

Guilden Sutton Parish Council

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Council held on Monday 12 May 2008 in Guilden Sutton Village Hall.

Chairman: Cllr D Fisher.

Present: Cllrs Brown, Fisher, Hughes, Kerfoot, Moulton, Roberts.

In attendance: Six members of the public.

Public Speaking Time.

Mr R Hibbert spoke in respect of planning application 08/00713/FUL steel framed portal building at Tile Farm, Wicker Lane CH3 7EL for Ardens and expressed concern that a notice of intended development had not been displayed and the height of the proposal was unclear as was the area of the farm from which the grain to be stored would be harvested. Mr Hibbert further questioned whether the installation in future of a grain dryer would require planning permission and asked for these points to be raised with the City Council. Mrs C Hibbert questioned the procedures to be followed by the local planning authority in monitoring the application and traffic issues. Mr P Ashton suggested the application would pose questions including traffic aspects if the building was to be used for imported grain and the effect on residential amenity. He was concerned the planning authority, in his view, was not carrying out its statutory duties.

Mr P Collinson referred to the prospect of lower speed limits being introduced on Hare Lane and Belle Vue Lane in place of the national 60mph limit.

Mr J Church referred to planning application 08/00484/FUL removal of 27m of hedgerow 1.8m - 2m high and reprofiling of land, Ganilly, Church Lane for Mr W Young, about which he had not been informed by the local planning authority and raised drainage issues.

Mr R M Armitage referred to the installation of gates on public footpath No. 1, the Belle Vue Path, Belle Vue Lane.

Apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr P M Paterson.

Apologies were received from City Cllr B J Bailey, City Cllr S Parker, County Cllr E Johnson 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 after making a statement should they so wish under clause 12 (ii) of the code. 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 D Hughes declared a personal interest in planning application 08/00675/FUL demolish conservatory and construct a two storey and single storey extension and replace flat roof over dormer with pitched at 42 Cinder Lane CH3 7EN for Mr D Hudson.

Cllr I Brown declared a personal interest in planning application 08/00675/FUL demolish conservatory and construct a two storey and single storey extension and replace flat roof over dormer with pitched at 42 Cinder Lane CH3 7EN for Mr D Hudson.

(ii) Election of a Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. It was proposed by Cllr D Hughes and seconded by Cllr M S J Roberts that Cllr D M Fisher should be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. There being no further nominations, Cllr Fisher was so elected. Cllr Fisher signed the declaration of acceptance of office and thanked Members for their consideration. 08/09 011

(ii) Confirmation of the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 7 April 2008 in Guilden Sutton Village Hall. The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 7 April 2008 in Guilden Sutton Village Hall were proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr I Brown and agreed.

(iv) Election of a Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. It was proposed by Cllr Fisher and seconded by Cllr Brown that Cllr Hughes should be elected as Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. There being no further nominations, Cllr Hughes was so elected. Cllr Hughes signed the declaration of acceptance of office and thanked Members for their consideration.

(v) Election of representatives to outside bodies:

(a) Cheshire Association of Local Councils, Chester Area Meeting (three representatives). It was agreed that Cllrs Fisher and Hughes should attend. The Clerk pointed out that all Members and the Clerk were able to be present although only any three of those attending could vote should this arise.

(b) Cheshire Community Council Village Halls Forum. It was agreed that Cllr D Hughes should continue.

(c) CPRE. It was agreed that Cllr Brown should continue to lead on CPRE issues.

(d) Guilden Sutton Village Hall Management Committee. It was agreed that Cllr P M Paterson should continue.

(e) Gowy North Area Committee. The Chairman believed it was important that the Council should be represented at meetings of the Gowy North Area Committee. This was confirmed. It was noted that invitations to attend were normally issued on the basis of one for each Member of the Council and agreed that Cllrs Fisher and Hughes should normally lead.

(f) Chester Police Forum. It was agreed that Cllr W Moulton and Cllr Hughes should continue to attend.

(g) Chester District Public Transport Liaison Committee. It was agreed that Cllr Roberts should attend.

(vi) Appointment of office holders.

