

# SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 COMMENCING at 7.30 P.M.**

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

**PRESENT**

**Councillors:** G Barber (Chairman), M Bhatia, R Chamberlain, C Eyre, D Fosbrook, E Hall, B Horan, K Stepien-Bialy, A Waller and T Whiskard.

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

- 274/24 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** apologies for absence from J Sinclair Smith (Vice Chairman) and T Priestman.
- 275/24 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** dispensations and declarations of interest from Cllr Stepien-Bialy who declared that she had an interest with Item 299/24 (The Grapevine). Cllr Barber declared an interest in Item 282/24 (relating to the church hall and finance).
- 276/24 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **confirm** and sign the Minutes as a true record of the Meetings held on **10<sup>th</sup> October 2024**.
- 277/24 **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**

- 278/24 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from the Cheshire East Ward Member.  
**(See Appendix 1)**
- 279/24 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team.  
**(See Appendix 2)**
- 280/24 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from the Lyme Green Community Hall working group and **agree** draft article for inclusion as it stands in “The Grapevine”. *(deadline 1<sup>st</sup> December)*
- 281/24 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from the Climate Emergency Working Group on Turnip Brow (Community Orchard) and **agree** a sum of £200 to support a community event (to maintain community engagement) and **agree** the Parish Council could hold grant monies for the project as long as it is understood they would be subject to the Council’s procedures.  
**(See Appendix 3)**

**FINANCE**

**282/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** schedule of receipts and payments for November 2024.

**Receipts From: None received.**

**Payments To:**

BACS	Sarah Giller	Clerks’ net salary £1173.06 and expenses £34.10 Pension contributions £84.99 <b>OCTOBER</b>	£1207.16
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	F Davies & Son Ltd	Order 304 – Column 74 Clark Lane/Holehouse Lane	£109.80
<b>Spending Power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	Signs of Cheshire Limited	Purchase of notice board on Ridge Hill as agreed by Resolution <b>168/24</b> Total £738. Half paid <b>IN ADVANCE</b> .	£369.00
<b>Spending Power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	St James Church Sutton PCC	Hall hire for 11 monthly Parish Council meetings @ £38/meeting (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, July, Sept, Oct, Nov and Dec 2024) Ref: Hallhire/Parish Council	£418.00
<b>Spending Power: GPOC</b>			

BACS	CHT	Outstanding donations monies received in respect of defibrillator at reservoir to go towards defibrillator at Sutton café. Ref SUT 015	£500.42
<b>Spending Power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	Gill Barber	Sunflower competition – book tokens	£35.00
<b>Spending Power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	RBL Poppy Appeal	Remembrance Day Wreath	£20.00
<b>Spending Power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	Dutton Traffic Management Services Ltd	Remembrance Day – Traffic Management	£1734.00
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	Arrow Business Machines Ltd	Certificates for Sunflower competition	£7.20
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	A Simpson	Refurbishment of Sutton Lane Ends Cenotaph	£396.30
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
DD	SSE	Account for 01/09/24 – 30/09/24 (collected by DD 22/10/2024)	£169.34
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
DD	Spoton.Net Ltd (It'seeze website)	Months subscription <b>OCTOBER</b> 2024	£58.80
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			

**Pension Contributions:**

DD	NEST (National Employment Savings Trust)	<b>OCTOBER contribution</b> Employee pension contribution - 5% - £62.87 Employer pension contribution - 3% - £22.12	£84.99
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			

**HMRC payments:**

BACS	HMRC	HMRC payment covering Employee Income Tax <b>OCTOBER</b>	£21.54
<b>Spending Power: GPOC</b>			

**Additional payments:**

BACS	Signs of Cheshire Limited	2 <sup>nd</sup> payment of A2 poster display notice board for Ridge Hill ( <b>AGREED IN ADVANCE OF PAYMENT</b> )	£369.00
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			

- 283/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve** bank reconciliation up to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 and to **verify** figures against bank statements.
- 284/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** transfer of remaining defibrillator donations to The Community Heartbeat Trust towards defibrillator at Sutton Café. (Total £500.42)
- 285/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** implementation of Local Government Service pay agreement awards applicable from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.
- 286/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve** purchase of Christmas trees through Koops Christmas Trees and delivery 28<sup>th</sup> November. (Total Cost £650) It was noted that, United Utilities were no longer providing the Christmas trees, Langley has suffered quite a lot of disruption and Members were disappointed.
- 287/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to review** draft budget/precept for 2025/26 (Deadline - Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025) and discussed some amendments for refinement at the December meeting.

