

SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER 2024 COMMENCING at 7.30 P.M.

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

PRESENT

Councillors: J Sinclair Smith (Vice Chairman), M Bhatia, C Eyre, D Fosbrook, E Hall, B Horan, T Priestman and A Waller.

Also present: Ward Councillor C O’Leary, the Parish Clerk and two members of the public (MOPs).

The meeting was Chaired by Cllr J Sinclair Smith.

245/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive apologies for absence from G Barber (Chairman), R Chamberlain, K Stepien-Bialy and T Whiskard.

246/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive dispensations and declarations of interest. Cllr Priestman declared that he had some involvement with Item 260/24 (Local Government Boundary Commission).

247/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to confirm and sign the Minutes as a true record of the Meetings held on 19th September 2024.

248/24 Public Participation - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive information/queries/questions from members of the public (MOPs): *(10 minutes)*

- Two residents, who are members of the Lyme Green Community Hall Working Group, spoke regarding their involvement within the village on projects that the Council have supported. They also spoke regarding the lack of a village hall for community use in Lyme Green. With reference to Item 263/24, Councillors were told that they have an opportunity to change lives within Lyme Green.

MEMBER REPORTS

249/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report from the Cheshire East Ward Member.
(See Appendix 1)

250/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team.
(See Appendix 2)

251/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report, from the Climate Emergency Working Group.
Turnip Brow – they are trying to raise awareness within the community. An article has been written in The Grapevine and a survey is available for residents to leave their views. 58 responses have been received in a short time with most very positive so far. Still ongoing.

252/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report from the Lyme Green Community Hall working group.
(See Appendix 3)
The group met on the 23rd September.
Fifteen families have moved into new homes a Gaw End Lane and been consulted regarding the community hall. All were in favour of the project. Their results are included in a report to the Council on the hall.

Members agreed to bring forward Item 263/24 on the Agenda - regarding the need, viability and sustainability of a community village hall in Lyme Green and **agree** whether to progress to stage 2.

Need - It was felt that there is a gap in the market for a multifunctional hall and a need for somewhere for Lyme Green residents to meet. This would be different from the other halls in the wider community being sports based which, members felt would not challenge or have a detrimental effect on other facilities in Sutton Parish.

Viability – Members discussed setting up Trustees and the relationship with Parish Council. The Parish Council would be expected to have a level of involvement either as individuals or the Parish Council as a whole. As trustees this would not affect applying for grants.

Sustainability and Liability – A risk assessment is required, and this would be reassessed as the project moves forward.

The working group were thanked for their comprehensive and helpful report.

263/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** to the establishment of a Charitable Trust and to earmark £6000 in the budget for this project. Members did not agree to Stage 2 (as described in the report).

FINANCE

253/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **approve** schedule of receipts and payments for October 2024.

Receipts From:

DD	Cheshire East Council	2 nd half of precept	£14157.00
BACS	Mr K Hoines	H Oldfield & Son Ltd - Printing of report for Lyme Green Community Hall working group. £40 was agreed by Council and resident agreed to pay difference of £68.	£68.00

Payments To:

BACS	Sarah Giller	Clerks' net salary £577.12 and expenses £25.55 Pension contributions £33.01 SEPTEMBER	£602.67
Spending power: GPOC			
BACS	Sarah Giller	Payment to IONOS – domain two years @ £9.99 per year - 26/8/24 – 26/8/26	£23.98
Spending power: GPOC			
BACS	F Davies & Son Ltd	Order 299 – Column 29 Fitzwilliam Avenue (LED bulb), Order 300 – bus shelter Lindrum Avenue (LED bulb replaced FOC)	£171.86
Spending power: GPOC			
BACS	Andrew Simpson	To prepare and repaint Ridge Hill defibrillator kiosk	£650.00
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	SSE	Account for 01/08/24 – 31/08/24 (collected by DD 31/07/2024) Collected 9/9/24	£174.99
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	Spoton.Net Ltd (It'seeze website)	Months subscription SEPTEMBER 2024	£54.00
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	Unity Bank	Service Charge	£18.00
Spending power: GPOC			

