

# Parish Council Minutes

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 5 October 2009 in Guilden Sutton Village Hall.

Chairman: Cllr D Hughes.

Present: Cllrs I Brown, D M Fisher, D Hughes, J Hughes, M Kerfoot, W Moulton, P M Paterson.

In attendance: B Lewin Esq, Rights of Way Warden

1 Procedural matters.

(i) Apologies. Apologies were received from Borough Cllrs Bailey and Parker and from PC M Baker.

(ii) 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.

(iii) Confirmation of the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 7 September 2009. The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 7 September 2009 were proposed by Cllr J Hughes, seconded by Cllr W Moulton and agreed as a correct record subject to the replacement of the reference to Cllr P M Paterson as having made inquiries into planning application 09/10939/FUL by Cllr D M Fisher and of "board" in the fifth line of p58 by "ward".

(iv) Dates of future meetings: Mondays 2 November, 7 December 2009.  
Mondays 4 January, 1 February, 1 March, 12 April, 10 May, 7 June, 12 July, 6 September, 4 October,  
1 November, 6 December 2010.

(v) Publication scheme: Training. The Clerk had reviewed the training DVD prepared by the Information Commissioner on the application of the scheme. This was referred to the Chairman.

(vi) Code of Conduct. The Clerk would prepare and circulate a note of the main points made by the Monitoring Officer in due course.

(vii) Vacancy vice Cllr M S J Roberts. The Clerk reported the vacancy notice had been obtained and had been displayed on 1 October, 2009. The vacancy would be publicised in a forthcoming issue of the newsletter and on the web site.

(viii) Additional powers for Parish and Town Councils. Further to the Clerk reporting to the previous meeting the receipt, by correspondence dated 28 August 2009, of a request from a pressure group, The Local Works Coalition, of which the National Association of Local Councils was said to be a leading member, for the Council to lobby for the restoration of local councils to proposals which had the potential to allow local people to have more say in how public money was spent in their area, the Clerk had confirmed the bona fides of the reference

to the national association. He would now raise the matter with Mrs Christine Russell MP.

**Action: The Clerk.**

(ix) Appointment of a local bus user contact vice former Cllr M S J Roberts. Further to the resignation of former Cllr M S J Roberts, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr P M Paterson and agreed that Cllr W Moulton should be appointed local bus user contact.

2 Public Speaking Time. B Lewin Esq, as webmaster, referred to web site matters.

3 Planning:

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(i) New applications.

09/11228/FUL demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey side extension at 10 Heath Bank CH3 7EZ for Mr and Mrs Alan Hewitt. Further inquiries had been made by Cllrs Kerfoot and J Hughes. It was agreed that no objection should be raised.

09/011319/FUL demolition of garage with two storey side and single storey rear extensions with porch to front at 36 School Lane CH3 7ET. Cllr Paterson reported. It was agreed that no objection should be raised.

(ii) Decision notices.

09/10276/FUL single storey extension to rear of property, porch to front and loft conversion at Westview, Hare Lane CH3 7ED for Mr and Mrs Collinson. Planning permission. In the absence of a decision notice, the Clerk had confirmed there were no special conditions.

09/10978/FUL change of use of 3/4 Summerfield Road CH3 7SW from financial and professional services and hairdressers to dental surgery and no 1 to financial and professional services and hairdressers. Planning permission. Informative re signs and advertising.

(iii) Parish Plan: progress report. Cllr Paterson reported further as to the arrangements for the launch.

(iv) Village Design Statement. Cllr Fisher informed a poster had been displayed. He did not detect an enthusiasm within the community and believed it was unlikely to move forward.

(v) Strategic Planning.

(a) Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council Local Development Framework core strategy topic papers. The Clerk was indicating the Council was keen to continue to be consulted and had concerns about the protection of the particularly fragile Green Belt within the parish, the amount of development to be allowed in villages washed over by the Green Belt, the retention and further development of rural public transport services, the provision of sites for Gypsies and Travellers and highway maintenance. (b) Consultation on submitted draft North West Plan Partial Review (including non technical sustainability appraisal report). The Clerk would endeavour to prepare a response by the due date (19 October, 2009).