(a) Parish Paths Warden. It was agreed that B Lewin Esq should be invited to continue as Parish Paths Warden.

(b) Parish Tree Warden. It was agreed that Cllr Brown and Mr A Young should be invited to continue as Parish Tree Wardens.

(c) Local Bus User Contact. It was agreed that Cllr Roberts and Mrs P Astbury should continue as the Local Bus User Contacts.

(iii) Dates of future meetings: 9 June, 21 July, 1 September, 6 October, 10 November and 1 December 2008.

(iv) Quality Parish Council issues. The steering group was hoping to progress the intended meeting.

(v) Vacancy. The Clerk was awaiting confirmation from the Returning Officer that no poll had been claimed following the publication of the vacancy notice arising from the resignation of former Cllr R J K Bayton, notification of the vacancy having been given on 1 March 2008. It was hoped it would be able to fill the vacancy at the June meeting. **Action: The Clerk.**

(vi) Cheshire West and Chester Council election 1 May 2008. The Clerk reported the election of City Cllrs Brian John Bailey, Hugo William Edward Deynem and Stuart Parker as Members for the Gowy ward and of County Cllr Eleanor Johnson as a Member for the Mickle Trafford ward. He reported further they would serve until 2011, during the first year as Members of the shadow authority. It was agreed the newly elected Members should be sent the Council's congratulations.

3 Planning.

(i) New applications:

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Householder issues:

08/00423/FUL single storey front and side extension 28 School Lane CH3 7ET for Mr and Mrs R Wilkinson. No objection had been raised. It was noted that planning permission had been granted. (see beneath).

08/00484/FUL removal of 27m of hedgerow 1.8m - 2m high and reprofiling of land, Ganilly, Church Lane for Mr W Young. Cllrs Hughes and Brown reported. The local planning authority had been informed that due to the retrospective nature of the proposal, the Council had been unable to fully assess the impact of the removal of the hedgerow. An indication had been given that the Council may have been minded to object had the hedgerow been the original field hedge. An assurance had been sought that the advice of landscape officers would be sought in reaching a determination. It was noted the application had been approved (see beneath). An approach would be made to the local planning authority seeking an explanation for the decision on the basis it was contrary to the view of the Parish Council.

08/00524/FUL single storey extensions to side and rear of property and first storey front extension, 101 Oaklands for Mr G Connolly. No objection had been raised to this resubmitted application.

08/00565/FUL ground floor rear extension at 80 Oaklands CH3 7HG for Mr S Moulton. Further inquiries had been made by Cllrs Brown and Paterson. It was noted the applicant intended to submit a revised proposal. Neighbour consultations would proceed at that stage. The Clerk reported the receipt of copy correspondence from Dr and Mrs J E Cantle, The Lodge, School Lane raising concerns about the proposal. **Action: Cllrs Brown, Paterson.**

08/00566/FUL ground floor extension and small porch to side at 3 The Dell CH3 7ST for Mr P Lindberg. Further inquiries had been made by Cllr Paterson. It was agreed that no objection should be raised.

08/00675/FUL two storey and single storey extension and replace flat roof over dormer with pitched at 42 Cinder Lane CH3 7EN for Mr D Hudson. It was agreed that further inquiries would be made by Cllrs Kerfoot and Roberts.

08/00713/FUL steel framed portal building at Tile Farm, Wicker Lane CH3 7EL for Ardens. Cllr Fisher reported and referred to copy correspondence received from Mr Hibbert. Cllr Hughes believed it would be difficult to object to the proposal and pointed out a grain dryer had been in use at the farm for a number of years. It was not anticipated there would be any significant increase in traffic movements. Cllr Fisher supported the views of Cllr Hughes. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Brown and agreed that no objection should be raised. The local planning authority would be asked to clarify the absence of any notice of intended development and the extent of consultation with neighbours.

08/00745/FUL two storey rear extension and replacement conservatory at Wicker House, Wicker Lane CH3 7EL for Mr and Mrs G Hughes (resubmitted application.) Further inquiries would be made by Cllrs Fisher and Kerfoot.

