

# SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026 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), D Fosbrook, E Hall, H Jackson, T Priestman, A Waller and T Whiskard.

**Also present:** The Parish Clerk.

- 1/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive apologies for absence from Ward Cllr C O’Leary, PCSO J Newns and Councillors C Eyre, R Chamberlain, K Stepien-Bialy. Councillor M Bhatia was not present.
- 2/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive dispensations and declarations of interest: No declarations of interest were received.
- 3/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to confirm and sign the Minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and agree amendment to resolution 321/25.
- 4/26 **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

- 5/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive report from the Cheshire East Ward Member. See Appendix 1.
- 6/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team. See Appendix 2.
- 7/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive reports from the Climate Emergency Working Group and Langley Community Orchard and agree to support the following:
- Joint event with the Langley Orchard “promoting biodiversity” and environmental literacy” raising awareness about Earth Day (22<sup>nd</sup> April):
    - To liaise with Macclesfield Wild Network for event in Langley Community Orchard, insurance, Cheshire East and risk assessment.
  - Organised litter pick between 13<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March as part of the Great British Spring Clean event and engaging with the wider community (Hollinhey Primary School, CIC and PCC etc).
    - Coffee and tea, risk assessment, hall hire Saturday 21st March, enquire with CEC (30 pickers, hoops and hi viz vests).

### FINANCE

8/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to approve schedule of receipts and payments for January 2026.

**Receipts From: NONE RECEIVED**

**Payments To:**

BACS	Lyme Green Community Hall CIO	transfer remaining earmarked reserve monies to (Earmarked reserves £4560) <b>PAID IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS AGREED RES 321/25</b>	£4560.00
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	SSE	Payment due 22/12/25 – Invoice period - 01/11/25 – 30/11/25 <b>PAID IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING</b>	£206.04
<b>Spending Power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	Sarah Giller	Clerks’ net salary £871.40 and expenses £34.10, Pension contributions £60.46 & HMRC £111.86 <b>DECEMBER</b>	£905.50
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	NSALG	Parish Council Membership	£84.00

<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	F Davies & Son Ltd	Work carried on street lighting Order 321 - Column 55 (23 Symondsley Road) and light attached to substation on the Pleasance.	£171.60
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	F Davies & Son Ltd	Christmas tree lighting.	£144.00
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	Koop's Christmas Trees	4 x Christmas trees. Langley, Lyme Green, Sutton and Hollinhey Primary School.	£650.00
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	Keith Roberts	For fitting and removing Christmas trees in Sutton, Langley and Lyme Green.	£650.00
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	Chris Fenton	Lighting and sound for Christmas Event in the Pleasance.	£50.00
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	Charles D Reynolds, Music Account	Playing during Remembrance Day Service at War Memorial	£75.00
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	Anthony Boon	Allotment 13 Lyme Green strim and clear plot <b>PAID IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING</b>	£220.00
<b>Spending Power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	Anthony Boon	Maintenance of The Pleasance, benches on Ridge Hill and Pinfold Jarman <b>PAID IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING</b>	£750.00
<b>Spending Power: GPOC</b>			
DD	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges <b>DECEMBER</b>	£6.00
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
DD	Spoton.Net Ltd (It'seeze website)	Months subscription <b>DECEMBER 2025</b> (Collected by DD 15/12/25)	£58.80
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
<b>Pension Contributions:</b>			
DD	NEST (National Employment Savings Trust)	<b>NOVEMBER contribution</b> Employee pension contribution - 5% - £47.54 Employer pension contribution - 3% - £12.92	£60.46
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
<b>HMRC payments:</b>			
BACS	HMRC	HMRC Income Tax <b>DECEMBER 2025</b>	£111.86
<b>Spending Power: GPOC</b>			
<b>Additional Payments:</b>			
BACS	SSE	Payment due 21/01/26 Invoice period - 01/12/25 – 31/12/25	£226.82
<b>Spending Power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	HMRC	Outstanding Employers TAX	£10.80
<b>Spending Power: GPOC</b>			

- 9/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** third quarter finance, report up to and including 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 and verify figures against bank statements.
- 10/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** quote for repainting of seating and handles in Langley bus shelter (£70).
- 11/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** Gawsworth and Sutton PC NCIL mis-payment and reallocation of monies and **noted** that the Council should wait until this is resolved by CEC.
- 12/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** amendment to Clerks contract of employment extending hours to 15hrs per week.

