

Guilden Sutton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Monday 18 May 2015 in Guilden Sutton Village Hall at 7pm.

Chairman: Cllr M S J Roberts.

Present: Cllrs A Davis, W Moulton, P M Paterson, S Ringstead, M S J Roberts.

1 Procedural matters.

(a) Apologies for Absence. Members: Cllrs Brown, Fisher, Hughes.

Visitors: Cllr M Parker, Cllr S Parker, PC R Boulton.

(b) Election of a Chairman of the Council for the forthcoming year. It was proposed by Cllr W Moulton, seconded by Cllr S Ringstead that Cllr P M Paterson should be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. There being no further nominations Cllr Paterson was elected unanimously and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr Paterson in the Chair.

Cllr Paterson thanked the Council for their confidence and expressed the Council's appreciation for the work of Cllr M S J Roberts and the Clerk during the preceding 12 months.

(c) Election of a Vice-Chairman of the Council for the forthcoming year. It was proposed by Cllr Paterson, seconded by Cllr Moulton that Cllr A Davis should be elected Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year. There being no further nominations Cllr Davis was elected unanimously and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Cllr Davis thanked the Council for their confidence.

(d) Adoption of Code of Conduct. It was proposed by Cllr Paterson, seconded by Cllr Roberts and agreed that the Council should adopt the Code of Conduct for Members adopted by Cheshire West and Chester Council on 26 July 2012 (which had been circulated to all Members) as the Council's code of conduct under section 27(2) and 27(3) of the Localism Act 2011.

Members were reminded they should declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or any Other Disclosable Interest which they may have 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.

Declarations were a personal matter for each Member to decide with the decision to declare, or not, being the responsibility of the Member based on the particular circumstances. Consideration should be given to any pecuniary interest, outside bodies interest or family, friends and close associates.

(e) Confirmation of the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 13 April 2015. The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on Monday 13 April 2015 were proposed by Cllr Paterson, seconded by Cllr Moulton and agreed.

(f) Audit Group. The Clerk invited the Council to agree the Audit Group should be renamed the Audit and Governance Group to reflect its wider responsibilities. This was agreed.

(g) Traffic Group. The Clerk invited the Council to agree the Traffic Group should be renamed the Traffic Panel to enable interested parties from outside the Council to be accommodated.

(h) Election of representatives/attendees to outside bodies:

(i) Cheshire Association of Local Councils, Chester Area Meeting (three representatives). The Clerk reported this meeting was likely to be replaced by other forums although ad hoc meetings may continue. It was agreed the Chairman and Vice Chairman should be the core representatives to any meeting of the Area Meeting or successor bodies although remaining Members would be more than welcome to attend.

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- (ii) Cheshire Community Action Community Buildings Network. (Cllr D Hughes). It was agreed Cllr Hughes should be invited to continue.
- (iii) CPRE. (Cllr I Brown). It was agreed Cllr Brown should be invited to continue.
- (iv) Guilden Sutton Village Hall Management Committee. (Cllr D Hughes). It was agreed Cllr Hughes should be invited to continue.
- (v) Chester Villages Community Forum. Should this body meet, it was agreed the Chairman and Vice Chairman would be the core representatives although remaining Members would be more than welcome to attend.
- (vi) Cheshire Police/PCC meetings. (Cllrs Hughes, Moulton). It was agreed Cllrs Hughes and Moulton should be invited to continue.

(i) Groups/panels.

(i) Traffic Panel. (Cllrs Davis, Hughes, Moulton). It was agreed Cllrs Davis, Hughes and Moulton should be invited to continue although remaining Members would be more than welcome to contribute.

(ii) Advisory Panel. (Vice Chairman, ex officio). This was confirmed in the event of any meeting being held.

(iii) Community resilience. (Cllr Paterson). This was confirmed in the event of any meeting being held.

(iv) Pipers Ash Advisory Panel. Consequent upon the outcome of the governance review which had revised the parish boundary, the Clerk invited the Council to agree in principle to the formation of a Pipers Ash Advisory Panel (membership to be agreed) for a limited one year period to enable local knowledge such as traffic, development control and the operation of the Beacon to be understood. The Clerk suggested this should comprise no more than three members of the community, one Member of this Council and himself to consider or take advice on matters arising. The Clerk indicated he was willing to Chair at least the initial stages as he was known to present and previous elected members in the hamlet and had a good working relationship with the Area Engineer (current issues included a range of highways aspects.) This would also avoid distracting those Members devoting time to the Neighbourhood Plan process. The Council agreed in principle to the creation of the Panel and would give further consideration to the issue at the June meeting.

(j) Appointment of office holders.

(i) Parish Rights of Way Warden. (Vacant.) It was agreed this appointment should be revisited at the June meeting.