**Action: The Clerk.**

4 Quality Council issues.

(i) CiLCA qualification. The Clerk reported further on progress relating to the compilation of the portfolio. The aim remained to achieve qualification by March 2010 ahead of the next parish council elections in May 2011.

(ii) Training: general. The Clerk would circulate details of the Power to Promote Well Being following his completion of the course. He reminded the council he was to attend an Audit and Finance update session to be held on Wednesday 25 November, 2009 in Middlewich.

(iii) Moving Towards Quality Parish Council Status. (a) Conduct of Council business. The NALC model standing orders would be considered by the small group which had been established comprising the existing Quality Council group of Cllrs Fisher, D Hughes and Brown. (b) Status. A meeting would be arranged in due course to enable the group to consider the requirements which would have to be met by the Council if it was to achieve Quality Parish Council status to which it was committed in principle. **Action: Cllr Brown.** The Clerk referred to an informed view that Quality Status, which demonstrated the quality of a council's procedures, might be sidelined by the Power to Promote Well Being which empowered a council to undertake a wider range of activities for the benefit of the community. This similarly required a qualified clerk, training to be undertaken by Members and an electoral test.

5 Parish car park.

(i) Grounds maintenance. Performance against specification by the contractor, including the need for the grass to be cut on a regular basis and for weeds to be removed from the hard surface would continue to be closely monitored.

(ii) Improvement scheme. (a) removal of overgrowth. Messrs Gresty had been informed of the intention that the treated overgrowth and debris at the rear of the bank should be removed in order to allow the mass planting of bulbs and of some shrubs.  
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(b) Boundary treatment. The Clerk was making a renewed approach to a contractor to seek quotations for the removal of the planting and mulch on the sides and rear of the car park and their replacement with concrete topped by setts.

(iii) Rear boundary wall. The Clerk was endeavouring to identify an alternative contractor able to carry out any necessary repairs to the sandstone walls.

## 6 Leisure Services

### (i) Children's Playing Field:

(a) Grounds maintenance issues. Cllr Paterson informed a pallet had been deposited at the rear of the field. It was agreed that Messrs Gresty should be requested to remove same.

**Action: The Clerk.**

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

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

(d) Basket ball equipment. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

### (ii) Children's Play Area.

(a) CCTV and CCTV protocol. The CCTV protocol would be revisited in due course.

(b) Inspections. A revised rota had been prepared by the Clerk and would be circulated. Report forms had been circulated by Cllr Paterson. **Action: The**. Messrs Gresty had been informed brambles in the boundary of the hard surfacing required selective treatment.

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

(d) Grounds maintenance issues. The contract requirement for detritus to be removed from the hard surfacing rather than blown into the hedge bottom would continue to be brought to the attention of Messrs Gresty. Further to Cllr Fisher informing at the previous meeting that the height of the boundary hedge was higher than desirable, Messrs Gresty had been requested to provide separate estimates to reduce both sides of the hedge to the height of the boundary fencing.

(e) Replacement of safety surfacing. The likelihood of grants being available was being pursued by the Clerk. **Action: The Clerk.**

### (iii) Public Footpaths.

(a) Footpath 7. Further to the previous report by the Rights of Way Warden as to the effect of climate change on the Oaks which adjoined the route and to it being agreed the Warden should approach the Public Rights of Way maintenance officer for advice, a similar approach had been made by the Clerk to the Borough Council's tree officer.

(b) Footpath 2. (i) Clearance and sweeping. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(c) Footpath 1. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(d) Parish Paths Group. The Warden advised there had been an expression of interest.

(e) Mid Cheshire Footpath Society. There was no action correspondence to report to this meeting.

