

SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2026 COMMENCING at 7.30 P.M.

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

PRESENT

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

Also present: The Parish Clerk and Ward Cllr C O'Leary.

- 29/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive apologies for absence from PCSO J Newns, Councillor J Sinclair Smith (Vice Chairman) and T Priestman.
- 30/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive dispensations and declarations of interest: No declarations of interest were received.
- 31/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to confirm and sign the Minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 15th January 2026.
- 32/26 Public Participation - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive information/queries/questions from members of the public (MOPs): There were no members of the public present.

MEMBER REPORTS

- 33/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive report from the Cheshire East Ward Member.
- CEC applied to the Government to increase Council Tax. This was refused which will mean CEC will have to borrow around 30M.
 - Highways Cheshire East Council are planning to close Clarke Lane and divert traffic along Standing Stone Road. Pointed out Standing Stone Road not open.
 - Extra signage to prohibit parking in the vicinity of Macclesfield Forest is to be installed. This will enable parking enforcement to commence.
 - Traffic calming on Jarmen, Langley Road. Will continue to lobby for Walker Lane and Hall Lane. Maybe able to add Walker Lane to programme for this year.
 - Planning enforcement issues – continues to chase unauthorised developments Gaw End Lane and issues raised on Lavender Fields.
- 34/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team. **Unable to attend or provide report.**
- 35/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive reports from the Climate Emergency Working Group and Langley Community Orchard and discuss the following:
- Langley Orchard Earth Day is progressing and will be on either 18th or 25th April. Meeting next week to finalise date.
 - Great British Spring Clean litter pick to be held on Saturday 21st March. Involving as many groups as possible. Hi-Viz and equipment ordered with Cheshire East.
 - Cllr to confirm that rubbish bags can be put by bins where Scout Hut is.
 - To ask Head to follow up with Friends of Hollinhey School and
 - Finalise poster to send to Hollinhey School, notice board and scouts.

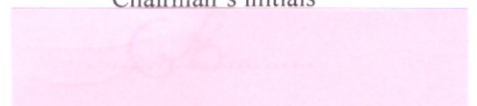
FINANCE

36/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve schedule of receipts and payments for February 2026.

Receipts From: NONE RECEIVED

Payments To:

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| BACS | David Fosbrook | Purchase of guide ropes £5.00 and lights £14.99 for gazebo | £19.99 |
| Spending Power: GPOC | | | |
| BACS | Sarah Giller | Clerks' net salary £871.40 and expenses £34.10, Pension contributions £60.46 & HMRC £111.86 JANUARY | £905.50 |



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| Spending power: GPOC | | | |
| BACS | F Davies & Son Ltd | Order 322 – Column 44 outside 65/66 Langley Road concerting and fitting to LED | £190.80 |
| Spending power: GPOC | | | |
| BACS | Office Essentials Limited | A4 white copier paper, staples | £20.80 |
| Spending power: GPOC | | | |
| BACS | Three Villages Community Interest Company (CIC) | Donation for year 2025/26 | £250.00 |
| Spending power: GPOC | | | |
| BACS | Zurich Town & Parish, Insurer Trust Account | Insurance policy - 1/4/26 – 31/3/27 | £1643.98 |
| Spending power: GPOC | | | |
| DD | ICO (Information Commissioner) | Annual Subscription | £35.00 |
| Spending power: GPOC | | | |
| DD | Unity Trust Bank | Bank charges JANUARY | £6.00 |
| Spending power: GPOC | | | |
| DD | Spoton.Net Ltd (It'seeze website) | Months subscription invoice date 14th January 2026 | £58.80 |
| Spending power: GPOC | | | |
| Pension Contributions: | | | |
| DD | NEST (National Employment Savings Trust) | JANUARY contribution Employee pension contribution - 5% - £47.54 Employer pension contribution - 3% - £12.92 | £60.46 |
| Spending power: GPOC | | | |
| HMRC payments: | | | |
| BACS | HMRC | HMRC Income Tax JANUARY 2026 | £111.86 |
| Spending Power: GPOC | | | |
| Additional payments: | | | |
| BACS | Mr David Easterbrook | Batteries £10 and string of lights £9 | £19.00 |
| Spending power: GPOC | | | |
| BACS | F Davies & Sont Ltd | Order 324 – Col 29 (30/32 Fitzwilliam), Col 38 (Near Ridge View) Order 325 – Col 19 (near 13 Peterhouse), Col 30 (29 Fitzwilliam), Col 33 (Scout Hut). | £293.40 |
| Spending power: GPOC | | | |

37/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** bank reconciliation, report up to and including 31st January 2026 and **verify** figures against bank statements.

38/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** how to proceed with the allocation of NCIL monies and **agree** as a first step to investigate the cost for appointing a consultant for a neighbourhood plan.

