

Guilden Sutton Parish Council**Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 7th June 2017 at 7.30pm**

Chairman: Cllr S Ringstead

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

Clerk: Mrs K Lowe

In attendance: 2 members of the public.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and proposed that the council hold a minutes silence to remember all those involved in the Manchester Terror attack, especially local policewoman Elaine McIver. A minutes silence was kept by all.

1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- a. Apologies from Cllr Davis (family) and Cllrs S and M Parker.
- 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. Cllr Paterson and Cllr Ringstead declared an interest in the Village Hall item as they are treasurer and secretary respectively of the Guilden Sutton Community Association.
- c. It was proposed by Cllr Fisher and seconded by Cllr Ringstead to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 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 12th July

Wednesday 6th September

Wednesday 4th October

Wednesday 1st November

Wednesday 6th December

- e. There was nothing to update about Pipers Ash
- f. Cllr Roberts proposed accepting the model standing orders as recommended by ChALC, Cllr Paterson seconded. It was RESOLVED unanimously to adopt the model standing orders for meetings of Guilden Sutton Parish Council.

CLLR BROWN JOINED THE MEETING AT 7.50PM

2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- a. Visiting Officers – There were no updates from officers.
- b. Visiting Members – Cllr S Parker and M Parker sent apologies due to the General Election taking place the next day.

c. Members of the public speaking time

A letter had been received from a member of the public complaining about weeds on the Oaklands estate. The Clerk will contact Streetscene and ask if weeds on pavements can be sprayed with care exercised to not spray plants in resident's gardens.

d. Noticeboard

Cllr Ringstead had contacted 'Men in Sheds' for a noticeboard quote but it had not yet been received by the Clerk.

e. Website

The Clerk updated the meeting that Mr Lewin had provided her with documents relating to the hosting of the website and was in the process of finalising login details so that the Parish Council has access to the site.

f. Report from Local Surgery

Unfortunately no surgery had been held prior to the meeting.

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.

17/01293/FUL 2 Green Lane Pipers Ash Chester Cheshire CH3 7EQ, Single storey rear extensions

Cllr Hughes reported back that it had been very difficult to access plans on the CWaC planning portal, there were no detailed plans available when he had looked only a site plan and as a result there had not been a visit. The Clerk will feedback to the planning department about the difficulty accessing plans.

**17/01605/S73 Village Hall Summerfield Road Guilden Sutton Chester Cheshire CH3 7SW
Variation of condition 3 (plans) of planning permission 15/04283/FUL for alterations to position and design of window's**

Cllr Brown and Cllr Fisher had visited and had no objections to the plans.

b. New Planning Decisions

None

c. Section 106 monies

Cllr Hughes has been in touch with the school and from discussions it was agreed that a smaller patch of 24x10m would be a better space for the development of the playground. Cllr Hughes will contact the Church Commissioners to advise that the Parish Council wish to explore purchasing the patch of land subject to successfully obtaining s106 funding.

Cllr Paterson has been in touch with Mr Ardern regarding a patch of land she had identified as an area that could be developed as a nature trail. He is not in a position to sell the land as he has clauses in his mortgage relating to the previous owners. It is possible that a lease arrangement could be agreed. A countryside ranger is going to look at the land to see what could be achieved.

d. Neighbourhood Plan

The NDP are working on Transport policies for the village. One issue raised at a recent meeting was the proposal of a one way system around the school using hilltop road as access. It was noted that a similar voluntary system works well in Christleton.

e. New building / Affordable housing

There was no new information to update.

A number of other planning matters were raised

- A wooden fence with concrete posts has been erected on the corner of Wicker Lane / Church Lane, this should be the Cheshire Railings style which allows for visibility going around the bend. Cllrs believe this to be dangerous and would like planning/highways to have a look at it to see if it is permissible development.
- A hedge has been removed from a property, Yew Tree House on Church Lane and replaced with a 6ft fence.
- A member of the public had complained to Cllr Paterson about the attachment of estate agent hoarding to the village signpost at the junction of Church Lane and Wicker Lane.

4. TRAINING.

There is to be a Parish Forum arranged by ChALC focusing on police issues on 13th June 2017 at Middlewich, the Clerk had previously circulated this information to members 17th May.

5. PARISH CAR PARK

There was no new information to update.

6. LEISURE SERVICES

a. Grass cutting

Members were concerned that no strimming had been taking place when the grass had been cut and in some places the growth is so high it obscures the road signs. ACTION – Clerk to ask Northwich Town Council about the strimming.

b. Children's Play Area.

The Clerk had confirmed that the council wished to proceed with the repair to the playground gate and was waiting to hear when the work would be scheduled to take place.

c. Footpaths / Footways.

There was no new information to report.

d. Grounds Maintenance

There was no new information to update.

e. Mobile Library – The mobile library is next in the village on 19th June.

7. PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

Having used the bus service to Chester Cllr Hughes felt it would have been useful to have information regarding changes in the bus routes and pickup points due to the new bus station.

There has not been any progress made on alternative options for residents at Summerfield House and the council felt this was best progressed when a new permanent manager is in post.