(f) Opening of extension of Greenway. The Clerk and the Rights of Way Warden reported on the opening of the extension of the Greenway to Guilden Sutton and Mickle Trafford to take place on Sunday 25 October 2009. This would be publicised on the web site and in the

newsletter. The warden expressed the view the more local publicity which could be achieved to encourage the use of the route the better. The Clerk would inquire as to the availability of maps.

(iv) Grounds Maintenance. (a) Vale. There was nothing further to report at this stage. (b) Parish Council contract 2009/10. Performance against specification by the contractor would continue to be closely monitored.

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

(vi) Landscaping, Fox Cover. Former Cllr R M Armitage had been approached to inquire if he was still prepared to maintain this area. The Clerk reported that former Cllr Armitage was more than happy to hoe the area during the season but would prefer not to prune. It was agreed that Messrs Gresty should be requested to prune any growth overhanging the footway. **Action: The Clerk.**

(vii) Provision for youth. Further to the Clerk informing of the receipt of advice, by correspondence dated 4 September 2009, that the Connexions service would be able to assist in the creation of a shadow youth parish council, possibly as part of a cluster which would correspond with the Gowy and Eddisbury Community Forum, the Chairman asked if the Council should be seeking to develop links with the Primary School Council. It was agreed this should be pursued. **Action: Cllr D Hughes.** Cllr Moulton suggested that to increase accessibility, the Council might consider the occasional meeting starting at teatime.

(viii) Correspondence per Mr Paul Gresty re construction of cycleway. Further to the Clerk reporting the receipt, by correspondence dated 14 August 2009, of correspondence from Mr Paul Gresty, The Wood Farm, School Lane as to the effect on conservation and wildlife of work carried out by the contractor in extending the cycleway from Hoole to Mickle Trafford and Guilden Sutton, the Clerk informed the correspondence was being forwarded to the appropriate officer. **Action: The Clerk.**

(ix) Cheshire Local Access Forum, applications for membership. Further to the Clerk reporting the receipt, by correspondence dated 12 August 2009, of information relating to applications for membership of the Cheshire Local Access Forum, the papers had been forwarded to be the Rights of Way Warden.

7 Public transport.

(i) Services general. Cllr Moulton reported on the improvement to the service introduced on 1 September 2009. The Clerk was to include a copy of the revised timetable in the newsletter. The information was also being displayed on the web site. **Action: The Clerk.** The confusion referred to by Mrs Kirk as to the departure stand for the service C80 in the city centre was being referred to the Borough Council. **Action: The Clerk.**

8 Highways.

(i) Strategic matters.

(a) A55 low noise surfacing. Correspondence from Mrs C M Russell MP. The Clerk informed of the receipt of correspondence, by letter dated 9 September, 2009 from Mrs C M Russell MP, with advice from the Highways Agency that the work to lay low noise surfacing from the Dee to the A51 was due to be completed by the end of December, 2009.

(b) A51. The Clerk had contacted the Highways Agency as to the argument the road should not be signed from the M6 as a route to Chester or beyond to Holyhead, given the Parish Council had an interest in traffic conditions at the junction of Wicker Lane and the A 51 which were already extremely difficult. He had been informed the issue was a matter for the borough highway authority and would pursue this accordingly.

(c) West Cheshire Pedestrian Survey. The Clerk informed of this survey, the closing date for which was 30 October, 2009. The notification had been circulated to all Members and to Mrs Y Kirk,

(ii) Local matters.

Issues with the highway authority.

The Clerk reported he had obtained the agreement if the Area Highway Manager for a site visit to consider each of the issues described in the September minutes. He informed the Area Maintenance Engineer had left the authority and the officer previously dealing with traffic issues no longer did so, hence the referral to the area manager.