Pension Contributions:

DD	NEST (National Employment Savings Trust)	AUGUST contribution Employee pension contribution - 5% - £30.38 Employer pension contribution - 3% - £2.63	£33.01
Spending power: GPOC			

Additional Payments

BACS	The Community Heartbeat Trust	Invoice 23280 (Reservoir) DEFIBRILLATOR	£198.00
Spending Power: GPOC			
BACS	H Oldfield & Son Limited	Printing of report for Lyme Green Community Hall working group. £40 agreed resident will pay difference of £68.	£108.00
Spending Power: GPOC			

254/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **approve** bank reconciliation up to 31st July 2024 and to **verify** figures against bank statements.

255/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **approve** 2nd quarter finance report July to September 2024, bank reconciliation verifying figures against bank statements.

256/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **review/agree** Earmarked Reserves 2024/25.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

- 257/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree**, rather than arranging a meeting, to the purchase of two temporary plastic HGV no access signs, to position on lamp posts on Coal Pit Lane.
- 258/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to address** any issues relating to the Sunflower competition 2024 and note that there were issues measuring one of the sunflowers this year and **agree** to discuss at the February Meeting.
- 259/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** to contact the Rights of Way Officer to ask for large dog access in response regarding dog access to footpath along the back on Langley pool up to Ridge Hill. Inform MOP.
- 260/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** to support the recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England consultation, regarding the electoral arrangements for Cheshire East Council, with the exception of houses lying to the east of the A523 which are currently within Gawsorth ward but, as a community align themselves with Sutton Parish and/or Bosley. (Houses are - Rough Hey Farm, Rough Hey Barn, Oak Hill Barn, Merrehill, Sliver Birches, Mallard Crest, Nook View, Rough Hills Farm and Shady Nook.) *(Deadline 9 December 2024)*
- 261/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to consider** purchasing LED Christmas lights @ £3 each and **agreed** for Councillor to make enquiries regarding the number of lights and whether the best option would be to by new lights. Members were informed that there may be a difficulty with receiving Christmas trees from United Utilities this year.
- 262/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to note/agree** budget up to £750 for temporary repair to memorial.
- 263/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to consider** report regarding the need, viability and sustainability of a community village hall in Lyme Green and **agree** whether to progress to stage 2.

This Items was discussed with resolution 252/24.

PLAYGROUNDS

- 264/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive** report from Park 4all @ Lyme Green.
(See Appendix 4)
- 265/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** to refer the group to the CIC, who have some grant monies for a notice board, and consider adding £396 in the budget towards the cost of a notice board in the park 2025/26 budget for £396.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- 266/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive** reports on highways issues and consider action.
 - Bush at the bottom of Jarman Sutton that needs cutting back is growing on the wall belonging to Gurnett Farm. Growing out onto the path and restricting the area that is the pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Jarman where it joins Hall Lane.
 - Light out on corner of Main Road and Hole House Lane. Opposite the Firs on Clarke Lane.
 - Cricket Club – still no response regarding the water constantly washing across the road.

THE GRAPEVINE

- 267/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to discuss** ideas for inclusion in the next Grapevine magazine.
 - Sunflower winners
 - Lyme Green Community Hall Working Group article on moving forward.