08/00814/FUL ground floor extension to front and side of dwelling at 8 Orchard Croft CH3 7SL for Mr Pryer. Further inquiries would be made by Cllrs Moulton and Kerfoot.

(ii) Decision notices.

08/00423/FUL single storey front and side extension 28 School Lane CH3 7ET for Mr and Mrs R Wilkinson. Planning permission.

08/00484/FUL enclosure of agricultural land into residential curtilage and regrading works to rear boundary (retrospective) at Ganilly, Church Lane for Mr W Young. Planning permission. Condition as to submission of drainage details in respect of the embankment so created. It was noted the description of the proposal on the decision notice did not accord with that on the application and the Clerk would seek clarification. It was further agreed a copy of the decision notice should be sent to Mr and Mrs Church.

(iv) Parish Plan. A progress report was provided by Cllr Fisher.

(v) Village Design Statement. Cllr Fisher reported his disappointment there had been no response to his article in The Marigold encouraging participation in the process by members of the public. It was suggested by Cllr Kerfoot that comments could be sought at the gardens open day. 08/09 013

(vi) Consultation on planning applications. Reference was made to a recent application in which notification had been sent to neighbours by e-mail. The Council visited the original intentions of its consultation process, which included the fact this was one of the highest profile issues with which Members became involved. It was agreed the practice of leaving planning postcards at the address of the applicant and all affected neighbours who were not present at the first visit should continue.

(vii) Strategic planning.

(a) Chester City Council: core strategy issues and options. It was noted that any response to a consultation by the City Council on its core strategy issues and options was due by Friday 6 June 2008. The Clerk reported this document included a number of alternative options put forward to guide future development in the district, all but one of which, involving continuing with current planning policies, affected the Green Belt.

(b) Chester City Council: supplementary planning guidance, managing the supply of new housing in Chester district, consultation on a review of current policy. The Clerk reported this guidance, also known as the housing moratorium policy, was under review subject to a six week consultation period. The proposed alterations, which took account of changes to national and regional planning policy since the moratorium was introduced, would return house building in Chester district to historic levels of completions.

4 Parish car park.

(a) Grounds maintenance. There were no action items to report at present.

(b) Possible improvement scheme. The Clerk reported a grant application had been submitted to the Cheshire Year of Gardens. This referred to the potential scheme discussed at the April meeting of the Council, costed at £3,243.45. An application was also being made to the City Council's Gowry North Area Committee. An approach was being made to the Cheshire Landscape Trust as to the availability of shrubs. **Action: The Clerk.**

(c) Repairs to Signage. It was noted that one of the legs of the "no parking" signage required replacing. Estimates would be sought by the Clerk. **Action: The Clerk.**

5 Leisure Services.

(i) Children's Playing Field:

(a) Grounds maintenance issues. The condition of the ditch, which would normally have 1 no clearance a year, would be revisited at the June meeting.

(b) Mole infestation. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(c) Repairs to goal mouths. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(d) State of nets. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(e) Basket ball equipment. The condition of the mesh would be revisited at the June meeting.

(ii) Children's Play Area.

(a) CCTV and CCTV protocol. It was agreed in principle the original CCTV equipment should be written off and passed to an interested party free of charge.

(b) Inspections. Cllr Hughes expressed satisfaction at the condition of the play area.

(c) Litter bin emptying. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(d) Grounds maintenance issues. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(e) Cleansing of equipment. This would be revisited at the June meeting. 08/09 014

(iii) Public Footpaths.

(a) Footpath 7. It was understood from the Parish Paths Warden that there was a continuing improvement in the character of the route. Further to the inquiry from City Cllr B J Bailey as to whether the Council was aware of any powered vehicles using the route, the Clerk understood from the Public Rights of Way Unit that two vehicles had been recovered by the occupier of Park Farm. PC Baker had been informed and had been requested to monitor the situation. Appropriate signage was to be provided by the Public Rights of Way Unit. Cllr Roberts inquired as to the desirability of providing a litter bin on the route. Cllr Hughes informed that City Cllr Bailey had been successful in arranging for tree protection orders to be served on Oaks on the route.