(a) Speed issues. (i) Speed indicator device, further lease. The proposed lease of the equipment for the period Thursday 17 September to Wednesday 23 September had taken place. Cllr Moulton was thanked by the Chairman for kindly compiling the rota and other Members for their support. The Borough Council had informed the data collected was not available for downloading. This was noted with disappointment. It was agreed that a further session should be sought in the Spring. **Action: The Clerk.** 09/10 063



(ii) Moveable speed device. Further to the Chairman informing of a speed display unit adopted with great success by Goostrey Parish Council, information on which had been provided by the supplier, the Clerk advised that the view of the Project Rural Matters Co-ordinator was that sufficient equipment, including radar guns, was available from the Borough Council.

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

(c) Speed review, Guilden Sutton Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to when or how a decision would be reached by Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council.

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

(e) Hare Lane. Cllr Paterson informed that teams were now being advised as to parking on Hare Lane.

(f) Footway rear Cathcart Green/Summerfield Road. No repairs appeared to have been carried out at this stage.

(g) Parking, Arrowcroft Road. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to the ongoing issue.

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

(i) Disabled access to shops. The issues identified at the meeting between the Clerk and the Access Officer on 19 December 2007 would be revisited. With respect to the concerns raised by Cllr D Hughes that the installation of a further dropped kerb from the shops car park to the pathway of the village hall car park could lead to vehicles over riding the footway to reach the Village Hall car park, which had been referred to the highway authority, a response was awaited. The same applied to the defect with the more recently improved ramp closer to the Village Hall which had been mentioned by Cllr D Hughes.

(j) Junction A41/Guilden Sutton Lane. The Clerk understood there would be nothing further to report at this stage as to traffic conditions at this junction, particularly on those Sunday mornings when car boot sales were held at Chester Rugby Club.

(k) 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. The Clerk was progressing the concern expressed by Cllr D Hughes as to the condition of a School Lane nameplate at the war memorial.

(l) Migration of gravel. There was nothing further to report at present.

(m) Porters Hill. A response was awaited from the highway authority as to the issue raised by Cllr D Hughes concerning poor visibility encountered by motorists driving up the hill and a suggestion that traffic signals might improve safety. The effect of trees overhanging the road had also been referred.

(n) Path, Cinder Lane to Church Lane. (i) Condition. It was not known what action had been taken by the highway authority as to the condition of this path. (ii) Use by motor cycles. A response was awaited to the complaint to the Rights of Way Warden as to the use of this path by motorcyclists which had been referred to the highway authority.

(o) Footway, Guilden Sutton lane. It was not known what action had been taken by the highway authority as to the obstruction of separate lengths of the footway on Guilden Sutton Lane by nettles, brambles and an overgrown hedge respectively.

(p) Parish boundary sign, Guilden Sutton Lane. Although the state of this sign had been referred to the highway authority, it did not appear that any remedial action had been taken.

(q) Flooding, Church Lane. Further to Cllr D Hughes informing of flooding taking place at the foot of the Fox Cover steps, this had been reported. It was not known what action had been taken by the highway authority. Flooding reported by Mrs Kirk emanating from a BT manhole would be reported by the highway authority to BT.

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(r) Verges, Guilden Sutton Lane. Further to Cllr Fisher revisiting the concerns that verges on the truncated length of Guilden Sutton Lane were being damaged by HGVs and the suggestion the highway at that point should be widened to enable passing, a response was awaited from the highway authority with whom the issue, including the possibility of proposed work by Scottish Power, had been raised.

(s) Speed limit, Station Lane. There was no further information at this stage.

(t) Cllr Brown informed of a defect which would be reported to the highway authority. **Action: The Clerk.**

(iii) Lighting. A fault affecting a light at the rear of the Village Hall would be reported.

9 Finance:

(i) Income:

4 September £ 1.36

(ii) Payments:

Mrs P Blythe  
Playing field rent  
Oct – Dec 2009 £ 160.00

Gresty  
Grounds maintenance  
July £ 244.00  
August £ 244.00  
£ 488.00

NWN Media  
Newsletter distribution £ 25.58 (inc £3.34 VAT)

St John's PCC  
Churchyard grant 2008/09 £ 250.00  
Holiday Club grant 2009 £ 200.00  
£ 450.00

Cheshire Landscape Trust  
Tree Warden donation £ 100.00

Clerk:

Salary  
July – Sept 2009 £ 1,208.43

Expenses:

Postage £ 0.90  
Photocopies  
228@5p £ 11.40  
Mileage  
8@40p £ 3.20  
£ 15.50

Proposed by Cllr Paterson  
seconded by Cllr Brown  
and agreed.

