

# Guilden Sutton Parish Council

## Newsletter April 2025 No 183

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**Spring has Sprung!** The daffodils that were planted in memory of loved ones back in September are now in full bloom and make a beautiful and lasting addition to the bank at the Parish car park.

Thanks as always to the volunteers who maintain the village planters around the village and the flower beds in front of the shops. Extended thanks as well to the local residents that are clearing the verges on School lane/ GS lane and reclaiming the footpath – it is making a huge difference.

**Members Grant Allocation** – The Council was grateful to receive grants of over £1000 from CWaC Councillors Margaret Parker and Graham Heatley. These will be used to provide additional seating in Hare Lane and to create visual improvements in the Hill Top Road area.

**Annual Parish Meeting** – will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the Village hall. This is not a parish council meeting but rather an opportunity for residents to voice issues or opinions on village interests without restrictions on public speaking time.

**Dates to note:** Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.00pm Annual Parish Meeting followed by PC meeting.

Future Surgeries: Sat 29<sup>th</sup> March, Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> May 10 -10.30am at the P.O.

Parish Council Meetings: 7.30pm Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> May (moved from 7<sup>th</sup> May), Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> June (moved from 4<sup>th</sup> June), 17<sup>th</sup> July (moved from 16<sup>th</sup> July)

**Speeding in the village** -PCSO Deborah Netherton who has recently taken over as PCSO for Chester villages was out with the speed gun in the village last month. The Speedwatch group are in the process of buying a new TruCam and it is expected that sessions will resume again in the next few weeks.

**Parking at the Primary School** – The School has reported some serious issues with drop off and pick up in recent weeks, including a potentially serious near miss incident. We are working with the School and with the Highways department to discuss potential solutions to the situation. We do appreciate that much of the irresponsible driving seen is likely to be from individuals outside of the village but as a resident, if you are aware of dangerous driving or parking, the advice is to take note of the registration number and report to Police on 101 as soon as possible to get an incident number. This information is then passed on to the relevant officers.

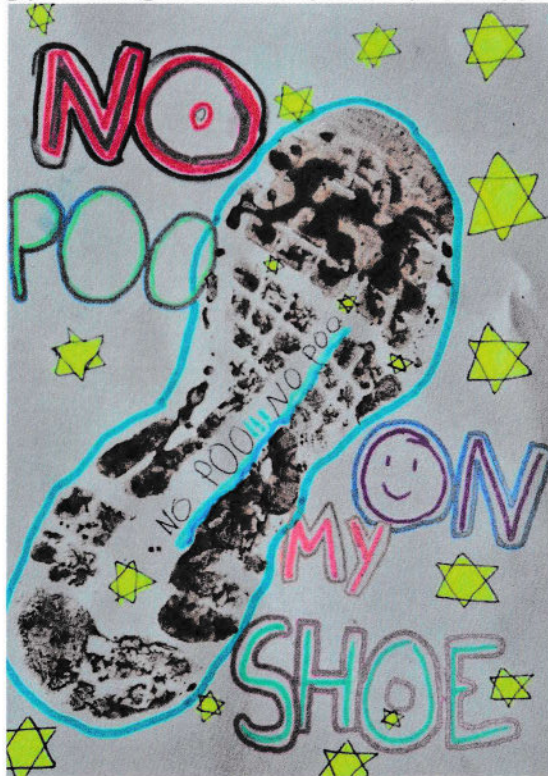
**Land Purchase** - The Council remains committed to its long-term goal of purchasing additional land within the Parish for recreational use, but a suitable site has yet to become available. The Council has significant ringfenced funds available and we would encourage anyone who may be interested in disposing of land to contact the Clerk.

**Report an issue to CWaC**- Download the Cheshire West and Chester App from your device's App store, use the QR code below or report via <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it>



**Feedback from Noticeboard consultation**- Thank you to everyone that replied to the survey in the last newsletter. From your replies it is clear that all of the noticeboards are used regularly and are a useful source of information for residents so we will carry on maintaining them all. Comments were made about adding additional information such as how to contact the Council to report issues and a link to local businesses which we will consider and implement as appropriate.

**Dog fouling-** Sadly, we have had an increase in complaints about dog-fouling in the Parish. We appreciate most dog owners are very responsible and will clear up but please can we ask everyone to double check their dogs when out walking and to contact the Clerk if you see persistent dog poo being left. Thank you for your support in this matter.



**Parish Councillors:** Chair Sue Ringstead; Vice Chair Alan Davies; Members: Emma-Clare Hewitt, Derek Hughes, Mel Littlewood, Trisha Paterson, Victoria Roberts, Rachael Whelan

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**Other useful contacts:** CWaC [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Ward Councillors: Graham Heatley and Margaret Parker

Local Police – See Facebook ‘Chester Rural South Police’ or ring 101 for general issues; 999 in an emergency.

**Survey for Station lane-** As many residents are aware we are looking at how pedestrian safety along Station lane could be improved. This is very much a long term project but we would be very grateful if you could take the time to complete the following questionnaire and return to the Post Office by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you.

1.How often do you walk along the following routes?

Station lane: Rarely ; A few times a month  At least once a week

The Greenway: Rarely ; A few times a month  At least once a week

2.What is your primary purpose for walking down Station lane?

To go to Meadow Lea  To get to/from Mickle Trafford

To visit properties along Station lane  To get to the Greenway

3. How do you feel about pedestrian safety along Station lane?

Unsafe to walk  Passable but requires improvement  No opinion

3.Who do you walk with:

Dog walker  Friends  Children in prams/pushchairs

Young Children  Other  Please state \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tell us your thoughts on improving Green Lane/Footpath 7 access :**



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