

Guilden Sutton Parish Council**Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 12th July 2017 at 7.30pm**

Chairman: Cllr I Brown

Present: Cllrs Davis, Fisher, Hughes, Moulton, Paterson and Roberts

Clerk: Mrs K Lowe

In attendance: 2 members of the public.

Cllr S Parker (CWaC)

Cllr Paterson wished to thank everyone who attended and contributed to the village fete on 8th July 2017.

1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- a. Apologies from Cllr Ringstead (family illness)
- b. Cllr Hughes declared an interest in the item on Section 106 monies in particular the purchase of a piece of land from the school because he is a school governor.
- c. It was proposed by Cllr Moulton and seconded by Cllr Paterson to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 7th June as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes of the meeting.
- d. Dates of future meetings. The Clerk has previously circulated a list of proposed meeting dates for 2017 as follows:

Wednesday 6th September

Wednesday 4th October

Wednesday 1st November

Wednesday 6th December

- e. There was nothing to update about Pipers Ash

2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- a. Visiting Officers – Mr Lewin as the Voluntary Footpath Officer for the Parish Council reported that the footpaths in the village were generally in good condition. He had been contacted by a resident concerned about the footway near the Bird in Hand which is affected by trailing ivy and giant hogweed. Mr Lewin had reported this online to CWaC.

PCSO 70427 Debbie attended and gave the following updates. There have been members of the travelling community visiting houses to offer services, the police advise that all residents check who they are trading with and report any suspicious behaviour.

- b. Visiting Members – Cllr S Parker updated the Council that he had received an unsatisfactory reply regarding the trees at Sumerfield House and he would be following this up. Cllr Hughes thanked Cllr Parker for his support. Cllr Parker reported that at a recent CWaC cabinet meeting the decision had been made to scrap the Free after 3 parking scheme which was disappointing. Cllr Hughes asked Cllr Parker for assistance on behalf of the school who are having difficulties knowing how to access the Section 106 monies which are allocated to the school.

- c. Members of the public speaking time

Congratulations was expressed to the organisers of the Village Fete.

- d. Noticeboard

A quote had been received from Age UK, 'Men in Sheds' for 395+VAT for the installation of a new noticeboard. There were some concerns about the size of the noticeboard. Cllr Davis and Hughes will measure the noticeboard and provide details to the Clerk.

- e. Website

There was no new information to update.

- f. Newsletter

Cllr Roberts had discussed with a local resident Jo Shelton delivery of the newsletter which she was willing to deliver at a cost of 7p per house. It was RESOLVED unanimously to use this service.

ACTION: Cllr Roberts to provide the Clerk with the contact details

- g. Report from Local Surgery

The issue of speeding and particular issues for cyclists was raised.

On Guilden Green the weeds have been sprayed but this has not been effective, this is a problem all around the Oaklands estate.

The steps near the flyover need attention up the bank and into Heath Bank

A particular Sumerfield House resident gets lots of enquiries for the orthodontist which he finds very frustrating. Could the orthodontist be asked to provide signage?

The next surgery will take place on Saturday 1st July to avoid the village fete and will be attended by Cllr Paterson and Cllr Ringstead.

3. PLANNING

- a. New/recent applications

The Clerk had circulated the latest planning register.

- b. New Planning Decisions

None

- c. Section 106 monies

There was no new information to update.

d. Neighbourhood Plan

The NDP Group are working on Policies and Protocols.

e. New building / Affordable housing

There was no new information to update.

4. TRAINING.

The Clerk was asked to re-circulate the ChALC Training List.

5. PARISH CAR PARK

Cllr Davis reported that the hedge had been cut.

6. LEISURE SERVICES

a. Grass cutting

The Clerk updated the council regarding Northwich Town Council grounds maintenance works.

ACTION: Clerk to contact NTC to confirm details about play area gate repair and Power Washing of the play area.

b. Playing Field

There was no new information to report.

c. Children's Play Area.

The plan for the playground needs further information, Cllr Hughes will update members in due course.

d. Footpaths / Footways.

The footpath at the back of Oaklands needs attention as there are roots of trees coming through the pavement.