(iii) Balances

Co-operative Bank  
28 September

£ 9,706.44

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Scottish Widows no 1  
1 July 2009 £20,752.93

Scottish Widows no 2  
1 July 2009 £ 2,608.25

(iv) Report on contingency payments.

Budget: £ 695.00  
Payments: £ NIL

(v) Insurance.

(a) Fidelity. The application was being completed by the Clerk in line with the proposed system of check. A quotation would be sought in the sum of £40,000 to include headroom. Approval would require:

A Councillor to check the bank reconciliation at least quarterly.  
Two Councillors to sign all cheques.  
No electronic fund transfers.  
Insurance arrangements to be approved by the full Council.

(b) General cover. Further consideration would be given to a number of individual elements within the insurance initially by Cllr D Hughes and the Clerk. The same would apply to possible alternative providers, including the Council's bankers which had made an approach and brokers acting for Norwich Union. This would enable the market to be tested.

(vi) Grant application form. This would be revisited following the draft produced by Cllr Fisher being considered by a sub group comprising Cllrs Paterson, Fisher, Kerfoot and the Responsible Financial Officer.

(vii) Participatory budgeting. Further to the Clerk reporting the receipt, by correspondence dated 3 September 2009 from the Development Officer, of information with respect to participatory budgeting, an indication had been given that the Council would be interested in being involved in a grouping of councils in the area to develop a participatory budgeting process.

10 Environment Services:

(i) Recycling issues. (a) Chester waste collection and recycling contract. There was nothing further to report at this stage. Members were reminded that Cllr Bailey had asked to be informed of any concerns arising under the new contract.

(ii) Amenity cleansing. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(iii) Dog fouling. (a) The dell. The Clerk understood the former Chester City Council dog warden had retired and a borough wide service had been introduced. He would make further inquiries. **Action: The Clerk.**

(iv) Sewers. It was noted that work had been completed on Arrowcroft Road, with a connection to School Lane, to alleviate the difficulties previously minuted.

11 Trees and Hedges.

(i) Access to public footpath no 2 from Oaklands. In the absence of a response from the former Chester City Council as to the extent of the local authority's ownership of the access to footpath 2 at the rear of Porters Croft, a fresh approach would be made by the Clerk to the successor authority.

(ii) Hedges, Guilden Sutton Lane. As minuted above, a response was awaited from the highway authority as to the need for a hedge at the approach to the diversion, which had vigorous growth and was obstructing the footway, to be pruned.

(iii) Canopy, Porters Hill. There was nothing further to report at present as to the issue raised by Mr Jackson which had been referred to the highway authority.

(iv) Hedges, Porters Hill. A response was awaited from the highway authority as to the need for overgrown hedges on Porters Hill which were at head height to be pruned.

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(v) Land, Church Lane. Further to the Council being informed of overhanging branches to trees on private land which it was thought could be a potential hazard, these would be inspected by the Tree Warden. The ownership of the land would also be clarified. **ACTION: Cllr Brown/The Clerk.**

(vi) Sycamore, Memorial Garden. The Clerk had requested a revised estimate to include the removal of dead wood from the higher branches in addition to the removal of the lower limb.

(vii) Trees Wicker Lane/Church Lane. Further to Cllr S Parker informing of complaints relating to trees at the junction of Wicker Lane and Church Lane, this had been referred to the highway authority. A response was awaited.

