

# SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 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, T Priestman, K Stepien-Bialy and T Whiskard.

**Also present:** The Parish Clerk, PCSO J Newns and colleague, Ward Cllr C O’Leary and one member of the public (MOP) were present.

- 57/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** apologies for absence from Cllrs J Sinclair Smith (Vice Chairman) and A Waller.
- 58/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** no dispensations and declarations of interest from Cllr Stepien-Bialy who declared an interest in items related to The Grapevine.
- 59/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **confirm** and sign the Minutes as a true record of the Meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025.
- 60/25 Public Participation - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** information/queries/questions from members of the public (MOPs):
- A member of the public reported that the defibrillator will be delivered to Sutton Store next week.

### MEMBER REPORTS

**Resolution 62/25 actioned before 61/25 as agreed by Members.**

- 61/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from the Cheshire East Ward Member.
- Attended coffee and chat at Sutton Post Office café where there is a SilkLife donation station installed with labels around the shop to help identify what is good to donate.
  - Electrical supply to the traffic lights on London Road have either been done or will be done soon.
  - Chasing planning regarding the dumping of spoil at Langley pond – will escalate with Chief Executive if not resolved soon.
  - Chaos of road works at Langley – asking for site visit with highways officers (Cllrs Bhatia and Whiskard to attend), formal complaints sent to Chief Executive and Electricity Northwest. Will let us know what the results are. It was suggested speaking direct with Cadent to co-ordinate regarding gas main. Cllrs Barber and Bhatia will attend meeting with Chris O’Leary and Traffic Management to discuss situation. Suggested Sutton Parish Council submit formal complaint to Cheshire East.
- 62/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- TRUCAM on Byrons Lane and four cars caught.
  - A few areas will get attention including Jarman, Hall Lane and London Road.
  - Discussed speed limit London Road – Ward Councillor had been told this would be reviewed once housing had been built. However, he now needs to repeat process for speed reduction.
  - Surgery Wed 19<sup>th</sup> March – Langley Methodist Hall - 10.30 – 11.30 depending on road works.
  - Tries to get to Hollinhey School as often as he can.
  - 16/2 - drive off with no payment at filling station – investigating.
  - 19/2 - two men seen smoking cannabis near Leather Smithy in layby.
  - 20/2 - ASB at Sutton Store youths antisocial behaviour. Letters sent home.
  - 24/2 - pavement parking at London Road - looking at having meetings with football club to trying to resolve problem.
  - 4/3 – Two offroad bikes at forest. If regular occurrence will utilise motorcycle team.
- 63/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from the Climate Emergency working group (CEWG). Planting of trees has taken place in Langley Community Orchard. It is apparent that the reason this is not moving forward is an issue between Cheshire East and the neighbour regarding the boarder of the land for

the orchard. The group met with the neighbour to discuss his concerns and agreed an amendment to boundary (to be agreed by Members).

**FINANCE**

**64/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve** schedule of receipts and payments for March 2025.

**Receipts From:**

BACS	Gretorex	Allotment Plot 7A	£32.65
BACS	Barnard	Allotment Plot 11B	£25.50
BACS	Shepard	Allotment Plot 2B	£24.50
BACS	Dean/Palmer	Allotment Plot 9	£58.00
BACS	Heyes	Allotment Plot 5A/6A	£43.57
BACS	Wheatstone/Heaven	Allotment Plot 1B	£43.00
BACS	Wilmot	Allotment Plots 1A and 2A	£43.00

**Payments To:**

BACS	Sarah Giller	Clerks' net salary £791.99 and expenses £47.70 Pension contributions £51.39 HMRC £10.40 <b>FEBRUARY</b>	£829.29
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**Spending power: GPOC**

BACS	F Davies & Son Ltd	Work carried out on street lighting: Order 310 – Column 49 outside 69 Walker Lane	£216.40
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BACS	F Davies & Son Ltd	Work carried out on street lighting: Order 311 – Column 30, outside 22 Fitzwilliam.	£94.09
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**Spending power: GPOC**

BACS	NSALG Ltd	Allotment Membership Renewal (42 affiliates - Deadline 15 Mar 2025)	£147.00
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**Spending power: GPOC**

BACS	Ian Coppack	Deer Repellent (Organised event includes purchase of fencing, stakes, tree tubes, deer repellent etc – Estimate of £200 agreed by Res 281/24).	£46.79
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**Spending power: GPOC**

BACS	Terry Gibson	Tree shelter and tree stakes (Organised event includes purchase of fencing, stakes, tree tubes, deer repellent etc – Estimate of £200 agreed by Res 281/24).	£76.34
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**Spending power: GPOC**

DD	Spoton.Net Ltd (It'seeze website)	Months subscription <b>FEBRUARY</b> 2025 (Collected by DD 14/2/25)	£58.80
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**Spending power: GPOC**

DD	SSE	Account for 01/01/25 – 31/01/25 (collected by DD 22/02/2025) <b>JANUARY</b>	£174.99
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**Spending power: GPOC**