(ii) Parish Tree Warden. (Cllr I Brown). It was agreed Cllr Brown should be invited to continue.

(iii) Local Bus User Contact.(Cllrs Moulton, Roberts.) It was agreed Cllr Moulton should continue to lead.

(l) Dates of future meetings: Mondays 1 June, 13 July, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November and 7 December 2015.

(k) Parish election 7 May 2015.

(i) The Clerk invited Members to note the outcome of the contested election held on 7 May 2015.

Brown, Imogen 448 (Elected)
Dale, James Albert, Independent, 353
Davis, Alan Bruce 469 (Elected)
Fisher, Danny Michael 413 (Elected)
Hughes, Derek 442 (Elected)
Moulton, Bill 356 (Elected)
Paterson, Patricia Margaret 438 (Elected)
Ringstead, Sue 420 (Elected)
Roberts, Michael Stephen John 532 (Elected)

There were 59 papers rejected as being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty.

(m) Update 26 April – 16 May 2015. The Clerk advised this update, circulated to all Members, had covered the full range of current issues and not only those on the agenda for this meeting,.

2 Community engagement: (a) Surgery, Saturday 30 May 2015. It was agreed Cllrs Paterson and Davis would presided at the surgery due on Saturday 30 May 2015.

3 Planning.

(a) New/current applications.

Single storey side extension

1 Green Lane Pipers Ash Chester Cheshire CH3 7EQ

Ref. No: 15/01629/FUL | Received: Fri 17 Apr 2015 | Status: NEW APPLICATION. Awaiting decision

Cllrs Moulton/Davis.

No objection.

Erection of three dwellings

Chester House Hare Lane Chester Cheshire CH3 7ED

Ref. No: 15/01299/FUL | Received: Fri 27 Mar 2015 | Status: Pending. NEW APPLICATION

Cllrs Paterson, Brown.

To note the following response was made:

The Parish Council OBJECTS to this proposal and strongly supports the objections of Great Boughton Parish Council and nearby occupiers.

Notwithstanding the previous permission, the increase in scale of the proposal is considered to be inappropriate development in the Green Belt for which no very special circumstances have been demonstrated.

Due to the increased height, the Council believes the overbearing nature of the detached property would be detrimental to the amenities which other occupiers in the vicinity could reasonably expect to enjoy.

It further believes the modern design of the development would be out of keeping and unduly harmful to the character and appearance of the 19th century street scene.

The increase in vehicular movements associated with the detached property and the adjoining dwellings is a concern given the narrowness of the lane, the existing parking situation and the amount of through traffic which uses the road.

3 Finance:

Payments:

Cheshire Playing Fields Association

Subscription 2015/16 £ 20.00

Cheshire Community Development Trust

Payroll (10141) £ 72.00 (inc VAT £12.00)

ChALC

Affiliation fee

2015/16 £ 369.60

LCR x2 £ 34.00

£ 403.60

Devaprint

Newsletter 163 (8426) £ 25.00

CPRE

Subscription 2015/16 £ 36.00

Northwich Town Council

Grounds maintenance (1360) £235.20 (inc VAT £39.20)

NWN Media

Newsletter 163 £ 23.34 (inc VAT £3.89)

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286 @ 5p	<u>£ 14.30</u>
	£ 38.20

Proposed by Cllr Paterson
Seconded by Cllr Roberts
and agreed.

4 Members' urgent information items.

Willis Close, gas supply. Cllr Davis informed the gas supply laid to the development appeared to provide for a future further phase.

Overflowing manhole. Cllr Davies informed of an overflowing manhole on Oaklands.

Speed management, Hare Lane. Cllr Moulton pointed out the use of the SID at the approach to the hamlet from the A51 would be precluded by the national speed limit applying. The Clerk informed he was to request the highway authority to carry out an assessment in view of the lower limit approved on the nearby A41.

Streetscene. Members referred to Streetscene issues including visibility at the junction of the Guilden Sutton Lane diversion and the CDS, opposite Wood Farm at the junction of Oaklands and School Lane due to basal growth on nearby oaks, at the junction of Wicker Lane and Church Lane and nettles on the Church Lane steps which would be reported. **Action: The Clerk.**

200th anniversary of the rebuilding of St John's Church. Members referred to the invitation to the Council to consider a donation towards the cost of flowers for the anniversary. The Clerk informed the Council had powers under S144 of the 1972 Act (tourism) and S137 (free resource) to make such a donation or to fund the preservation of the historic building in some way or contribute to ecclesiastical furniture or similar as a more permanent mark of the anniversary. It was agreed the Chairman would discuss with the Rector.

The meeting concluded at 1930 hours.

Next meeting: Monday 1 June 2015.