PLANNING

- 268/24 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

Application No:	24/3330D
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:	08-Oct-2024 (requested extension to 11 th October)

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

Application No:	24/3170M
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Proposal:	Cellar with external steps below stone patio, and modification of roof arrangement shown on approved plans in 20/1807M
Location:	Pott Lords House, MEG LANE, SUTTON, SK11 0LY
Decision:	09-Oct-2024 (requested extension to 11 th October)

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

Application No:	24/3171M
Proposal:	Listed building consent for cellar with external steps below stone patio, and modification of roof arrangement shown on approved plans in 20/1807M
Location:	Pott Lords House, MEG LANE, SUTTON, SK11 0LY
Decision:	09-Oct-2024 (requested extension to 11 th October)

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

Application No:	24/3428M
Proposal:	Demolition of Existing Outbuilding & Proposed Construction of Single Storey Front, Two Storey Side & Single Storey Rear Extensions & Alterations to provide improved access, safety, comfort etc. for a Disabled Persons Dwelling House
Location:	10, TUNNICLIFFE ROAD, SUTTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 0EB
Decision:	17th October 2024

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: ***“Sutton Parish Council would object to this application due to its over intensification of the site and that the two-storey development, right up to the boundary, has an overbearing influence on the neighbouring property.”***

Application No:	24/3015M
Proposal:	Erection of Stable block and associated hardstanding
Location:	Fernlee, MEG LANE, SUTTON, SK11 0LY
Decision:	18 th October 2024

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

269/24 Noted; Decisions, appeals and withdrawals this month: NONE RECEIVED

CORRESPONDENCE

270/24 Spoton.net (it’sseeze websites) – notification that the direct debit will change from £54.00 to £58.80 from 14th October 2024.

271/24 Cheshire East Council – New Street names consultation (SNN000003557). **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** to submit ideas for possible street names.

272/24 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

- To **consider** quote for refurbishment of Millennium Signs (Sutton, Langley during 2024/25 and 2025/26).
- To **review** budget for 2025/26.
- To **discuss** Christmas Lighting.
- To **discuss** Langley Playing Field.

273/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the date for next meeting as **Thursday 14th November 2024 commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.37 p.m.

Minutes agreed by Sutton Parish Council as a true record

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Appendices

Appendix 1 - Cheshire East Ward Member Report

- Cheshire East Council – problems continue with overspend. There is a projected overspend of £26.5m. The Council will use Exceptional Finance Support agreed by the Government of 80M and will try to implement measures to stop the overspend.
- Capital projects programme – for the next 2 years 70m will be moved into 2026/27 delaying projects could increase the costs.
- Local Boundary Commission published consultation.
- Waiting to hear from planning regarding dumping of rubbish at Seddons and other planning issues.
- Spoken with Planning Enforcement regarding Coal Pit Lane resurfacing Walker Lane and reporting many issues.

Appendix 2 – Report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team

Next police Surgeries are:

Saturday 16th October Sutton Café 10-11am

Sunday 11th October Lyme Green Park 2-3pm

TRUCAM enforcement continued during this last month and offenders sent on driver awareness courses.
Hollinhey Primary School parking patrols and visits

Incidents of note

08/09/24 - Drug driver reported Lyme Green Business Park.

09/09/24 - Suspicious activity on Cock Hall Lane - Lady knocked on door asking for someone that does not live there.

09/09/24 - Drug stop possession of cannabis Bullocks Lane.

09/09/24 - Dirt bikes Macclesfield Forest.

10/09/24 - Stop search Bullocks Lane.

15/09/24 - Oven Lane criminal damage to wall.

17/09/24 - Theft Lyme Green Business Park.

28/09/24 - Attempted burglary other than dwelling Lyme Green Settlement - No CCTV Peaks Plains housing aware and reassurance and advice given.

30/09/24 - Theft Lyme Green Business Park.

03/10/24 - Damage only road traffic collision Lyme Green Business Park.

Appendix 3 – Report from the Lyme Green Community Hall working group

New residents of Bollin Grove - Prior to their meeting it was established that fifteen families had now moved into their new homes, (it was previously thought that the figure was nineteen, however, that was incorrect). Most of the homes are occupied and are nearest the site for the community hall. All these occupants have been consulted regarding the possibility of a community hall at Lyme Green, all fifteen were in favour and one resident has offered to be a trustee if the project is taken forward with a charity formed to oversee it. The consultation results have been included in the full initial report.