(b) Footpath 2. (i) Site meeting. Following the site meeting with he had attended with City Cllr S Parker and the relevant officer on Tuesday 11 March 2008 as to the condition of the footpath, the Clerk reported he was endeavouring to seek a quotation from an alternative contractor with the assistance of the City Council. A suggestion had been made that the Parish Council might seek a contractor with the City Council providing a grant towards the short-term costs and long-term future maintenance. (ii) Sign, Church Lane. The position of the signpost at the junction of Church Lane and footpath no 2 was being referred to the Parish Paths Warden. **Action: The Clerk.** (iii) Maintenance. There was nothing further to report this stage as to the outcome of the Clerk's representations to the Highways and Transportation Local Joint Committee with respect to the maintenance of the proposed new steps for footpath 2, the adjoining level section of the path and the adjoining section of the Longster Trail running between the hedges on Cinder Lane. In addition, no indication had been given by the Public Rights of Way Unit as to the timetable for the provision of the new steps.

(c) Footpath no 1: gates. It was noted that large close boarded gates had been erected at the junction of the Belle Vue Path with Belle Vue Lane to deter access and the dumping of refuse. Members expressed concern at the obstruction to the right of way but it was noted access could still be obtained at the side of the gates. The Clerk reported the Public Rights Way Unit was aware of the situation and the issue was to be dealt with by an officer who had previously been involved on his return from leave. The question of whether the gates were subject to development control had been raised with City Cllr B J Bailey. It was understood from the Parish Paths Warden that the new occupier was aware of his responsibilities to maintain the route without obstruction.

(d) Parish Paths Group. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(e) Garners Lane. Further inquiries were being made by the Clerk as to the installation of steps at Garners Lane. **Action: The Clerk.**

(iv) Grounds Maintenance.

(a) Vale. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(b) Parish Council contract 2008/09. Messrs Gresty, the successful contractor, had been informed the Council was minded to accept his estimate, subject to detailed pre-contract discussions. Cllr Hughes confirmed it was his intention to walk the contract with the contractor and the Clerk.

(v) Public Seats. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(vi) Landscaping, Fox Cover. The kind offer by former Cllr R M Armitage to maintain the landscaping on a voluntary basis had been accepted by the Chairman on behalf of the Council.

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

(viii) Cheshire Year of Gardens. Cllr Kerfoot further reported on her proposals for a gardens open day in the village. This would now include four separate prizes totalling £100 rather than a single prize as previously suggested. An application for a grant had been submitted by the Clerk to the Cheshire Year of Gardens and would be made to the City Council's Gowy North Area Committee. **Action: Cllr Kerfoot, The Clerk.**

6 Public transport. (i) Bus services. Cllr Roberts confirmed his view a public meeting would be worthwhile. This would be progressed with the assistance of the Clerk. (ii) Chester District Public Transport liaison committee Wednesday 16 April 2008. The Clerk reported the receipt of the agenda for this meeting.

## 7 Highways.

(i) Strategic. Hoole Bridge closure. It was noted that Hoole Bridge had reopened and the diversion route to the city centre past the junction with the A41 and Guilden Sutton Lane had been lifted.

(ii) Local matters.

(a) Speed issues. (i) Speed indicator device. A response was awaited to the request to the City Council for sessions. The Clerk understood these were being finalised. (ii) Police radar. A response was awaited in relation to the approach to the Project Rural Matters Co-ordinator, Mr D Bowker, as to a police radar check being carried out within the parish on the basis of the information gathered by the speed indicator device and the concerns expressed by a Member as to the proportion of motorists exceeding the limit.

(b) Signing and lining schemes. (i) Gateway treatment, Guilden Sutton Lane - red patch SLOW marking. A response was awaited from the highway authority. (ii) Cllr Kerfoot raised the possibility of a lining scheme or rumble strips on Porters Hill to improve safety.

(c) Speed review, Guilden Sutton Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(d) Speed review, Wicker Lane/Hare Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(e) Hare Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to the concerns with respect to the speed of traffic on Hare Lane and double parking in the vicinity of the rugby club.

