



## **Guilden Sutton Green Space (GSGS) Minutes**

**Meeting:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019

**Attendees:** Sarah Jessop (chair), Brian Lewin, Derek Hughes, Tony Fisher, Jackie Tait, Reza Rahmani-Torkaman, Matthew Jessop (Secretary), Alan Davies

**Apologies:** Amy Edwards

### **1. Legal Structure**

Having now set up the charitable company the Directors will now arrange their first 'formal' meeting.

The opening of a bank account is ongoing and will then allow the process of obtaining charitable recognition from HMRC etc.

It was agreed again by all that the 'Company' status is only a stepping stone to full 'Charitable status' which is being sought at the earliest opportunity.

### **2. Field behind the 'Old School'**

It was agreed that an offer would be made for the field (8.34 acres) behind the Old School, off School Lane.

The detailed wording of GSGS offer was discussed with an agreement that it would be circulated for comments on the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup> January prior to being sent to the land agents by the deadline on the 4<sup>th</sup> January.

While a firm offer will be made it is anticipated that, should the bid be competitive, there will then need to be a period of discussion to agree the finer points of the sale so as to ensure it is in the best interests of both parties.

### **3. Finance**

It was agreed that letters to businesses in the immediate area would now be sent out asking for support / donations.

The concept of 'Public Loans Board' and Unity Bank funding was also discussed briefly and needs considering further.

### **4. Communication**

The Parish Council have put an article in the 'Vicars Cross and Guilden Sutton Voice' which includes a request for people in the Parish to give them feedback on the proposal that they contribute / invest in the GSGS project. It was agreed by all that



this request should be circulated to all people on our e-mail / membership list with a request that they share their views direct with the Parish Council.

It was also highlighted that the school newsletter was another good route for sharing news and updates.

### **5. CWAC Meeting**

A meeting will go ahead early next week with a representative from CWAC to discuss the project, green space more generally within the Parish, and what support and opportunities CWAC may be able to offer.

**Matthew Jessop**

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