

Highways/ Green Space meeting Thursday 15th August

Present:

Margaret Parker	CWAC Councillor
Stuart Bateman	Highways Engineer
Sue Proctor	Parish Councillor
Bill Moulton	Parish Councillor
Brian Lewin	Green Space
Rezza	Green Space
Derek Hughes	Green Space/ PC

The meeting was held to discuss any concerns or suggestions, prior to the purchase by the Parish Council of land behind the old school in Guilden Sutton Lane. Margaret and Stuart were thanked for coming to the meeting. Stuart said that this is not his special area of expertise, but he would be happy to give us any advice he could.

Derek explained that a SWOT analysis had been done on the project and several issues had arisen under Parking and Traffic, and he proposed that we should start by looking at these.

Stuart explained that Highways are likely to adopt a minimalist approach until it is shown that there is a need for a stronger view. This may mean that they would not insist on many restrictions at first, unless and until it becomes apparent that more are required.

Concerns expressed by householders about parking at the White House corner of Guilden Sutton Lane may not materialise and, if cars continued to park on the corner, a white H sign in front of the houses could be painted on the highway to dissuade cars from parking there. The cost for this is £90 and it was felt that the Parish Council may pay for this.

Double yellow lines would not be looked on favourably, unless some parking spaces were provided within the area of land concerned. Mirrors cannot be put on a highway with a speed restriction of 30 mph. Similarly, any sign advising only disabled access to the site, could not be put on the highway either. It could only be erected on the unadopted road leading to the site.

Should speed limits be reviewed along Guilden Sutton Lane? They have recently been reviewed and it was not felt there is sufficient reason for repeating this. Should there be a 'no right turn' sign coming out of the unadopted road onto the highway? The unadopted road would not be used by multiple vehicles and so, this would not apply. Should there be a zebra crossing? There are certain criteria before a zebra crossing can be justified, and this site would not support one.

How do we avoid dangerous parking around the site entrance? We don't yet know if this will happen. We need to wait and see, and then take any appropriate action, if necessary.

Looking at how the area of Green Space could be used, a question was raised about the possibility of parking in Meadow Lea coffee shop in Station Lane. It was felt best to approach them and ask them. Further discussion referred to the possibility of a new footpath between the Cycleway and Footpath 7, which both finish on Station Lane. If the path links with the highway, it must be provided to Highway standards, but if it is not linked, it could be just a gravel path.

It was felt important to establish who owns the unadopted road, leading to the site. Highways will formally comment on the planning application and these will need addressing.