(f) Footway rear Cathcart Green/Summerfield Road. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to whether or not the repairs to the step had been effected.

(g) Street nameplates, Hill Top Road, Belle Vue Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(h) Parking, Arrowcroft Road. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(i) Flags, Summerfield Road. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(j) Disabled access to shops. The issues identified at the meeting between the Clerk and the Access Officer on 19 December 2007 would be revisited.

(k) Condition of carriageway, Oaklands. Action was awaited by the Area Maintenance Engineer in respect of the reported faults on Oaklands.

(l) Field boundary adjoining the footway. It was noted that work being carried out by the landowner had been completed. The Clerk was pursuing the concerns expressed by a Member that following the site meeting, repairs had been intended to the footway. **Action: The Clerk.**

(m) Junction A41/Guilden Sutton Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(n) Footway, Guilden Sutton Lane. Further to Cllr Roberts informing that although work had been carried out by the highway authority to improve drainage, the gully which had been installed was proud of the standing water, this had been referred to the highway authority. A response was awaited.

(o) Road signs. Members would advise the Clerk if they became aware of any road signs in and around the village which were obscured by vegetation.

(p) Migration of gravel. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(iii) Lighting. A defective light opposite the play area at the rear of the Village Hall would be reported. It was noted that some lights on Guilden Sutton Lane continue to be obstructed by trees.

## 8 Finance:

### Income

Scottish Widows no 1  
Interest 1 April 2008

£ 265.62

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Co-operative Bank Interest 4 April 2008	£ 3.11
Chester City Council precept 2008/09	£13,104.00
Chester City Council double taxation grant 2008/09	£ 1,863.00
(ii) Payments.	
Devaprint Newsletters 121, 122, 123	£ 165.00 (confirmation of payment)
Play and Leisure Repairs to gate	£ 176.25 (VAT £26.25)
Alliance insurance renewal	£ 1,285.96
Chester Security Systems CCTV system	£ 5,029.00 (VAT £749.00)
CPRE Membership 2008/09	£ 28.00
Cheshire Community Council Membership 2008/09	£ 50.00
Cllr D Hughes Memorial Garden planting	£ 28.80
NWN Newsletter distribution	£ 27.03 (VAT £4.03)
Clerk	
Memory stick	£ 9.99
Mileage 76 @ 40p	£ 30.40
Copies 484@ 5p	<u>£ 24.20</u>
	£ 64.59

Proposed by Cllr Fisher  
Seconded by Cllr Roberts  
and agreed.

(iii) Balances

Co-operative Bank 1 April 2008	£ 3,448.34
23 April 2008	£16,886.39
Scottish Widows no 1 12 March 2008	£19,859.80
1 April 2008	£20,125.42
Scottish Widows no2 31 Mar 08 (includes xfer of £155.00)	£ 2,492.66

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(iv) Report on contingency payments.

Budget: £ 1,305.00

Payments: £ NIL

(v) Insurance. (a) Fidelity. The application form obtained from the insurers with respect to the proposed increase in the fidelity limit remained to be completed. (b) Further consideration would be given to a number of individual elements within the insurance initially by Cllr Hughes and the Clerk. The same would apply to a rural parish council insurance scheme underwritten by Zurich Municipal which appeared to offer significant savings. **Action: Cllr Hughes, The Clerk.**

(vi) Transfer to Clerk's gratuity account. The transfer in respect of 2008/09 would be advised by Cllr Hughes.

(vii) External Auditor. The Clerk reported the receipt of advice, by correspondence dated 2008, that the date of the audit would be 31 July 2008.

9 Environment Services:

(i) Recycling issues. Cllr Roberts, Parish Recycling Champion, reported.

(ii) Amenity cleansing.