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL**

- 288/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to consider** response from Public Rights of Way Enforcement Officer regarding dog access on FT15 and **agree** to contact landowner to enquire whether they would consider changes to his stile to allow access for dogs.
- 289/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** to implement the refurbishment of Millenium Signs for Sutton and Langley during the following financial years 2024/25 and 2025/26).
- 290/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to discuss** any issues raised relating to the Remembrance Day parade and **agree** action if necessary.
- Hymn sheets for cenotaph were not available at back of church.
- 291/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** to the purchase of new LED Christmas lights (Total Cost £600).

- 292/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** Parish Christmas switch-on events (Sutton (Friday 6th December) and Lyme Green (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December) and Langley (TBC) installation (28-29/11), lights, sound, gazebo) and **agree** that Hollinhey School could expand the event in Sutton (to advertise more wildly as a community event to include carols and possibly hot chocolate, mulled wine, teas and coffees commencing from 5.30 p.m. switch-on at 6 p.m.
- 293/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** that the temporary repairs made to the Cenotaph fencing are a sound and exceptional repair (Total Cost £396.30) and (due to resident donating their own time for the said repairs) to purchase a voucher for £50 for resident.

**PLAYGROUNDS**

- 294/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from Park 4all @ Lyme Green and **agree** with £50 donation towards Christmas and that they should contact the CIC regarding (£396) donation towards a notice board and insurance cover (£200).
- 295/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss/agree** to enquire regarding concerns over the “Hop Path” surface upgrade at Langley Playing Field in response to the Parks Technical Officer report.
- 296/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** a report from The Cop Meadow Enhancement Group and **agree** to point them in the direction of the CIC for cover (which the Parish Council contributes towards) with regards request for a yearly donation of £200 towards their public liability insurance.

**ALLOTMENTS**

- 297/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** transfer of Plots 10/11A to tenants’ wife and halving the plot (once confirmed by the Allotment Group that this is feasible).

**HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

- 298/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** reports on highways issues and consider action.
  - To **report** sign on the corner of Cock Hall Lane – road sign posts have smashed (resident has original sign). Needs new posts however residents want the original cast iron sign to be put back on.

**THE GRAPEVINE**

- 299/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** ideas for inclusion in the next Grapevine magazine. (Deadline January meeting):
  - New notice board Ridge Hill for Rural area.
  - New fence posts on allotment.
  - Thank you to resident regarding cenotaph fencing.
  - Refurbishment removal of Millenium signs (Langley and Sutton)
  - Turnip Brow – what your parish council is involved in.
  - Planning applications – are decided by Cheshire East not the Parish Council

**PLANNING**

- 300/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

<b>Application No:</b>	24/3666M
<b>Proposal:</b>	Form new bathroom window and increase depth of existing bedroom window.
<b>Location:</b>	Bollinhead Farm, BOLLINHEAD LANE, SUTTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 0NA
<b>Decision:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> November (extended to 15 <sup>th</sup> November)

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

- 301/24** To **consider** comments for return to the relevant authority for these appeals:

<b>Council’s reference:</b>	21/00514E
<b>Appeal reference:</b>	APP/R0660/C/24/3346616
<b>Site Address:</b>	Land at Higher Kinderfields Farm, Hollin Lane, Sutton, SK11 0NN
<b>Alleged breach:</b>	Without planning permission, the unauthorised erection of a building
<b>Appeal start date:</b>	16 October 2024
<b>Representations must be received by:</b>	27 November 2024

**THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** to reiterate comments previously made against application 21/2866M.

<b>Council's reference:</b>	20/00189E
<b>Appeal reference:</b>	APP/R0660/C/24/3347020
<b>Site Address:</b>	Land at The White House, Leek Old Road, Sutton, SK11 0HZ
<b>Alleged breach:</b>	Without planning permission, the material change of use of the land from agricultural to residential domestic use, together with the formation of an access, the creation of a driveway, the erection of a detached building, gates and fencing.
<b>Appeal start date:</b>	18 October 2024
<b>Representations must be received by:</b>	29 November 2024

**THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to agree the following representation to be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate: *“The Parish Council notes that a retrospective planning application has not been submitted. The extension of residential curtilage within the open countryside is contrary to planning policy. Allowing this appeal would set an unfortunate precedent for other residents/applications”.*

**302/24** Noted; Decisions and withdrawals this month: **NONE RECEIVED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to note the following correspondence:

- 303/24** United Utilities – to note UU will no longer donate Christmas Trees.
- 304/24** MOP – for councillors information - regarding the clearing of silt (road bridge at the top end of Hall Lane, Sutton Lane Ends (close to the cenotaph))
- 305/24** Notes from meeting Macclesfield Forest & Wildboarclough Working Group (meeting 18<sup>th</sup> September).
- 306/24** Cheshire East Highways (Local Highways Officer) - Cricket Club - diversion of water across road.
- 307/24** MOP - Update regarding Graveyard Extension.
  
