

Guilden Sutton Parish Council**Minutes of the ordinary meeting held Wednesday 18th July 2018 at 7.30pm**

Chairman: Cllr I Brown

Present: Cllrs Davis, Hunt, Hughes, Moulton, Paterson,

Clerk: Mrs K Lowe

In attendance: 7 members of the public.

1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- a. Apologies from Cllrs Ringstead and Roberts were received and accepted. PC Boulton and Cllrs S and M Parker had also sent apologies.
- b. There were no new declarations of interest and no dispensations sought.
- c. It was proposed by Cllr Paterson and seconded by Cllr Davis to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Cllr Hughes asked for a specific question he had asked at the June meeting to be added, the Clerk agreed on this occasion to handwrite this onto the minutes. RESOLVED unanimously to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2018 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 circulated a list of proposed meeting dates for 2018 as follows:

Wednesday 5th September, Wednesday 3rd October, Wednesday 7th November, Wednesday 5th December.

2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- a. Visiting Officers – PC Boulton was not in attendance at the meeting. Mr Lewin as the voluntary footpaths officer advised that many of the footpaths have become overgrown, all residents are encouraged to report concerns online via the Cheshire West and Chester website. Mr Lewin reported that he had added a privacy notice to the website, the Clerk replied that for Parish Council purposes the privacy notices should be the adapted ChALC notice provided by the Clerk. Action – Mr Lewin to update the privacy notice appertaining to parish council information. During the discussion about the privacy notice Mr Lewin explained that the website now uses cookies, when previously discussed for GDPR purposes this was not the case. Noted by the Clerk. Action – Clerk to add website to the September agenda for discussion.
- b. Visiting Members – There were no members present at the meeting.
- c. Members of the public speaking time – A member of the public queried when Parish Council minutes were published with reference to the Transparency Code, it was explained that the members had agreed to only publish online minutes after they had been signed and approved by the council. The member of the public was dissatisfied with the response and continued to repeat his question, as there were other members of the public present it was necessary to move on with the business of the meeting. The Clerk will review compliance with the Transparency Code and discuss with ChALC.

The same member of the public asked about the works done to trim greenery and branches at the bus stop in Pipers Ash, the council recognise that this is an ongoing issue, however the hedging belongs to a private landlord and any works to this are technically the responsibility of the land owner. Cheshire West and Chester council as the highways authority have trimmed and tidied the area and the Parish Council will continue to encourage this.

A member of the public was in attendance at the meeting to discuss a Green Space Plan proposal for the village. The member of the public would like to set up a legally constituted working group to explore possibilities. Cllr Brown will discuss plans with the member of the public as to how the Parish Council might be able to support.

- d. Local surgery – The local surgery had taken place with Cllr Davis and Cllr Moulton, the following issues were raised.
 - i. Steps near to the A55 bridge were overgrown and needed growth cutting back.
 - ii. The footpath towards Pipers Ash which crosses Grestys Land needs trimming.

The next surgery will take place on Saturday 1st September 2018. Cllr Hughes and Paterson will attend.

3. PLANNING

- a. New/recent applications

18/01701/TPO Thorngate, Church Lane, Guilden Sutton for works to trees.

18/02247/FUL 3 Arrowcroft Road, Guilden Sutton for a double storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

- b. New Planning Decisions

18/01474/FUL	34 Arrowcroft Road, Guilden Sutton		No objection	Approved
18/01590/FUL	3 The Dell, Guilden Sutton		Objected	Approved

- c. Section 106 monies – Members were pleased to receive a response from Cheshire West and Chester stating that a project to extend the playground would be eligible for the majority of the funds allocated for the village. Cllr Hughes will arrange to meet with the relevant officer and Cllr Brown will attend.
- d. NDP – The NDP working group would like to arrange to consult with residents and it is hoped that this can take place in conjunction with a presentation about Operation Shield. Action – Clerk to contact police for a meeting date

4. TRAINING.

There was no new information to report.

5. PARISH CAR PARK

Members felt the quote from Northwich Town Council was too expensive and Cllr Hunt and Cllr Paterson will obtain quotes from other sources.

