end of the extension should be hipped to reduce the bulk of the gable.*

City Cllr J R Boughton indicated the proposal had been refused planning permission.

06/01402/FUL first floor bedroom/ensuite extension at 82 Oaklands CH3 7HG for Mr and Mrs R Webb. Cllr Hughes reported. It was agreed that no objection should be raised.

City Cllr J R Boughton indicated the possibility of an amendment to the proposal.

06/01478/FUL replacement of hedge with brick wall at The Old School, Guilden Sutton Lane for Mr and Mrs P Hawkins. Cllr Fisher reported. Further inquiries would be made as it had not yet been possible to contact the applicant. On the basis of the consultations carried out to date, the Council would be minded to object on the basis the wall would appear as an incongruous and alien feature.

(ii) Decision notices.

06/00596/FUL replace flat garage roof with hipped, pitched roof and replace existing brick wall within boundary with fence on boundary at 2 Cinder Lane CH3 7EN for Mr D Moulton. Planning permission.

06/00950/FUL rear bedroom extension and ensuite at 7 Oaklands CH3 7HE for Mr A Maynard. Planning permission.

06/00991/FUL kitchen and conservatory extension at Bramble Grange, Belle View Lane for Mr I Braithwaite. Planning permission. The advice and requirements of Cheshire County Council's Public Rights of Way officers would be brought to the attention of the applicant by the local planning authority.

06/01020/FUL first floor and single storey extension at 97 Oaklands CH3 7HG for Mr and Mrs K Bailey. Planning permission. Condition re no further openings at first floor level to safeguard the privacy of both the occupants of adjacent properties and the approved development.

06/01040/FUL extension to entrance porch and alterations to lounge at Hilltop, Church Lane for Ms C Haslam. Planning permission.

06/01050/FUL new front porch and canopy at 89 Oaklands CH3 7HG for Mr and Mrs Naidu. Planning permission. Informative that the applicant should ensure that all works are contained wholly on land within the applicant's ownership.

06/01054/FUL extension to garage, new pitched roof and porch at 6 Cinder Close CH3 7ET for Mr and Mrs M Tilston. Planning permission.

Mobile phone installation, reservoir site, Guiden Sutton Lane. The Chairman reported the height of one of the two masts had been increased and additional antennas fitted. This was confirmed by the Clerk. No application had been received and the

proposal did not appear on the City Council web site.

City Cllr J R Boughton indicated the issue had been referred to enforcement officers.

(iii) Appeals.

05/01007/FUL, temporary storage at Chespack, Chester House, Hare Lane for Mr G Parr. The Clerk reported the receipt, by notice dated 13 July 2006, of advice that the appeal had been dismissed. The inspector had concluded the temporary storage would cause considerable harm to the Green Belt and frustrate the policies designed to protect it.

05/00971/FUL corn/grain shed at Tile Farm, Wicker Lane, CH3 7EL for Mr and Mrs S Arden. The Clerk reported the receipt of advice, dated 7 September 2006, of this appeal. The Council's objection had focussed on the harm to the Green Belt arising from the height of the proposed store/ grain shed, the effect of increased traffic on the residential amenity that occupiers on Wicker Lane could reasonably expect to enjoy and the effect on the condition of the carriageway from increased vehicular use. It was noted that any further comments were due by Tuesday 17 October 2006.

(iv) General: Parish Plan: Public meeting 12 September 2006. Arrangements were confirmed for the initial meeting to be held on Tuesday 12 September 2006 in the Village Hall. Attendance sheets would be prepared by the Clerk. A flyer had been circulated within the parish and posters exhibited. It was expected that representatives from Chester City Council and Cheshire Community Council would attend. The

intention to provide a small and appropriate degree of hospitality was confirmed and it was agreed the Chairman would be reimbursed the cost thereof.

(v) Strategic planning: (a) Chester City Council: sports and leisure park consultation. The City Council had been informed that easy and convenient access to the proposed leisure facilities from the rural area, including adequate public transport, was essential. It was further agreed the Parish Council would reinforce its concerns about potential traffic congestion in and around the proposed site for the replacement Northgate Arena off Sealand Road. Action: The Clerk.

