

SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER 2024 COMMENCING at 7.30 P.M.

IN ST. JAMES CHURCH HALL, CHURCH LANE, SUTTON, SK11 0DS

PRESENT

Councillors: G Barber (Chairman), C Eyre, E Hall, A Waller and J Sinclair Smith (Vice Chairman).

Also present: Ward Councillor C O’Leary and the Parish Clerk. There were no members of the public (MOPs) present.

311/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** apologies for absence from PCSO Jim News, Councillors M Bhatia, R Chamberlain, D Fosbrook, B Horan, K Stepien-Bialy, T Priestman and T Whiskard.

312/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** dispensations and declarations of interest from Cllr Barber who declared an interest in items related to the church hall

313/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **confirm** and sign the Minutes as a true record of the Meetings held on 14th November 2024.

314/24 Public Participation - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** information/queries/questions from members of the public (MOPs): (10 minutes) There were no MOPs present.

MEMBER REPORTS

315/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** report from the Cheshire East Ward Member.
(See Appendix 1)

316/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team.
(See Appendix 2)

317/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** report from the Lyme Green Community Hall working group. Members were concerned that the working group have taken certain steps which have overstepped their terms of reference. These include appointing a solicitor and not referring the fee arrangement to the Parish Council for agreement and taking matters forward that have not been agreed by the Parish Council. The working group has no power to make decisions on behalf of the Council and has not made recommendations to the Council for them to agree in a timely way and before action being taken. While the group have done well to take the project this far **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** that it is time to bring this matter under the control of the Parish Council and disband the working group. In this way all councillors can properly monitor the decision-making process ensuring there is always agreement by the full council and funds are correctly used.

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** to write to the Working Group disbanding the group and informing the solicitor to make sure he puts all works on hold.

- a) **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** and **did not agree at this stage** with recommendations, by the solicitor, for the format of the Charitable Trust and preparation of papers for submission to the Charitable Trust.
- b) **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** and **did not agree at this stage** to nominate an individual to attend meetings or alternatively, nominate two individuals to serve as Trustees in their own right and it was felt they would want to seek further advise of corporate trustees.
- c) **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** and **did not agree at this stage** to the wording of the constitution.

FINANCE

318/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **approve** schedule of receipts and payments for December 2024.

Receipts From:

CHQ	United Utilities	Christmas Tree donation	£400.00
Spending power: GPOC			

Payments To:

BACS	Sarah Giller	Clerks’ net salary £778.56 and expenses £36.70 Pension contributions £49.97 HMRC £7.60	£807.66
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Spending power: GPOC			
BACS	Park 4ALL Lyme Green	Donation to Christmas event	£50.00
Spending power: GPOC			
CHQ	Gill Barber	Purchase of voucher for resident who donated his time and skills to repairing Remembrance Day fencing. (budgeted from Chairmans allowance)	£50.00
Spending power: GPOC			
BACS	Middlepeak Engineering Bank Account	Millennium Village sign refurbishment (SUTTON LANE ENDS) half payment for year 2025/26	£1974.00
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	SSE	Account for 01/10/24 – 31/10/24 (collected by DD 22/11/2024) OCTOBER	£174.99
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	Spoton.Net Ltd (It'seeze website)	Months subscription NOVEMBER 2024	£58.80
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	Unity Bank	Service Charge	£6.00
Spending power: GPOC			
Pension Contributions:			
DD	NEST (National Employment Savings Trust)	OCTOBER contribution Employee pension contribution - 5% - £40.98 Employer pension contribution - 3% - £8.99	£49.97
Spending power: GPOC			
HMRC payments:			
BACS	HMRC	HMRC payment covering Employee Income Tax NOVEMBER	£7.60
Spending Power: GPOC			
BACS	Harmen Koop	Christmas trees – Sutton, Langley, Lyme Green and Hollinhey School.	£650.00
Spending power: GPOC			
Additional Expenditure			
BACS	F Davies & Son Ltd	Christmas tree lighting in Sutton area Labour and storage and 200 LED bulbs	£842.40
Spending power: GPOC			

319/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve bank reconciliation up to 30th November 2024 and to **verify** figures against bank statements.

320/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree budget for 2025/26 (*Deadline - Friday, 17th January 2025*) and set the precept at **£29500 (TWENTYNINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS)** and establish another line for traffic calming and road safety under projects £500 (donation from Cadent once received).

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

321/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to consider commenting on notice of polling district, polling places and polling stations review and **agree** no response needed. (*Deadline 18th December 2024*)

322/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree meeting dates for 2025.

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree to write to Cheshire East Council raising concerns that the “Three Villages CIC group” have, enquiring regarding what measures are in place across the County with respect to eradicating Himalayan balsam, why it not on their list of non-native invasive plants and ask for reassurance that something is being done. Also, to write to the Canal and River Trust also raising these concerns and whether they have a policy regarding Himalayan balsam.

