

## **Minutes of Guilden Sutton Green Space Steering Group 13/1/20**

Attendees: Sarah Jessop, Brian Lewin, Tony Fisher, Derek Hughes, Reza Rahmani-Torkaman, John Jessop, Matthew Jessop

Apologies: Alan Davis, Amy Edwards

### **1. Minutes and actions from last meeting**

Agreed

### **2. Brief Project Updates**

- Planning permission has been granted for Change of Use of the fields off School Lane to become a public open space.
- Meeting arranged for tomorrow evening with vendors, and Lisa Tiplady – Clerk to the Parish Council – to review progress on purchase *BL & SJ*
- Further to earlier enquiry, Environment Officer at CWAC would like to visit the site to assess its suitability for pond habitat improvements funded by Natural England – *SJ to liaise with landowner re access.*

### **3. Lease**

- Amy and Sarah met with Kevin Janes from Cheshire Community Action and confirmed that it will be necessary to have a formal lease between the parish council and GSGS, in order that GSGS can prove ‘control’ over land to funders when making grant applications. A standard lease format can be used, with specifics filled in by agreement of both parties. Kevin can supply a sample format and SJ also has similar. It is a legal document and as such will also require input from a solicitor. *SJ to liaise with Kevin and circulate to GSGS group, and to make enquiry with Jolliffe’s re their possible assistance.*
- The Parish Council has appointed two members (Sue Proctor and Sue Ringstead) to work on preparation of lease on their behalf

### **4. Next Steps**

- There is now a window of opportunity before tree-planting in the winter.
- Ideal scenario will be to have made decisions about paths/entrance area/gates etc as soon as possible and agreed prices and contracts so that grant applications can be made as soon as the land changes hands.
- Agreed to use two weeks before next meeting to research local paths so that we can identify preferred surface at next meeting. Sites to be visited and photographed include; Josh’s Jumps, Countess country park, Tarvin community woodland, Caldby Valley, Bridge Trafford (Gowy Nature park) – *SJ, BL, MJ, JJ, RR Also SJ to find out where Breedon self binding gravel can be viewed locally*

## **5. AOB**

- GSGS attended Christmas lights switch on, and had the opportunity to talk to a number of local residents about the project – all were supportive and some also made offers of help.
- Rob Parkinson and his team were able to submit a funding application to the Pocket Park scheme – decision due end of Feb
- Charlotte Venables, Pre-school Manager, has been in touch to discuss tree planting. Preschool have some (10+) native species trees to plant and wondered if we could suggest anywhere in the village where they could be planted. *SJ/BL to raise possibility of planting ahead of purchase on the fields at School Lane*

## **7. Dates of future meetings**

- Joint Working Group meeting – to be arranged for 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in Feb
- GS Steering Group – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February