#### 4 Parish car park.

The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated August 10, 2006, of a letter from Mrs Y Kirk requesting the Parish Council to arrange to clean up and tidy the car park on Church Lane. Mrs Kirk also requested that a verge at the entrance to Church Lane, which was an extremely untidy area, should be cut back on a regular basis. The Chairman reported the receipt of a similar concern as to the condition of the verge raised by Mr Tony Fisher. Action: Clerk to advise Mrs Kirk as to the present position regarding the parish car park and the condition of the verge at the entrance to Church Lane. Latter issue to be raised with the Area Maintenance Engineer. The Chairman to respond to Mr Fisher.

#### 5 Leisure Services.

(i) Playing Field (a) facilities. The Chairman reported the nets had been received and affixed. (b) grounds maintenance. Further to

the irretrievable breakdown in confidence reported at the July meeting, the Chairman and Vice Chairman had authorised the Clerk to withdraw from the City Council contract with Vale. This had been done. The Chairman had entered into negotiations with Messrs Gresty, initially to secure a return of the playing field into an acceptable state. A great deal of work had been done by Messrs Gresty to achieve this, including the removal of arisings. (c) Mole infestation. Messrs Gresty had brought to the attention of the Clerk the fact the field was suffering from mole infestation and had recommended that action should be taken to eliminate this in order to avoid damage to grass cutting machinery. Advice was being sought by the Clerk from the City Council. Cllr Hughes indicated his preference for a humane method of removal and it was agreed proposals should be circulated prior to the October meeting.

(ii) Play Area (a) CCTV. The draft protocol prepared by the Clerk would be revisited at a future meeting. Cllr Hughes referred to estimates prepared by the contractor for an initial enhancement of the present system. It was agreed the issue should be revisited at the October meeting to enable an application for grant to be made to the Goway North Area Committee. (b) inspection check list. It was noted the hedge had been cut by Vale prior to the termination of the contract. A response was awaited as to the condition of the wet pour surface which had been referred to Play and Leisure. The issue had also been identified by Cllr Paterson on her most recent inspection. In response to the Council's concerns as to the volume of litter, Messrs Gresty had indicated this had risen throughout the parish and had led them to request a further 30 minutes scavenging time per week. (c) annual independent

playground inspection. The report was awaited.

(iii) Public Footpaths (a) Footpath No 7, modified order. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated

5 September 2006, of advice from the public rights of way officer as to the modified order providing for the routes to be designated as restricted byways. The deadline for objections was Friday October 6, 2006. The Clerk further reported the receipt of copy correspondence from Solicitors acting for J Graham Esq, dated 29 August 2006 as to the current position. (b) Replacement signs. The further views of the Parish Paths Warden were being obtained as to the design of the proposed replacement signs. (b) footpath no 2. With reference to concerns previously raised by Members, it was reported the length at the junction with Belle Vue Lane was no longer obstructed by growth.

(iv) Grounds Maintenance: (i) contract. See also 5 (i) above. The following advice followed by a formal letter in the same terms and an e-mail requesting that no further work should be carried out on behalf of the Parish Council in Guilden Sutton had been sent to the City Council on August 1, 2006 :

*Further to our previous correspondence and to the site meeting with Mr Hulmes and Vale, I regret I am instructed to say the Council believes Vale's performance has been so far short of the contract requirements that - with considerable reluctance - it must move the work elsewhere. I am asked to express Members' extreme disappointment that Vale has been unable to carry out the work which was agreed.*

*The playing field has not been fit for purpose since the beginning of the growing season in April and the Parish Council believes that in the light of such a serious breach, it must reluctantly regard the contract as having been terminated.*

*Please instruct Vale that no further work is required from them and that we shall seek another contractor to remedy the condition the field is in as a result of their unsatisfactory performance.*

It was further noted that two invoices had been submitted by the City Council in respect of work claimed to have been carried out by Vale in June and July 2006. Both of these had been disputed by the Clerk on an interim basis. The Chairman believed and the Council agreed that payment should be withheld and reasons furnished to the City Council.

The Chairman referred to the receipt of an invoice from Messrs Gresty dated 8 August 2006 in respect of work carried out to the parish playing field which amounted to a significant sum. He believed a letter should be sent to Messrs Gresty specifying further work the Council wished to see to the playing field and other areas within the parish during the present calendar year. It was noted the playing field hedge had already been cut but that work was needed to deal with weed control both in the children's play area and in the parish car park including the encroachment of weeds onto the surface of the car park. A draft specification for the work would be drawn up by the Chairman. A site meeting would also be requested as to the best approach to repairs to the goalmouths and other areas of the playing surface of the parish playing field.