8. HIGHWAYS

- a. SID Group –The SID group rota has been circulated, there are a few gaps and it would be good to have people volunteering for these. Cllr Moulton, Cllr Davis and Mr Stewart had attended a speedwatch meeting at Mickle Trafford Police Station on 18th May, Sergeant Ian Wilson had updated those present on the four yellow vans that would be used by trained PCSO's to reduce speeding after the hours of darkness. Cllr Moulton felt that the police were not keen for community volunteers to use an actual speed gun but wish to get cross-village teams involved in the SID projects. A number of questions were raised at the meeting about where SID data goes and how it is used. Sharon Marshall at CWaC will hopefully be responding to these queries.
- b. Reduced speed limits – A notice had been spotted in Pipers Ash regarding reducing the speed limit. The Clerk will follow this up with Highways.
- c. Planters –The planters are looking very nice. The council also wish to minute their thanks to Mr Hamilton for his continued assistance in maintaining the garden area around the cenotaph.
- d. Verges – No New information to report.
- e. School Parking – Cllr Hughes has been in touch with Kay Parry at Highways about the possibility of signs in the vicinity of the school asking people not to park. It was not thought this would be progressed at this stage
- 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

Mid Cheshire Footpath Society £8

Cheshire Community Action Membership £20

Northwich Town Council £323.40

Clerk Pay May £329.80

c. Balances

Cllr Hughes checked the latest statement from the Co-operative Current Account which gave a closing balance on 1st June of £42737.96

d. Annual Return Paperwork

The Clerk had provided in advance the financial information for the Annual Return for members to consider and a copy is attached to these minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr Paterson and seconded by Cllr Fisher to accept the financial information and the Annual Return paperwork. RESOLVED unanimously.

10. ENVIRONMENT

- a. Bulb Planting – The provisional date of Sunday 1st October in the afternoon was agreed for a bulb planting day.
- b. Streetscene – No new information to report.
- c. Dog fouling – No new information to report.

11. TREES AND HEDGES

- a. There are trees in The Dell that need cutting back.
- b. The hedges on Guilden Sutton Lane coming into the village where the new road goes over alongside Heath Bank need cutting back and are quite overgrown.
- c. Cllr Paterson had spotted a planning application for an Oak Tree at 6 Porters Croft so far the Parish Council have not been notified about the planning application or asked to comment.

12. CWAC and other organisations

- a. ChALC/NALC – No new information to report
- b. CPRE – There was no new information to report
- c. Defibrillator – There was no new information to report.
- d. Police and Fire – Cllr Hughes asked whether the Parish Council wished to progress anything with regards to Operation Shield. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the July meeting and that details of the initiative would be sent out in an edition of the Green Peril to gauge the level of interest in the village. The Clerk will contact Mr Norbury to see whether he would be willing to put this together.

- e. Adoption of Phone Box – The glazing on the phone box is broken and the Parish Council would like this to be repaired. It was RESOLVED unanimously to adopt the phone box from BT at the cost of £1, the Clerk now has the relevant paperwork from BT and will action this once repairs to the glazing have been discussed.

13. GUILDEN SUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cllr Hughes reported that in common with many other schools there were issues with reduced funding and plans for the new National Funding Formula could cause a significant reduction in income for the school. The governors would be meeting to discuss the budget in the next week. Cllr Hughes also shared a piece of writing by one of the pupils at the school to demonstrate the high quality of work being produced by the children and the levels of assessment.

14. COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Battle is Over is a community event to mark the anniversary of the end of World War 1 which is set to take place in November 2018. It involves the lighting of beacons in different communities across the UK. Cllr Paterson is willing to act as the contact for an event to be hosted in partnership with the rugby club. It was RESOLVED unanimously to formally register for the event.

15. VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The AGM of the committee took place and a decision taken to increase rates by the smallest amount possible to keep covering costs.

16. MEMBERS INFORMATION AND SPEAKING TIME

Cllr Brown mentioned about weeds on the Oaklands estate, this had also been raised via a letter from a member of the public.

Cllr Roberts raised the issue of the high fence on Church Lane

Cllr Hughes had spoken to Mr Norbury about his continuing work as Lengthsman for the village, he also wished to minute thanks to Mrs Littler from Wicker Lane for helping to keep the village tidy.

Cllr Moulton raised that the allotments in Hoole may have some vacancies if anyone is interested. He also raised the issue of the pavement on Guilden Sutton Lane opposite Moorcroft Crescent being overgrown by a large hedge. Cllr Moulton was also concerned about parking in the verges near Moorcroft Crescent close to the corner which was causing a dangerous situation for motorists due to reduced visibility. It was agreed to ask Mr Norbury to cover this in the Green Peril newsletter.

Cllr Fisher informed the council that he would look to resign once his house sale goes through.

Cllr Paterson asked about the CCTV quote for the village hall, the Clerk will look into this.

Cllr Davis in his absence had sent a message via the Chair, he had raised the issue of the high fence in Church Lane. He also noted that some trees have been cut down at the Bird in Hand Public House, this may be because they had broken in stormy weather.

The meeting closed at 9.47pm

Next Meeting Wednesday 12th July 2017 starting at 7.30pm