Working Group initial report - The report is complete and includes an executive summary and various appendices. A draft print was provided by Oldfield’s printers, and it was found that A4 size copies were readable, therefore, at this time no A3 copies of individual pages have been printed. Sixteen copies of the report have been prepared. It includes the main report, an executive summary, and appendices. Sadly, the budget of £40 was regrettably exceeded with little time available to make other printing arrangements, this comes with no issue to the Parish Council as resident agreed to fund the shortfall.

Appendix 4 – Report from Park 4all @ Lyme Green

Park 4all @ Lyme Green CIO, update to Sutton Parish Council for their meeting 19th September 2024, with a request for part funds towards a project.

NATURE EVENT - Since our last update for your July meeting we have arranged and held a Nature Day for children ages from 3-13 years in Lyme Green Community Park, this was facilitated by our Peak District National Park Young People and Communities Ranger. The event was held on Saturday the 31st August and was a huge success with over 30 children attending accompanied by their parents.

The event for the children included making a minibeast (bug hotel) to take home, an orienteering treasure type hunt, a scavenger hunt around the park and searching the park with magnifiers to locate tiny creatures. Refreshments were available and Oeter with his Grannelli’s ice cream van kindly attended.

Perimeter path-Liaison with Ansa is still ongoing with a view to the path being upgraded as it is not deemed to be adequately accessible. Park 4all lay the blame for this on Ansa as they laid the path and assured us that it would be accessible.

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106 monies-We continue to liaise with Ansa regarding 106 monies coming from the Bollin Grange development by Bovis/Vistry homes. We have asked that Matt Smith at Ansa assign someone to liaise with Park4all to discuss where monies might be used, one thing we have established is that the monies can only be used for **PLAY**, this clearly means that we cannot use any part of the monies for other projects in the park, the only exception to this may be the upgrade of the perimeter path as the path is essential for accessibility to areas of play.

Matt Smith has initially suggested that surfaces in the play area might be included for improvement to increase accessibility, we intend including this aspect in our discussions with the person nominated by Ansa to be our liaison. (Matt Smith gives the 106 figure as £101,250.00).

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REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Improving the entrance at Lyme Green Community Park - We intend to improve the entrance to the park to make it more welcoming and colourful. As you know at present there is a decorative sign on the left as you enter, the artwork on this was created by Jennie Pardon. Also on the left is a rusty metal post that needs removing.

We intend to have the metal post removed, install a noticeboard and next to it a carving of a Robin sitting a post. The bottom area will be planted up with colourful plants, some of which are already in situ and were donated by Ross's Nursery.

We are aware that The Parish Council were asked by residents to install a notice board at the park and decided against this, as the park is used by dozens of people every day and will increase as new residents come to Bollin Grange we consider that the time is now right to take this forward and we ask the Parish Council to make a donation towards the notice board and its installation. The total cost of the board and its installation is £1,188.00. The board will take 6 A4 size documents and will be ideal to keep residents updated on community matters, we believe it would go well to support your notice board in the bus shelter.

The notice board would be built in oak by local tradesman Matthew Simon, the face of the board would be in pine to facilitate drawing pins being used and be finished with three coats of sadolin. (The pine board can be replaces as and when) The small board at the top on attached drawing would have details of the park, this sign would be in white made of aluminium composite material by Tunnicliffe signs.

The noticeboard would be installed by Ansa.

We request that you consider a donation towards this cost of £1,188.00. If members are agreeable to donation but find that such monies are not available in the 2024/25 budget, we would happily accept a commitment to pay in 2025 when you could include any donation in your new 2025/26 budget.

We ask that you consider a minimum of a third of the costs as starting point of your discussions, this would be (£396.00)

The funding for the carved Robin that is part of the entrance enhancement will also cost hundreds of pounds and will also be installed Ansa. It is the intention once we have your decision to commence fundraising for the outstanding monies, with any shortfall that might occur being funded from a community event we are planning for 2025 which will be similar to the Kings Coronation event that was a huge success.