(a) Site meeting, Belle Vue Lane. Following the site meeting with he had attended with City Cllr S Parker and the relevant officer on Tuesday 11 March 2008, minuted above, the Clerk reported he was endeavouring to seek a quotation from an alternative contractor with the assistance of the City Council for work on Belle Vue Lane where a similar suggestion had been made that the Parish Council might seek a contractor with the City Council providing a grant towards the short-term costs and long-term future maintenance. **Action: The Clerk.**

(b) Sweeping. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(c) Fence panels, the dell. There was nothing further to report at this stage. It was noted the damaged fence panels remained in the dell.

(d) White Tornado. The suggestion by Mrs Kirk that the Council might encourage the White Tornado groups which had previously cleaned up untidy areas on a voluntary basis had been revisited in the newsletter. The Clerk reported a positive response from Mr and Mrs Williams, Belle Vue Lane.

(iii) Dog fouling. (a) The dell. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to Cllr Paterson's request to be contacted by the Dog Warden with respect to continuing dog fouling in the vicinity of the dell. (b) Footpath 2. A response was awaited to the request to the Dog Warden for a bin to be provided on public footpath no 2.

(iv) Lengthsman. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(v) Sewers. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

10 Trees and hedges.

(i) Access to public footpath no 2 from Oaklands. A response was awaited from the senior estates surveyor to determine the extent of the City Council's ownership of the access to footpath 2 at the rear of Porters Croft.

(ii) Hedges, Guilden Sutton Lane. Following the report by a Member that letters would be sent by the highway authority to the occupiers of properties with overhanging hedges, there was nothing further to report at this stage.

(iii) Canopy, Porters Hill. The issue raised by Mr Jackson had been referred to the highway authority.

(iv) Eucalyptus, Oaklands. The concern as to the height of a Eucalyptus on private property on Oaklands had been referred to the Tree Officer. A response was awaited. **Action: The Clerk.** 08/09 018

(v) Hedges, Porters Hill. Cllr Hughes expressed concern that overgrown hedges on Porters Hill were at head height.

11 Cheshire Association of Local Councils. (a) Chester Area Meeting. The Council's nominated representatives to the Chester Area Meeting would be advised to the County Office.

12 Chester City Council. There were no action items to report.

13 Cheshire County Council. There were no action items to report.

14 Local Government Review. It was noted the first meeting of the Cheshire West and Chester Council, meeting in shadow, would take place at Chester Town Hall on Thursday 15 May, 2008.

15 Cheshire Community Council. (a) Annual survey. The Clerk reported the receipt of advice of the annual survey carried out by the council on the work it delivered and its future direction.

16 CPRE. There were no action items to report.

17 Health. There were no action items to report.

18 Policing.

(i) Chester Have Your Say. It was noted a meeting of the former Chester Police Forum had taken place on Tuesday 15 April at Kelsall Community Primary School, Flat Lane, Kelsall. Future meetings would be held on Tuesday 15 July at Lache Community Centre, Hawthorn Road, Tuesday 14 October at the Barbour Institute, Tattenhall and on Tuesday 13 January 2009 at St Mary's Centre, St Mary's Hill, Chester all at 7pm.

(ii) Police/Probation initiative. A response was awaited from the Project Rural Matters Co-ordinator as to whether the scheme involving the Police and the Probation service under which very low-level offenders, supervised by a police community support officer, could carry out work to benefit the community, encompassed environmental improvements.

(iii) Crime issues. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(iv) Ward Walk 20 April 2008. Cllr Kerfoot reported on the ward walk which had taken place on Sunday 20 April 2008 at 1000.

(v) Newsletter. It was noted that PC Baker had introduced the circulation of a monthly newsletter.

19 Newsletter. Cllr Kerfoot complimented the Clerk on the most recent issue of the newsletter.

20 Memorial garden. The application form for the proposed work to the Sycamore had been forwarded to Cllr Brown as Parish Tree Warden. **Action: Cllr Brown.** The Chairman expressed his pleasure at the condition of the memorial garden.

21 Bulb planting. The Chairman expressed his disappointment that a number of late flowering bulbs had been strimmed at an early stage by the highway authority contractor. This would be raised with the District Maintenance Engineer. **Action: The Clerk.**

22 Parish IT. Cllr Fisher referred to the requirement for the Council to have a website for quality parish council purposes. It was agreed the Council had ownership of the site but that content, subject to the generally accepted restrictions in force, rested with the webmaster on its behalf although it was noted that more volunteers were required. The Council agreed the webmaster was not personally responsible for errors in submitted material and this was made clear in a disclaimer on the site. A note would appear in the newsletter seeking further help with the site.