The footpath on Cinder Lane which is situated between the hedge and the field is overgrown from both sides.

e. Grounds Maintenance

There was no new information to update.

f. Mobile Library – The mobile library was in the village on 10th July and will next attend in three weeks time.

7. PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

A query was received from a concerned resident at Sumerfield House. Cllr Hughes and Ringstead have had a conversation with the new manager at Sumerfield House and will continue to investigate the issue. Councillor Moulton expressed concern about the bus stop opposite Moorland Crescent as up to 6 young people can be waiting for a school bus there and the current situation is dangerous and they have no protection from the weather.

8. HIGHWAYS

- a. SID Group –The SID group have had difficulties due to the poor weather in July. Cllr Moulton will re-book the SID for the last two weeks in September. In June 42% of recorded speeds were over 30mph which represents a serious road safety situation in the village.
- b. Reduced speed limits – ACTION – Clerk to follow up with the new Highways officer for the area.
- c. Planters –The planter on Guilden Sutton Lane is looking very nice. Thanks to Mr Stewart.
- d. Verges – No New information to report.
- e. School Parking – School Parking is as bad as ever, attempts will begin again in the new term.
- f. Diversions – No new information to report.
- g. Lighting – No new information to report.

9. FINANCE

- a. Income – No income had been received
- b. Payments

235.20 - Northwich Town Council

286.20 – HMRC

329.80 – Clerk Pay June

36.00 – CPRE Membership

72.00 - CCDT Payroll for financial year 2016-17

33.60 - Get Mapping Subscription

160.00 – Mrs P Blythe, Playing Field Rent

49.66 – Clerk expenses

329.80 – Clerk Pay July

250.00 - Village Fete Grant

- c. Balances

Cllr Hughes has taken receipt of the Q1 Financial paperwork to check through and will return to the Clerk when he has completed his checks. He will update the members at the next meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes and seconded by Cllr Fisher to accept the financial information.
RESOLVED unanimously

10. ENVIRONMENT

- a. Bulb Planting – The provisional date of Sunday 1st October in the afternoon was agreed for a bulb planting day meeting at Porters Hill at 2pm. Cllr Paterson will purchase bulbs in advance. It was RESOLVED unanimously to allow the sum of £50 for the purchase of bulbs.
- b. Streetscene – No new information to report.
- c. Dog fouling – No new information to report.

11. TREES AND HEDGES

It has been reported that tree branches are hanging over on Church Lane causing pedestrians to have to walk in the road as well as vehicles which end up in the centre of the road presenting a hazard as the T junction itself is on a bend. There are also blocked drains occur on the road due to roadside trees and vegetation.

12. CWAC and other organisations

- a. ChALC/NALC – No new information to report
- b. CPRE – There was no new information to report
- c. Defibrillator – It was noted that there is a new stamp on the front of the defib cabinet, is this because it has been checked or verified? Cllr Davis asked about using the BT kiosk to house a de-fib at the Pipers Ash end of the village. The phone box is presently in need of repair. It was RESOLVED unanimously to agree spend of up to £100 to have the phone box repaired.
- d. Police and Fire – A meeting took place on 13th June with David Keane the Police and Crime Commissioner and Jeanette McCormick the Deputy Chief Constable with a focus on PCSO's
- e. Adoption of Phone Box – The glazing on the phone box is broken and the Parish Council would like this to be repaired.

13. GILDEN SUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cllr Hughes reported that he had been involved with the Performance Management of the Headteacher, governors are very pleased with the progress the school is making and the re-structure of staff is working well. Comments from moderation have been very positive and the school is regarded as a model of good practice.

14. COMMUNITY EVENTS

The community cinema has ceased trading and alternative options are being looked into

15. VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The revised application for planning permission was granted. An architect is now working to get quotes for the work. There may be a future application to the Parish Council for a grant towards costs.

16. MEMBERS INFORMATION AND SPEAKING TIME

Cllr Paterson raised the quote for CCTV at the Village Hall but it was agreed this may be revisited after works to the hall are completed.

Cllr Hughes raised the issue of no-smoking signs for the playground

Cllr Davis passed on thanks from the pre-school for the grant received in the form of a card from the children.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 6th September 2017 starting at 7.30pm