DD	Unity Bank	Service Charge	£6.00
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**Spending power: GPOC**

**Pension Contributions:**

DD	NEST (National Employment Savings Trust)	<b>FEBRUARY contribution</b> Employee pension contribution - 5% - £41.68 Employer pension contribution - 3% - £9.41	£51.09
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**Spending power: GPOC**

**HMRC payments:**

BACS	HMRC	HMRC payment covering Employee Income Tax <b>FEBRUARY 2025</b>	£10.40
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**Spending Power: GPOC**

**Additional Payments:**

BACS	Elderflower Solutions Ltd	Professional costs in connection with establishment of Lyme Green Community Hall.	£1440.00
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**Spending Power: GPOC**

**65/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve bank reconciliation and verify figures against bank statement (up to 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2025).**

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL**

**66/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to discuss Sunflower Competition and agree distribution of the seeds before Easter (Easter Holiday 4th April-23rd April).**

**67/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree comment as individuals on CEC Local Transport Plan Consultation posting on Facebook, website and notice board. (Deadline 21st April 2025).**

**68/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to discuss changes in insurance cover for the defibrillators with CHT unable to cover theft or damage and agreed to enquire what would be the cost to replace if stolen or damaged.**

**69/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to consider response from Highways regarding the various issues raised in Langley, due to road restrictions, and agree to send a formal complaint to Cheshire East Highways and to Electricity Northwest regarding damage to grass on Brighton Crescent.**

**LYME GREEN COMMUNITY HALL**

**70/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to note amended Terms of Reference for setting up of a Community Hall Working Group (as discussed at the February meeting) and agree next steps. Subject to appointment of solicitor – 1. developing the constitution and 2. working out the proposed arrangements of the trust.**

**71/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to consider additional quotes received for works in establishing a charitable trust and agree appointment of Elderflower group solicitor to take this forward (Elderflower - £1200 plus VAT). Subject to a new quote being the same and meetings are they included within the costs. Any additional costs should be agreed in advance by the Parish Council and to enquire regarding appointment documents. It was agreed that the Clerk could sign appointment documents subject to the provisos mentioned above.**

**LANGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHARD**

**72/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree with suggestion to re-arrange the boundary slightly to preserve the privacy of the neighbour.**

**73/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to discuss engagement letter and Terms of Business from Dixon Rigby Keogh solicitors and agree approval and signing of last two pages of the Appendix A/Terms of Business.**

**ALLOTMENTS**

**74/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report regarding current position with tenancies and noted that five plots have been filled.**

**HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

**75/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive reports on highways issues and consider action. Nothing was reported.**

**THE GRAPEVINE**

**76/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to discuss ideas for inclusion in the next Grapevine magazine (deadline 15<sup>th</sup> April).**

- Advertise for handyman to refurbishment bus shelters.

**PLANNING**

**77/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:**

<b>Application No:</b>	25/0470/HOUS
<b>Proposal:</b>	Fenestration amendments to existing original dwelling and existing extension to dwelling. New roof to existing garage space including conversion of part of the garage into habitable space.
<b>Location:</b>	Old Dollards, Winkle Lane, Sutton, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0NG
<b>Deadline:</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025

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

<b>Application No:</b>	24/2605M
<b>Proposal:</b>	Single storey wrap around extension and part-two storey, part single-storey rear extension with associated internal and external changes.
<b>Location:</b>	72 Robin Lane, Lyme Green, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0LH
<b>Deadline:</b>	24 March 2025

**THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: *“Sutton Parish Council object to this development as we consider it unneighbourly as the rear extension appears to be overbearing to the semi-detached neighbour. Please note our previous comments.*

**78/25 Noted; Decisions and withdrawals this month:**

<b>Application No:</b>	24/4259/HOUS
<b>Proposal:</b>	Single-storey Douglas Fir extension to the rear, reconfiguring the ground floor for better use of space and light. The existing greenhouse and utility room will be replaced with a new greenhouse, improving the home’s layout and garden connection.
<b>Location:</b>	Location Overdale Clarke Lane, Langley, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0NE
<b>Deadline:</b>	Granted

**CORRESPONDENCE received:**

**79/25** CEC – Event application for Remembrance Day (9<sup>th</sup> November 2025) includes having named 1<sup>st</sup> aider.  
**THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to speak to group scout leader.

**PLAYGROUNDS**

**80/25 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from Lyme Green Community Park (March update) regarding small community event to be held in the park on Sunday the 6th April 1pm-4pm for dog owners and their dogs.

**81/25 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA**

- To **consider** arranging defibrillator training session for 2025.
- To **discuss** cleaning and refurbishment of bus shelters.
- To discuss repairs to seating in The Pleasance and outside Sutton Stores.

**82/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - To **agree** the date for next meeting as **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025** commencing at **7.30 p.m.**

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at **20.59 p.m.**

Minutes agreed by Sutton Parish Council as a true record

..... Chairman