23 Primary School. Cllr Hughes reported further.

24 Planning post cards. A renewed approach was being made to the printer by the Clerk to obtain a modest supply in view of the new unitary council succeeding the City Council on April 1 2009.

25 Annual parish meeting: matters arising. (a) 2007. The remaining issues raised by members of the public at the annual parish meeting were being addressed by the Clerk. These included the condition of the City Council "no ball games" sign at the Fox Cover amenity area, the state of part of the planting at the shops in Summerfield Road and the provision of bins for the reception of canine faeces. (b) 2008. (i) The concerns raised by Mr and Mrs Hibbert and Mr Mason in connection with planning application 08/00713/FUL steel framed portal building at Tile Farm, Wicker Lane CH3 7EL for Ardens would be raised with the local planning authority. (ii) The concerns raised by Mr Collinson as to the speed of traffic and the unsuitability of 60mph speed limits in the village had already been drawn to the attention of the Highways and Transportation Local Joint Committee. (iii) The concerns raised by Mr and Mrs Church in connection with planning application 08/00484/FUL enclosure of agricultural land into residential curtilage and regrading works to rear boundary (retrospective) at Ganilly, Church Lane for Mr W Young would be clarified with the local planning authority. (iv) The questions raised by Mr R M Armitage as to the erection of gates on the Belle Vue Path had already been drawn to the attention of the Public Rights of Way Unit.

26 Disability Discrimination Act: barrier, Hill Top Road. The Clerk reported he had discussed the issue informally with City Cllr B J Bailey. There was a possibility the existing barrier would be modified.

27 Land ownerships. Further consideration would be given to the suggestion by Cllr Paterson that it would be beneficial for the Council to compile a register of land ownerships which adjoined footways and public footpaths.

28 Members information items.

Path, Church Lane/Cinder Lane. Cllr Roberts expressed concern at the condition of this path which would be drawn to the attention of the highway authority.

Parish car park, Church Lane. Cllr Hughes drew the attention of the Council to the large quantity of tobacco litter.

Fencing, railway embankment, Guilden Sutton Lane. The Clerk reported the concerns of an occupier who had been informed by Network Rail that security fencing would be erected on the boundary of her garden and the railway embankment. The occupier had for the many years maintained the embankment and believed that weed growth would affect her garden. There were also concerns about the appearance of the proposed fencing. The Clerk had offered to contact Network Rail to explore any possible compromise.

29 Information correspondence.

ChALC/NALC: annual conference and exhibition 2008, Eastbourne, 20 - 22 May; Local Council Review, subscriptions; Local Council Review May 2008.

Cheshire County Council: Cheshire Matters April 2008.

Cheshire County Playing Fields Assn: The Playing Field, Spring 2008

CPRE: Cheshire News and Events; annual report 2007; annual dinner and AGM Wednesday 4 June 2008.

Neuromuscular Centre Appeal.

Clerks and Councils Direct May 2008.

#### **Matters considered in the absence of the press and public.**

It was proposed by Cllr Fisher, seconded by Cllr Hughes and agreed that the public and press should be excluded for consideration of the following items due to the likely disclosure of exempt information.

30 Obstruction of the highway. The issue was being drawn to the attention of the highway authority.

#### **Action: The Clerk.**

31. Withdrawal of planning application. Following the reference by a Member to the withdrawal of a planning application, the Clerk reported the local planning authority had determined that an application was not necessary.

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32 Clerk's salary. Following the outcome of the review of the Clerk's salary with effect from 1 April, 2007 together with a revised spinal point, a formal minute was being prepared and would be appended to the minutes. **Action: Cllr Hughes.**

33 Items in an invoice. The Clerk referred to an invoice which had been received which appeared to contain an error. It was agreed this should be clarified.