(viii) Trees, primary school boundary. Further to Cllr Fisher informing as to the pruning and felling of trees in the school grounds adjoining the path at the rear of Orchard Croft and if these were protected. Cllr Brown, as Parish Tree Warden, had made further inquiries. It appeared from the records that at least one of the trees which had been felled had been protected at an earlier stage. The Clerk informed of the view that local authorities were deemed to be responsible landowners and trees on their land were not now normally protected. The Council was also aware of extensive planting which had taken place in the school grounds.

(ix) Trees adjoining the highway. A Member referred to a number of trees above a wall which he felt had the potential to cause serious injury. This would be referred to the Tree Officer. **Action: The Clerk.**

(x) Removal of hedge. A Member referred to the removal of a boundary hedge. It was agreed this was a civil matter as the hedge would not have been covered by the legislation.

#### 12 Cheshire Association of Local Councils.

(i) Chester Area Meeting. The Clerk reported, as Honorary Secretary, on the meeting held on 30 September, 2009.

(ii) Annual Meeting 22 October 2009. It was noted the Annual Meeting of the Cheshire Association of Local Councils would take place at Middlewich Civic Hall on Thursday 22 October 2009 from 6.30pm to 9pm. The Clerk informed he hoped to be able to attend.

(iii) Clerk's pay award 2009/10. The Chairman reported the receipt of this award which provided for an increase of 1%. This, together with the transfers of 3.75% of the Clerk's annual salary for 2008/09 and 2009/10 to the Clerk's gratuity account, would be dealt with at the January meeting. Formal approval to the payment of the award was proposed by Cllr Paterson, seconded by Cllr J Hughes and agreed.

(iv) Cheshire Rural Women's Day 7 October, 2009. Cllr Moulton reported further on the Council's nomination.

#### 13 Cheshire West and Chester Council.

(i) Funding for local councils. Further to the discussion held on 16 July 2009 between the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk and Nicola McKeand, National Management Trainee, as to the extent of public services provided by local councils, what, if any services the Parish Council would be interested in providing in future, the parish issues log and relationships, there was nothing further to report at this stage.

(ii) Electoral Review, Cheshire West and Chester. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(iii) Highways orders: delegated decision taking. The Clerk informed there was nothing further to report at this stage.

(iv) Gowy /Eddisbury Community Forum Wednesday 30 September 2009. It had not been possible for the Council to be represented.

(iv) Parish Councils event 14 October 2009. The Clerk hoped to be able to attend this event, taking place in Winsford.

(v) Rural West Area Partnership Board. Further to the Clerk informing the Council was able to make a nomination of a Member with an interest in partnership working to be a member of the Rural West Area Partnership Board, it was noted that no nomination had been made.  
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(vi) Clerk's Group. Further to the Clerk informing he had been invited to join a Clerk's Group which would meet with Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council to discuss issues relevant to clerks and parish and town councils, there was nothing further to report at this stage.

14 Cheshire Community Action. There were no action items to report.

15 CPRE. There were no action items to report.

16 Health. There were no action items to report.

17 Policing.

(i) Western Police Area Have Your Say. It was noted the next meeting in Chester would take place on 26 January 2010 in St Mary's Centre. It had not been possible for the Council to be represented at a meeting held on Thursday 22 September 2009 at 7pm in the Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port.

(ii) Crime issues. Further to the number of connected incidents which had arisen within the parish during the summer, a note on the precautionary steps which could be taken by occupiers would be included in the newsletter.

(iii) Community Safety Wardens. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

(iv) Ward walks. The Clerk had been advised by PC Baker that future ward walks were to be placed on a more formal basis to enable improved contact with the public. The next walk was proposed for Monday 26 October at 10.30am. Members were concerned the date coincided with half term and believed the hall and shops area was usually more busy at 9am and 3pm. A request would be made for the walk to take place at these times at a later date.

18 Newsletter. A further issue would be distributed to advertise the vacancy for a Member of the Council and to publicise the new bus timetable.

19 Memorial Garden. See also minute 11 (vi) above. Further planting would be undertaken in due course by Cllrs D and J Hughes.