(v) Public Seats. It was noted that further work had been carried out to the seat on Guilden Sutton Lane, as requested, by Messrs Gresty.

(vi) Landscaping, Fox Cover. Cllr Bayton reported that weeds within the planting had been dealt with.

(vii) Provision for youth. There was nothing further to report at this stage

6 Public transport. (i) Proposed sale of ChesterBus. The Clerk drew Members' attention to comment in the press suggesting the City Council was intending to dispose of ChesterBus. At this stage it was not known what effect, if any, there would be on services. (ii) Revision to timetable. The Clerk referred to reported concerns that alterations had been made to the timetable of services within the parish. It was not known what these might be or if they had been referred to the Local Bus User Contact. The indications seemed to be that services were leaving at 25 minutes past the hour, particularly at 0925, which prevented bus pass holders from obtaining free travel.

Action: Further inquiries to be made by the Clerk.

7 Highways:

(i) Strategic. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(ii) Local matters:

(i) Speed matters: speed indicator device, Community Speed Watch, Set the Pace. The Area Manager, Chester City Council had been approached by Members and request

forms were to be provided for the use of the speed indicator device. Cllr Hughes expressed a desire for the equipment to be in use on a monthly basis. (b) high visibility clothing. The question of the provision of high visibility clothing for residents and children had been progressed by Cllrs Hughes and Paterson. As a first step, the availability of children's jackets for those pupils who walked or cycled to school on a regular basis would be publicised through the primary school. It was agreed that 25 no vests in each of three children's sizes would be ordered. A grant would be sought from the Gowy North Area Committee towards the cost of any subsequent provision. Action:  
The Clerk.

(b) Wicker Lane. (i) The completion of the proposals for lining and signing from the vicinity of Cinder Lane to Station Lane was awaited. (ii) Condition/provision for pedestrians. The outcome was awaited of the dialogue with residents held on 22 February 2006. (iii) boundary sign. A response was awaited to the Council's offer to the highway authority to meet 50% of the cost of a village boundary sign towards the A51.

(c) Gateway treatment, Guiden Sutton Lane - red patch SLOW marking, high visibility 30mph signs. A response was awaited following the site meeting held on Wednesday 15 February 2006 with County Cllr J E Burke on the basis the scheme at Wicker Lane would protect two of the three principal approaches to the village, leaving Guiden Sutton Lane less protected at the approach to the playing field.

(d) Condition of the footway. The concerns expressed at the condition of the footway at two locations on Oaklands and Hill Top Road

would be revisited at a future meeting.

(e) The Clerk had contacted Project Rural Matters as to training in the use of radar equipment similar to that deployed by Mickle Trafford and District Parish Council. A response was awaited.

(f) fence, Guilden Sutton Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to the concerns relating to the condition of a field boundary fence adjoining the footway on Guilden Sutton Lane.

(g) speed review, Guilden Sutton Lane. The decision by the highways and transportation local joint committee for Chester to carry out a speed review of Guilden Sutton Lane was being welcomed.

(iii) Lighting. A fault at Guilden Sutton Lane 29 would be reported.

8 Finance:

(i) Income:

Bank of Scotland:

Interest

(30 June)	£	6.23
(31 July)	£	7.09

(ii) Payments

SSS

security  
shredding  
£ 70.50 (inc  
VAT £10.50)  
Confirmation of

payment under  
urgency powers.

M3C Sports

goal post nets/pegs £ 83.00  
Confirmation of payment under urgency  
powers.

Chester City Council

grounds maintenance

June £ 60.81 (inc  
VAT £9.06)  
July £ 63.04 (inc  
VAT £9.39)

Grosvenor Design

repainting/repair  
of street furniture  
(inc VAT £75.25) £ 505.25

Gresty grass cutting,  
playing field £ 754.93  
(inc VAT £112.43)

Cllr R M Armitage  
padlock, gaffer tape £ 13.89

Guilden Sutton Community  
Assn Grant £ 275.00

S & H Services  
shelter cleaning £ 14.00

North Wales Newspapers  
newsletter distribution £ 23.50  
(VAT £3.50)

Cllr R J K Bayton printer consumables	£ 10.00
St John's PCC holiday club grant	£ 200.00
Clerk Newsletter postage	£ 18.50
Clerk:photocopies 350@5p	£ 17.50
Mileage 16@40p	<u>£ 6.40</u>
	£ 42.40

Proposed by Cllr Paterson  
Seconded by Cllr Fisher, and agreed.