- 308/24** **St Dunstan Inn - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to agree to forward contacts which may help resident regarding visibility to the community.
  
- 309/24** **MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA**
  - To **discuss/agree** budget/precept for 2025/26. (*Deadline - Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025*)
  - To **agree** appointment of Remembrance Day Traffic Management Company for 2025.
  - To **agree** meeting dates for 2025.
  
- 310/24** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to agree the date for next meeting as **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.26 p.m.

Minutes agreed by Sutton Parish Council as a true record

..... Chairman

## Appendices

### Appendix 1 - Cheshire East Ward Member Report

- Seddons have agreed to the removal of rubble from the Langley pond area and withdrawn the planning application.
- Facebook – regarding 20 mph reported he has submitted a request with CEC regarding reducing the speed in certain areas. Process is in place and CEC will be consulted.
- CEC are pressing ahead with charging the cost of local elections.
- Chalc are holding a meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> which will set out the proposals for charging parish Councils.
- Usually reporting of potholes and signs etc.

### Appendix 2 – Report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team

Continued engagement with Hollinhey Primary School regarding parking and school talks  
Continued TRUCAM speed gun enforcement in the area

#### Police Surgery dates are:

Saturday - 23<sup>rd</sup> November 10-11am Sutton General Store Café

Sunday - 24<sup>th</sup> November 2-3pm Lyme Green Park in Lane

#### Incidents of note

18/10 24 Shoplifting Lyme Green Business Park  
28/10/24 Caravan on Fire Assisting Fire Service  
30/10/24 ASB Youths Lyme Green Business Park  
1/11/24 Shoplifting Lyme Green Business Park  
4/11/24 Broken Down Vehicle Standing Stone Macclesfield Forest  
6/11/24 Suspicious car Broad Oak Leek Old Road  
6/11/24 Shoplifting Lyme Green Business Park  
10/11/24 Damage only Road Traffic Collision  
11/11/24 Shoplifting Lyme Green  
12/11/24 Attempted burglary Downing Close Sutton

### Appendix 3 – The Climate Emergency Group (CEWG) Report to Parish Council 14th November 2024

The Climate Emergency Group (CEWG) met on the 29th October to specifically receive a report from the newly formed Turnip Brow Action Group, (TBAG) who, at the request of the Parish Council (PC), had undertaken a community engagement survey to gauge the enthusiasm for the Turnip Brow project.

In summary the results were very pleasing with 73 of the 75 responses being in favour of the proposed project. This was said to represent over a third of the households in Langley. Over 60 said they were prepared to help in some way. The CEWG believes that this is a sufficiently enthusiastic response to finally move forward with the project with confidence. Cllr Fosbrook agreed to join the TBAG as the Parish Council representative. The group consists of representatives from Langley, and our partners in the project, Macclesfield Wild Network.

TBAG have sent out a message thanking everyone for their responses on behalf of the CEWG. For those who raised concerns, very specific messages of reassurance have been sent. It was very important that those who had raised concerns received a considered and timely response. A landowner whose property abuts Turnip Brow asked about screening for privacy and has received a response reassuring him that people's privacy will be respected. The TBAG had suggested an early event to maintain interest and community engagement with the project. They asked if the parish council (PC) could provide some money towards this (£200) as they are unable to fundraise until after the plot is transferred to the PC.

The TBAG also asked the question about how funds and grant monies are to be handled in the future and whether it would be the PC that would hold the money on the group's behalf. This needs further exploring and advice from the Parish Clerk. It is hoped that Cheshire East Council /ANSA would give permission for some early limited planting before the asset transfer goes through. Otherwise, the tree planting season will be missed again this year. There is a need for clarity regarding the relationships between the TBAG, the Climate Working Group the PC and Macclesfield Wild Network, and ensure this is covered in the TBAG's terms of reference. Insurance for activities on Turnip Brow would also need clarifying. Advice on all these issues can be achieved through the support of our partners, legal advice and ChALC, as part of the asset transfer process.

The CEWG recommend to the council to resolve to:

- Agree there is sufficient community enthusiasm for the project to finally take this forward.
- Agree a sum of £200 to support a community event subject to appropriate permission from CEC and insurance being in place.