20 Bulb planting. It was confirmed that planting would take place on the parish car park bank in 2009, subject to the completion of the clearance work by Messrs Gresty. The Clerk informed that three sacks of mixed woodland daffodil bulbs had been ordered.

21 Parish IT. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

22 Primary School. Cllr D Hughes reported a short notice inspection by Ofsted had rated the school good overall with some outstanding aspects. The outcome had been closer to outstanding overall than at the previous inspection. It was agreed a letter of congratulation should be sent to the head teacher.

23 Disability Discrimination Act: barrier, Hill Top Road. The Clerk understood that renewed action was being taken by Cllr Bailey. **ACTION: Cllr B J Bailey.**

24 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.

25 Railway fencing, Guilden Sutton Lane. There was nothing further to report at this stage as to 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.

26 Community events: (i) Village Fête 2009. The Clerk reported the receipt, by correspondence dated

4 September 2009, of a kind acknowledgement from the fête committee for the £500 grant made available by the Parish Council towards marquee hire. Cllr D Hughes said the committee for 2010 would welcome new members. (ii) St John's Holiday Club. The Clerk reported the receipt, by correspondence dated 22 September, 2009 of an application by the PCC for a grant of £200 towards the cost of the 2009 holiday club organised by St John's Church. Receipts had been provided. It was proposed by Cllr Moulton, seconded by Cllr J Hughes and agreed the grant should be approved.

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27 Land Registry. Further to the Clerk reporting the receipt, by correspondence dated 30 June 2009, of an approach by the Land Registry as to parish councils ensuring their land was registered at a discounted fee from £30 for an estate valued at up to £50,000, the matter was being pursued by the Clerk. **Action: The Clerk.**

28 Cheshire Landscape Trust. Further to the Clerk informing the Cheshire Landscape Trust had no guaranteed income beyond March 2010 and had pointed out a donation of £100 from each Parish Council with a tree warden would be sufficient to keep the tree warden scheme running for another two-and-a-half years, it was proposed by Cllr Moulton, seconded by Cllr Fisher and agreed a grant of £100 should be approved on this basis.

29 Member's information items.

Multi use games area. Cllr Kerfoot referred to the possible provision of a floodlit multi use games area being provided at the primary school at a cost of £20,000. Cllr Paterson informed as to the availability of grant from Cheshire and Warrington Sports Partnership. It was noted that any support from the Parish Council should be fed in as part of the budget process.

Public speaking time. It was agreed that Summerfield House should be informed of the availability of public speaking time should any residents wish to raise issues.

Parish noticeboard, Summerfield Road. Cllr Fisher informed as to the condition of the footpaths map in the noticeboard. Cllr D Hughes would provide a replacement. **Action: Cllr D Hughes.**

Signs, Wicker Lane. Cllr J Hughes informed that contractor's signs had not been removed following recent work.

Kerb, Wicker Lane. Cllr Fisher commented on the short length of kerb which was some distance into the carriageway. This would be referred to the highway authority. **Action: The Clerk.**

Bird in Hand. Cllrs D Hughes, Kerfoot and Paterson informed of the current situation at the Bird in Hand.

Remembrance Sunday. Messrs Gresty would be asked if, as in the past, they wished to carry out a sweep. The Clerk indicated he would visit immediately prior to the service to check if attention was necessary.

30 Information correspondence.

Public transport: Cheshire West and Chester concessionary travel scheme 2009/2010.

Highways: West Cheshire pedestrian survey.

ChALC/ NALC: Local Council Review, Autumn 2009; Update; Chester Area Meeting 30 September 2009 agenda and minutes.

Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council: Gowy/Eddisbury Community Forum agenda and newsletter; Parking enforcement consultation; Opening of the Greenway and progress report; Highway issues of interest to parish councils; Partnership Bulletin.

Cheshire Community Action: How to engage young people.

CPRE: Workshop on hedgerow restoration 15 October 2009.

Policing: Inspector's Updates.

Society of Local Council Clerks: membership.

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

Nil.

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