PLAYGROUNDS

323/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive a report from Park 4all @ Lyme Green and **agree** the following:

- a) Members **agreed** that, while properties are still being built at Gaw End Lane, monies cannot be freed up until there is greater occupancy and therefore Members **did not agree** to liaise with Park 4all (with a view to writing to the Chief Executive of CEC) regarding the delay in utilising the S106 monies to 2028/29 however, the Council did **agree** that they will ask the Ward Council for clarity on this matter.
- b) Members **did not agree** that a donation of £396 towards a notice board at Lyme Green Community Park as it is not a priority for the Parish Council at this time. A review of notice boards was undertaken

recently and the Parish Council committed to a notice board at Higher Sutton and Lyme Green allotments. If the Parish Council were to commit monies to a notice board it would be to the Gaw End Lane estate and would be in a similar style to those on the allotments and in the Rural Ward.

324/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to discuss and agree that they were happy with the surface recommended by the Parks Technical Officer for Langley Playing Field and look forward to hearing from the officer regarding community consultation early next year.

ALLOTMENTS

325/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to discuss and agree splitting plots 10/11A into three separate plots.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

326/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to discuss road closure for advance works on Langley Road (6th March to 21st March) and **agree** to write to Highways expressing concerns over the proposed diversion route which, is unacceptable, using unsuitable lanes and request they re-consider and look at a traffic light system instead. Points to raise: 1. have they consulted with local business, bus company and thought of the impact (wagons cannot go down Standing Stone Lane) 2. have they considered the considerable impact on residents 3. Have they considered the weight limits on the lanes they have diverted to.

327/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive reports on highways issues and consider the following action:

- Potholes outside the Old School on Main Road Langley (5 pot holes dinner plate size).
- Road surface eroded and hazardous to cyclists and vehicles on the corner of Radcliff Road and Old Leek Road (where the junction is for Hawkhead Quarry).

THE GRAPEVINE

328/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to discuss ideas for inclusion in the next Grapevine magazine:

- focus on climate matters e.g. LED Christmas bulbs – how much has been saved.
- saving the planet – promoting green issues where we can – e.g. changing lamp posts to LED bulbs.

PLANNING

329/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

Application No:	24/3660M
Proposal:	Land Off Gaw End Lane, Lyme Green, Cheshire East
Location:	Application for full planning permission for the erection of one dwelling house Location: Land Off Gaw End Lane, Lyme Green, Cheshire East
Decision:	4 th December (requested extension to 13 th December)

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: **“Sutton Parish Council have no objection to this application unless deemed unneighbourly”**.

330/24 Noted; Decisions and withdrawals this month:

Application No:	24/3330D - Discharge of conditions
Proposal:	Discharge of conditions 8, 9 & 10 on approval 21/1249M - APP/R0660/W/23/3323678: Erection of 42 dwellings including access and associated works.
Location:	Land West of London Road And South Of, Gaw End Lane, Lyme Green,
Decision:	Approved

Application No:	24/3270D
Proposal:	Discharge of conditions 4 & 5 on application 22/0390M - APP/R0660/W/22/3307298
Location:	6, Manor Terrace Langley Road, Langley, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0DW
Decision:	Approved

331/24 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

- To **agree** budget/precept for 2025/26. (Deadline - Friday, 17th January 2025)
- To **agree** appointment of Remembrance Day Traffic Management Company for 2025.
- Annual donation to CIC towards insurance. (February 2025)
- To **review** Christmas arrangements for 2025.
- To **consider** arranging defibrillator training session for 2025.
- To **receive** report from the Climate Emergency Working Group on Turnip Brow (Community Orchard).

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332/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the date for next meeting as Thursday 9th January 2025 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.55 p.m.

Minutes agreed by Sutton Parish Council as a true record

..... Chairman

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Cheshire East Ward Member Report

- The CEC are to ask for agreement from the government for more monies to plug revenue gap.
- He has submitted applications for 20mph speed limits on the Seddon estate, Church Lane and centre of Langley.
- In discussions with CEC regarding the closure of Langley Road in March. Concerned regarding the diversion route. He has asked to meet Officers on Standing Stone Road to show them the problems with the diversion.
- Flooding on Hollin Lane - in discussions with CEC about it.
- Lyme Green – will be chasing the situation with regards reducing the speed limit.
- Meeting with potential funders for the Lyme Green Community Hall. Discussions starting about raising funds and supporting the Lyme Green Hall.

Appendix 2 – Report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team

Next Surgeries

- Saturday 14th December 10 -11am - Sutton General Store Café
- Sunday 15th December 2-3pm - Lyme Green Park, Robin Lane
- Wednesday 15th January 2025 10.30 -11.30am - Langley Methodist Church
- Saturday 25th January 10-11am - Sutton General Store Café
- Sunday 26th January 2-3pm - Lyme Green Park, Robin Lane

Continued engagement with Hollinhey Primary School conducting school talks and school parking patrols.
 Continued TRUCAM speeding enforcement in the local area - Byrons Lane, Hall Lane, London Rd Lyme Green, Langley Rd and Jarman.

Incidents of note

- 10/11/24 - Damage only road traffic collision Hollin Lane, Sutton.
- 11/11/24 - 03/12/24 - A total of 6 Shop Liftings from stores on Lyme Green Business Park - Police are in the process of identifying and dealing with offenders.
- 12/11/24 - Attempted burglary, Downing Close, Sutton.
- 04/12/24 - Reports of a possible drunk driver heading in the direction of Leek on London Road, Macclesfield.
- 05/12/24 - Reports of a dead sheep at Sutton Reservoir.