(iii) Balances:

Bank of Scotland (18 Aug)	£ 3,029.43
Scottish Widows (3 July)	£23,674.71*
Scottish Widows no 2 a/c	£ 2,176.03

\* prior to transfer to no 2 account.

(iv) Report on contingency payments. There had been no charge to the contingency provision for 2006/07 of £1,465.

(v) Audit: The annual return had been forwarded to the external auditor.

(vi) 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.

(vii) Banking facilities. (a) Transfer of current account. Further signatures required by the bank were provided by Members.

9 Environment services: (i) amenity cleansing. (a) The emptying of litter bins in the vicinity of the shops and village hall continued to be kept under review.

(b) grass cutting, Fox Cover. It was reported grass in the Fox Cover amenity area did not appear to have been recently cut by the City Council contractor. Action: To be progressed by the Clerk. (c) gutters Oaklands. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 5 September 2006, of comments from Mr A G Jackson relating to the need for attention to be paid to the condition of gutters around Oaklands. Action: Clerk to draw to the attention of the City Council. (d) litter, Belle Vue Lane. Cllr Hughes reported the receipt, by letter dated 9 August 2006, of a letter from Mr and Mrs George expressing their disgust at the amount of litter on Belle Vue Lane. Cllr Fisher referred to dumping on the Belle Vue Path. He suggested a note of the City Council's free bulky collection service should appear in a future edition of the newsletter. Action: Clerk to inform Mr and Mrs George of the position; City Council to be advised of dumping on Belle Vue Path. (ii) dog fouling. (iii) litter bins. (iv) lengthsman. The Chairman reported further as to the request from Messrs Gresty for an additional half hours scavenging time each week in view of the volume of litter within the village. It was agreed this payment should be made for the period 30 July 2006 to 30 September 2006. Action: Messrs Gresty to be informed, specification to be agreed with the Chairman. (v) sewers. There were no action items to report

under these headings.

10 Trees and hedges. The Council noted the comments made by Mr M Roberts during public speaking time. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 5 September 2006, of comments from Mr A G Jackson relating to the condition of overgrown hedges at a number of locations in the parish. Action: Area Maintenance Engineer to be advised, Mr Jackson to be informed by the Clerk of the position. (ii) trees, the dell. Cllr Bayton, as Parish Tree Warden, reported on the intention of the City Council to replace recently planted trees in the dell which had failed to thrive.

11 Cheshire Association of Local Councils.  
(i) Village Shops and Post Offices Survey. The Clerk was dealing with the request from the County Association seeking help with identifying shops and post offices in the community to enable the association and Cheshire Community Council to work to support and hopefully retain them. (ii) It was noted the Annual meeting would be held on Thursday 12 October, 2006. Representatives should be advised by Friday 6 October, 2006. (iii) Motions. It was noted that motions to the annual general meeting were due by Friday 15 September, 2006. (iv) World Rural Women's Day

19 October 2006. It was noted that nominations were due by Friday 22 September 2006.

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 costs incurred in maintaining the churchyard. (ii) Gowy North Area Committee Thursday 7 September.

Members reported. It was noted the closing date for the receipt of applications for a second round of payments from the committee's budget for 2006/07 would be Thursday 20 October, 2006. (iii) Gambling Act 2005 - draft statement of principles. It was noted that comments were due by Friday 22 September 2006. (iv) Parish Council Members database update. The Clerk reported the City Council had requested information to enable an update of the database of Members of Parish Councils (v) The Clerk reported the receipt of information, by letter dated 2 August 2006, as to the grant aid scheme for churchyards and burial grounds in 2006/2007. Action. Clerk to inform St John's PCC. (vi) Parish Partnership Reception Wednesday 1 November 2006. The Clerk reported the receipt of advice, by letter dated 17 August 2006 that the evening would include training sessions on the code of conduct. (vii) Waste collection information session 23 August 2006. The Clerk regretted this information, by letter dated 17 August 2006, had only been received during the preceding week when he was out the country. He further reported the receipt of copy correspondence, by letter dated 5 September 2006 from Mr A G Jackson to City Cllr B J Bailey expressing concern as to the options for future waste collection arrangements in Chester district.