39/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **consider** assessment of risk and **review** the following and **agree**:

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| <p>a. Insurance – (no change – long term agreement ends 1st April 2027).</p> <p>Public Liability cover - £10M Fidelity cover - £250,000 Employers' Liability - £5M</p> | <p>b. Financial regulations - (no change issue 19th Sept 2024)</p> <p>c. Risk assessment</p> <p>d. Standing orders (no change)</p> <p>e. Asset register.</p> <p>f. Model Publication Scheme</p> |
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- To remove allotment holders from Model Publication Scheme.
- To review gazebo costs.
- To check correct review dates on all documents as should be February 2026.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

40/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss/agree** promotion and continuation of the Sunflower Competition. Agreed Councillor will attend assembly on 17th April with seeds and packaging to be ready by 14th April for distribution. Packs also needed for village shop.

41/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **consider** whether to include bleed control kits with our defibrillators and **agree** that more information is needed: discuss with PCSO what his thoughts are on holding these kits and to investigate security, whether certain locations may be better and make enquiries with CHT.

42/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive update on allotments and **agree** spring inspection date to be discussed at March meeting. Plot 13 cleared (not sprayed yet) and invoicing to go out shortly.

PLAYGROUNDS

43/26 Langley Playground - to **receive** report on progress and timings for the installation of play equipment (during May/June 2026), discussing equipment design and issues raised by Cheshire East.

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** the following:

- Members would prefer the equipment from Sutcliffe.
- They would suggest that the slides should be North facing.
- Fencing should not be removed as dogs are walked in the area.

Councillor raised whether the Parish Council should negotiate an Easement for access to the field entrance in order to safeguard continuation of the fete for the future. To be discussed at a future meeting.

HIGHWAYS and FOOTPATH MATTERS

44/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** reports on highways/footpath issues and **agree** action.

- Main Road near Old School House - Large potholes and road in bad condition.
- Lyme Green to Walker Lane - road in appalling condition.
- Junction of Cock Hall Lane and Chapel Lane - Pothole.
- Lindrum Avenue - condition of road just before bus shelter.

THE GRAPEVINE

45/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** ideas for inclusion in the next Grapevine magazine and **agreed** (Deadline 9th February):

- Litter pick and Earth Day – included in this issue.
- Langley Playground update – included in this issue.
- Sunflower Competition – included in this issue.

PLANNING

46/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

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| Application No: | 26/0031/VOC |
| Proposal: | Removal of condition 2 (PD Rights) on approved application 15/0788M – Change of Use of Stone Barn from holiday let to residential. |
| Location: | Gritstone Barn, Bollinhead Lane, Sutton, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0NA |
| Deadline: | 20 th February 2026 |

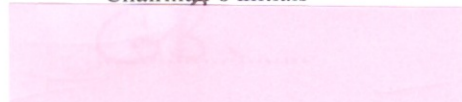
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: *“Sutton Parish Council would object to removal of condition 2. The removal of PD rights is required to preserve the agricultural character of the property and must be maintained. It is understood that PD rights do not extend to barn conversions or other former agricultural buildings and are removed as a matter of course to control development. In this case it is vital to maintain control to preserve the rural setting of the peak park fringe.”*

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| Application No: | 26/0331/FUL |
| Proposal: | Proposed siting of two self-contained glamping pods for tourist accommodation adjacent to the Hanging Gate Inn. This is a diversification project that will provide an important additional revenue stream for the pub and also create additional 0.5 FTE employment. Each pod will occupy a ground space 32sq metres. |
| Location: | Hanging Gate, Wincle Lane, Sutton Macclesfield, SK11 0NG |
| Deadline: | 23 February 2026 |

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: *“Sutton Parish Council object to this application and are concerned regarding the size, the visual impact on the skyline and noise (in use) affecting properties in the vicinity.”*

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| Application No: | 26/0446/PIP |
| Proposal: | Permission in Principle for one dwelling and associated development. |
| Location: | Land Adj Langley Cricket Club , Macclesfield , SK11 0DE |
| Deadline: | 23 February 2026 |

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: *“Sutton Parish Council object to this application as this proposal would be on located on greenfield agricultural land within the green belt which has not been previously developed and is therefore not grey belt. Also, the proposal is more*



than 230metres from Langley Village boundary and would create an isolated dwelling in open countryside and set a dangerous precedent if approved.”

47/26 **Noted; Decisions, appeals and withdrawals this month: NONE RECEIVED**

CORRESPONDENCE received:

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

- 48/26 Resident – Lavender Fields application 24/2664D.
49/26 Chad Kirk Consulting – updated regarding streetlight on Brighton Crescent.
50/26 CHALC – Cheshire & Warrington: Rural Needs Analysis – invitation to online consultation. (deadline 26th February 5p.m.
51/26 Resident - Bridge training wall failure and risk of flooding Langley. *Noted landowners' responsibility.*
52/26 Cheshire East Highways – Report Update SR510005011 lack of footpath to petrol station Lyme Green.

LANGLEY ORCHARD

53/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **consider** information received from appointed solicitor regarding searches and **agree** how to proceed with searches for points 1, 2, 3, 4 and not point 5 (as not necessary).

54/26 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

- Langley Orchard
- The Great British Spring Clean litter pick (Saturday 21st March) and Earth Day.
- Training
- Concern regarding falling trees from land adjoining the Pinfold, which if they fell could cause damage to the Pinfold.

55/26 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** To agree the date for next meeting as **Thursday 12th March 2026** commencing at 7.30 p.m.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.54 p.m.

Minutes agreed by Sutton Parish Council as a true record



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