6. LEISURE SERVICES

The clerk took receipt of a spare key for the new playing field lock which had been delivered to Cllr Brown's address.

a. Grass cutting

The grass is being cut regularly through the summer months.

b. Playing Field

The playground safety inspection is due and will cost £45 plus VAT. RESOLVED unanimously to proceed with the inspection.

c. Footpaths / Footways

The footpath around the school needs the mechanical sweeper, Cllr Paterson will follow this up.

d. Mobile Library – The mobile library is not getting enough use, it needs greater footfall or it will be lost to the village.

7. PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

There was no new information to report.

8. HIGHWAYS

a. SID Group – The SID information has been circulated by Cllr Moulton. Volunteers are needed for September, the SID has been booked via Ian Rutherford from 17th September to 1st October. The Clerk has passed on details of a new volunteer for the SID group who will do some work with Cllr Moulton to begin with. Due to concerns around speeding on Wicker Lane, Cllr Moulton will ask the Highways department to risk assess a new site on Wicker Lane that could be monitored.

b. Standing Consideration of Highways matters – Long planned speed reductions for the village will shortly be coming into force. Member would like to know more about the planned 20mph speed reductions planned around schools, the Clerk will seek further information on this. Members also commented on the safety issues at the end of Station Lane where the pavement is very narrow.

9. FINANCE

a. Income – No new income had been received

b. Payments

The following payments were approved:

Northwich Town Council £352.80

Mid Cheshire Footpath Society £8

Autela Payroll £46.80

Northwich Town Council £352.80

B&M Shredding £54

Clerk pay July 329.80

Lengthsman pay Q1 £156

Clerk pay August £329.60

Clerk expenses £18.65

A Roberts £150

- c. The bank statement was checked and signed.

It was proposed by Cllr Hughes and seconded by Cllr Paterson to accept the financial information and approve the payments put forward. RESOLVED unanimously.

10. ENVIRONMENT

Members discussed the green space proposal put forward by a member of the public. The key issue would be funding to purchase land and planning restrictions within the greenbelt. A member asked whether the proposed site was suitable as it is on the edge of the village and people would have to travel. The provision of allotments may be something the working group consider as part of the project. Members expressed general supportiveness but had not had time to consider fully the proposal. Due to the immediacy of the summer break it was requested that a member of the Parish Council join the working group and that conversations continue over the summer. Cllr Davis volunteered and the progress in discussions will be reported at the next meeting.

- a. Streetcare – Residents and members are generally unhappy with the service received from Streetcare, weeds have been a particular problem and the Clerk has been notified that these will be treated again. There are also a number of footpaths which are overgrown and need attention. Cllr Ringstead has spoken to the local MP about the concerns and contact will be made with the Localities Team at Cheshire West and Chester to try and get as many issues resolved as possible.
- b. Dog fouling – No new information to report.
- c. Trees and hedges, planters and bulbs – The hedges on Guilden Sutton Lane have been cut back, this was welcomed by members but it was noted that this contravenes advice the council has been given previously that hedges cannot be cut during the nesting season.

11. CWAC and other organisations

- a. CWAC correspondence – The Clerk circulated information about a new consultation on Traveller sites.
- b. ChALC/NALC – There was no new information to report.
- c. CPRE – No new information to report.
- d. Defibrillator – Work has been completed on the phone box in Pipers Ash to make it ready to site a defibrillator and as a local book exchange. The purchase of a defibrillator will be discussed at the next meeting.
- e. Police and Fire – There was no new information to report.

12. GDPR

The Clerk will update the prepared information in the light of discussions about the website.

13. GILDEN SUTTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

A disco was held recently and the School Play is taking place at the end of term, 'Pirates of the Curry Bean.'

14. COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Village Fete took place 14th July, it was a successful event, new volunteers will be needed for next year's event.

Battle's Over 11th November, this will need support.

15. VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

There was no new information to report.

16. MEMBERS INFORMATION AND SPEAKING TIME

Hermes have been delivering parcels on Arrowcroft Road at 8.45 coinciding with the time children are going to school this is dangerous.

Arderns have recently received an award, 'Supreme Champion Farmers.'

A resident at Holly Cottage is very concerned about fire risk due to a large dry field behind her property.

The meeting closed at 9.07pm

Next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 5th September 2018 starting at 7.30pm