

SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2025 COMMENCING at 7.30 P.M.

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

PRESENT

Councillors: Cllrs G Barber (Chairman), J Sinclair Smith (Vice Chairman), C Eyre, A Waller and T Priestman.

Also present: Ward Cllr C O’Leary, PCSO J Newns and the Parish Clerk. There were two members of the public present (MOPs).

- 305/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive apologies for absence from Councillor M Bhatia, H Jackson, R Chamberlain, D Fosbrook, E Hall and K Stepien-Bialy. Councillor T Whiskard was not present.
- 306/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive dispensations and declarations of interest: No declarations of interest were received.
- 307/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to confirm and sign the Minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 13th November 2025.
- 308/25 Public Participation - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive information/queries/questions from members of the public (MOPs): None received.

MEMBER REPORTS

- 309/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive report from the Cheshire East Ward Member. *(See Appendix 1)*
- 310/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team. *(See Appendix 2)*

FINANCE

311/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve schedule of receipts and payments for December 2025.

Receipts From:

Hunter	Insurance cover with NSALG - Tenant Plot 13	£63.00
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Payments To:

BACS	Sarah Giller	Clerks’ net salary £871.40 and expenses £48.94, Pension contributions £60.46 & HMRC £111.86 NOVEMBER	£920.34
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Spending power: GPOC

BACS	NSALG	Insurance for Plot 13. PAID IN ADVANCE OF MEETING 18/11/25	£7.00
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Spending power: GPOC

BACS	Community Heartbeat Trust	Triangle wall sign.	£32.34
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Spending power: GPOC

DD	Spoton.Net Ltd (It’seeze website)	Months subscription NOVEMBER 2025 (Collected by DD 14/11/25)	£58.80
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Spending power: GPOC

DD	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges NOVEMBER	£6.00
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Spending power: GPOC

Pension Contributions:

DD	NEST (National Employment Savings Trust)	OCTOBER contribution Employee pension contribution - 5% - £47.54 Employer pension contribution - 3% - £12.92	£60.46
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Spending power: GPOC

HMRC payments:

BACS	HMRC	HMRC Income Tax NOVEMBER 2025	£111.86
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Spending Power: GPOC

Additional payments:

BACS	St James Church Sutton PCC	Hall hire Jan, February and March @£38/meeting = £114	£470.00
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		April, May, June, July, Sept, Oct, Nov and Dec @£40/meeting = £320 1 st Air course 28 th October = £36	
Spending Power: GPOC			
BACS	SSE	Payment due 12/12/25 – Invoice period - 01/8/25 – 31/10/25	£135.27
Spending Power: GPOC			

- 312/25 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** bank reconciliation up to and including 30th November 2025 and **verify** figures against bank statements.
- 313/25 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** bank mandate signed for the transfer of NCIL monies received of £114,513.01 to a six-month term deposit account and **agree** how to discuss how to proceed at the next meeting (consultation with local community/working group).
- 314/25 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** budget/precept for 2026/27 set at £30385 (THIRTY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTYFIVE POUNDS ONLY) with amendments to projected salary and Remembrance Day.
- 315/25 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** grant application form and donation criteria amending the upper limit for donations to £5000.
- 316/25 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **review** and **agree** adoption of policies with minor alterations to the draft IT, retention and social media and communications policies as follows:
IT policy – Item 6 “Councillors and the Clerk access council email and documents on personal devices only if...” and ensure that “They are covered by our publication scheme.”
Communications policy – add “Do not pass on information outside the council without permission from all parties involved”.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

- 317/25 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **considered** response from developer regarding proposed plan for entrance to the Gamekeeper and **agreed** that the Council did not support it.
- 318/25 Remembrance Day - **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** quotes from Dutton Traffic Management Company regarding suggested changes to traffic management for 2026 and **agreed** to ask for a revised quote with timings from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. and increasing the number of operatives to five.
- 319/25 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** any issues raised as a result of Parish Christmas switch-on events in Sutton and Langley.
 Sutton Lane Ends – event was cold, wet and muddy but was well attended by residents.
 Langley – it stopped raining and went well. Mulled wine and mince pies provided with 60 plus attending.
 Lyme Green – tree looking very nice.
- 320/25 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** meeting dates for 2026 and **note** that the January meeting will be on the 15th due to the first Thursday being a bank holiday.
- 321/25 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** to transfer remaining earmarked reserve monies to Lyme Green Community Hall CIO (*Earmarked reserves £4560*) and **agree** news article for release. *GNB.*

note that CIO have mentioned the Parish Council in their

ALLOTMENTS

- 322/25 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** and update members regarding the allotments.
 All plots now have tenants.
- 323/25 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** to proceed with quote to clear allotment 13 (£220) (tenant and contractor to liaise on this matter).

HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

- 324/25 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** reports on highways/footpath issues and **agree** action.
- Tunnicliff Road is in poor condition (whole of lane) from shop to junction of Bell Avenue.
 - Walker Lane from crossroads to Leek Old Road until Tunnicliff Road all in poor condition.
 - Column 44 - Lamp out in Langley near Langley Hall.
 - Kerb wobbling - Walker Lane opposite war memorial.

THE GRAPEVINE

- 325/25 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** ideas for inclusion in the next Grapevine magazine and **agreed** to submit draft with minor amendments.

PLANNING

- 326/25 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

Application No:	25/4410/VOC
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Proposal:	Removal of condition 1 on approval 74484P: Variation of condition 9 on planning permission 69221P to enable occupation of dwellings from residents in the Macclesfield Local Plan area and the Parish of Wincle.
Location:	8 Robin Crescent, Lyme Green, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0LJ
Deadline:	17 December 2025

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree that they have no comments to make on this application.

Application No:	25/4599/HOUS
Proposal:	Single storey extension connecting dwelling house to coach house
Location:	Wood Cottage Walker Lane, Sutton, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0HU
Deadline:	30 December 2025

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:	25/4600/LBC Listed Building Consent
Proposal:	Listed building consent for a single storey extension connecting dwelling house to coach house.
Location:	Wood Cottage Walker Lane, Sutton, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0HU
Deadline:	30 December 2025

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

327/25 Noted; Decisions, appeals and withdrawals this month:

Application No:	25/1416/PIP - APP/R0660/W/25/3375811
Proposal:	Erection of a single dwelling
Location:	Land Off Ridge Hill, Sutton, Cheshire East, SK11 0LU
Decision:	20 November 2025 (5 weeks from this date)

CORRESPONDENCE received:

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to note the following correspondence and **agree** action:

328/25 Gawsworth Parish Council – Community Infrastructure Levy enquiry - *to enquire whether Gawsworth have received a response, copy to Cheshire East Ward Member and review at the January meeting.*

329/25 Gawsworth Parish Council - developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

330/25 Peak & Northern Footpaths Society (PNFS) – information regarding their organisation assisting Parish Councils and other local organisations to improve PRoWs in their area.

331/25 Parks Technical and Projects Officer Cheshire East Council – Playground Main Road, Langley Open Space. To write to the Officer to forward the revised plan, once the meeting with the fete committee has taken place, and to agree plan at the January Council meeting.

332/25 Property Disposals Programme Manager CEC – The Orchard Land at Langley Road and Coalpit Lane. Noted site meeting agreed for 12th December with all interested parties.

333/25 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

- To **receive** report regarding Climate Emergency Working Group.
- To **receive** a report and update for the Langley Orchard project following the site meeting 12th December.
- To **consider** revising Clerks contract to including new hours of employment.
- To **discuss** The Neighbourhood Plan.

304/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the date for next meeting as **Thursday 15th January 2026 commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.28 p.m.

Minutes agreed by Sutton Parish Council as a true record

 Chairman

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Report from the Cheshire East Ward Member

- A full council meeting was held on Wednesday. The following items were discussed:
- The Adlington new town proposal for 20,000 new homes. Noted that the Leader and Deputy had written to the task force, earlier in the year, without mandate to support the proposal. However, the full council has opposed the proposal.
- It has been agreed to change from a committee to a cabinet-based system.
- It has also been found that some office delegated reports which, should be published for transparency have not been. These will be.
- He is meeting with planning enforcement shortly regarding the issues raised on the Lavender Fields development.
- No response from Vestry regarding the London Road pavement.
- One or two flooding incidents.

Appendix 2 - Report the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team

Police surgeries:

Wednesday 17th December - Langley Methodist Church 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Wednesday 7th January 2026 - Langley Methodist Church 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Saturday 17th January – Sutton General Store Café 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Sunday 18th January - Lyme Green Park 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. (dependant on weather)

Continued liaising with Hollinhey Primary School regarding issues raised around parking – intending to attend around 3p.m. and linking in with school.

TRUCAM – being calibrated and will use on Jarman when back.

Incidents

10/11 - suspicious vehicle seen on Clarke Lane, on the way to Forest Chapple, concerned about driver.

16/11 - suspicious vehicle near Stanley Arms.

21/11 - damage only road traffic incident.

04/12 - criminal damage to swing bridge at the canal.

Discussed the news that PCSOs are to be made redundant by Cheshire East Council by the end of March 2026. Concerns were raised regarding the service for rural communities including surgeries. PCSO will endeavour to handover and hopes that the surgeries will continue. The plan is to reduce the current 87 PCSOs down to 27 for the whole of Cheshire. Police constables will have to pick up their work.

It was mentioned that a car had driven into a wall on Jarman today around 5p.m.