13 Cheshire County Council. The Clerk reported the receipt of an invitation for Members to participate in the County council's commitment to strengthen local working by attending an event in Chester on Tuesday 24 October 2006. This would take place between 6.30pm and 9.30 pm at County Hall. Members wishing to attend would advise the Clerk.

14 Cheshire Community Council (i) The

Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 29 August 2006, of information relating to the annual general meeting to be held on Thursday 5 October 2006. It was noted that nominations for trustees were due by Thursday 28 September 2006. (ii) Cheshire County Playing Fields Association annual general meeting Monday 20 September, 2006. The Clerk reported the receipt of notification of the annual general meeting of the Cheshire County Playing Fields Association to be held on Monday 20 September 2006. (iii) Cheshire Village Quiz 2006/07. The Clerk reported the receipt of information relating to the Cheshire Village Quiz 2006/07. It was noted that entries were due by Tuesday 26 September 2006.

15 CPRE. There were no action items to report.

16 Health. (i) Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Trust. The Clerk reminded Members that the closing date for consultation on plans by the Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Trust to become an NHS Foundation Trust was 9 October 2006. A consultation event was to be held on Thursday 14 September, 2006 in the Town Hall, Chester at 12.30 pm on a proposed redesign of mental health services for adults and older people by the trust. (ii) Royal Liverpool Children's NHS Trust foundation status - public consultation. The Clerk reported the receipt, by letter dated 26 July 2006, of consultation on proposals by the Royal Liverpool Children's NHS Trust to achieve Foundation Trust status. It was noted that a response was due by Monday 23 October 2006.

17 Policing. (i) Independent members of Cheshire Police Authority. The Clerk reported the receipt dated 23 August, 2006

of notification of vacancies for independent members on the Cheshire Police Authority. It was noted that nominations were due by Friday 22 September 2006. (ii) Ward Walk. Cllr Paterson reported on a ward walk with PC Baker. Cllr Hughes reported on a door step crime card produced by Cheshire Trading Standards and the Cheshire Police. It was agreed this would be referred to in a future issue of the newsletter.

18 Newsletter. The Clerk reported a further newsletter had been issued.

19 Memorial garden. There were no action items to report at this stage.

20 Bulb planting. The Clerk would confirm that 3 no sacks had been ordered from Messrs Gresty.

21 Parish ICT. (i) Colour printer. A response was awaited as to the approach to the Cheshire Association of Local Councils for funding towards the cost of the Council acquiring a colour printer for the production of the newsletter.

22 Primary School. (i) Community governor. Further to the expectation the Council would submit a nomination for a community governor as soon as possible in the Autumn term should it wish to do so, it was agreed that Cllr Hughes should be so nominated.

23 Maintenance of street furniture. It was noted the work had been completed.

24 Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service. There were no action items to report.

25 Summerfield House 30th anniversary celebrations. It was noted the Council was

pleased to have been present at these celebrations.

26 St John's Church Holiday Club, to consider a grant of £200. The Clerk reminded the Council of information which had appeared in St John's Parish Magazine, which he had brought to the attention of the Chairman, that the City Council had declined to offer its customary grant of £400 to the church to support the children's' holiday club on the grounds the activities could discriminate against members of other faiths. The Parish Council had been minded to assist and the Clerk reported the receipt of a formal application from the Rector. In view of the invaluable work done by the holiday club and its volunteers for younger people in the parish, it was agreed that a grant of £200 should be made in the expectation that Mickle Trafford and District Parish Council might be minded to agree a similar sum.

27 Members information items.

There were no Members information items.

28 Information correspondence:

ChALC: Training update July 2006; Training session dates for 2006.

Chester City Council: Return to Work; Ethics and Standards committee annual report 2005/2006.

Cheshire County Council: Guide to Cheshire's Local Transport Plan delivery report.

Cheshire Community Council: volunteer drivers required for car scheme; The Playing Field Summer 2006.

Cheshire Landscape Trust: free trees application form.

CPRE: Fieldwork, September 2006.

Policing: Police Reform and Protective Services, correspondence per Chief Constable and Clerk and Chief Executive, Cheshire Police Authority; Chester Police Forum 10 July, 2006, Forum newsletter.

Hope House children's hospices: appeal.

Environmental Campaigns: Litter and the Law.

Communities of Cheshire Partnership Conference Wednesday 27 September 2006. Response required by Friday 15 September,

North West Air Ambulance Appeal.

Matters considered in the absence of the press and public

NIL