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL**

- 13/26 Remembrance Day - **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** and **agree** amended quote from Dutton Traffic Management Company (£1780 plus VAT).
- 14/26 Community Orchard - **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** Head of Terms and issues raised by solicitor and from site meeting (12<sup>th</sup> December) and **agree** action (e.g. necessary searches etc).
- Solicitor will be providing a quote for searches.

- CEC to confirm breakdown of fees quoted.
- Request CEC legal team contact.
- All ongoing.

## PLAYGROUNDS

- 10/26 Langley Playground - **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** that Cllr Barber and Bhatia will be attending site meeting 29<sup>th</sup> January at 9am and Cllr Barber will be given a mandate to make a decision on the Councils behalf regarding the revised layout Options 1, 2 and 3 for the playground.
- Members consider Option 1 viable – with disabled zip wire on fete days.
  - Members consider Option 2 viable.
  - Members consider Option 3 is definitely not a viable option as unneighbourly.
  - Access – To chase whether there has been any progress regarding an easement for site access.

## ALLOTMENTS

- 15/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** and update members regarding the allotments. Noted that all plots are now tenanted. Contractor has cleared Plot 13 and will be speaking with tenant with regards spraying the site.

## HIGHWAYS and FOOTPATH MATTERS

- 16/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** reports on highways/footpath issues and **agree** action.
- Lavender Fields - very icy on roads and paths. To ask what provision is in place to grit the Lavender Fields estate e.g. grit bins. Reference SR510018188
  - Light cover has disappeared from column on the left-hand side, on bend closest to houses into Langley.
  - Manor Terrace – outside houses footpath for whole width of semis is a mess.
  - Manor Terrace – opposite terrace fencing is teetering on edge.
  - Hedges Hollin Lane – hedges completely covering pavement to extent you must walk in road. from Hollin Lane traveling from Sutton past Rosendale entrance which borders to the wood. Hawthorn makes it impossible to walk on pathway. reference SR510018186
  - Main Road – numerous potholes, road in bad condition from schoolhouse to the old school.
  - Complaints received regarding parking outside the ex-servicemen’s club and the Lamb, particularly Thursday nights.
  - Enquiry regarding when cable fibre is coming to Sutton.

## THE GRAPEVINE

- 17/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** ideas for inclusion in the next Grapevine magazine and **agreed** (*Deadline 9th February*):
- Litter Pick and Earth Day

## PLANNING

- 18/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

Application No:	25/4595/HOUS
Proposal:	Demolition of boiler room and the construction of a two-storey and a single storey rear extension.
Location:	Higher Ridgeway Farm Clarke Lane, Langley, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0NE
Deadline:	6th January 2026 (Extended 16th January 2026)

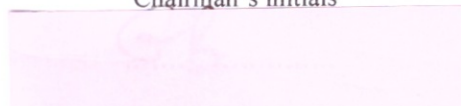
**THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: *“Sutton Parish Council have no objection to this application.”*

- 19/26 **Noted; Decisions, appeals and withdrawals this month: NONE RECEIVED**

## CORRESPONDENCE received:

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

- 20/26 Cheshire East Council – Holocaust Memorial Day on 27th January in Crewe (deadline 18<sup>th</sup> January).  
 21/26 Cheshire Constabulary – future of neighbourhood policing in Cheshire.



- 22/26 Resident – copy of request for Confirmation of PD Status to Cheshire East Planning (Hollinhey Primary School Outbuilding (Green Belt)).
- 23/26 Cheshire East Council - Neighbourhood Planning and the Local Plan Refresh.
- 24/26 Regan Group - path clean ups around the local area Sutton. *To suggest the pavement at Parvey Lane where it meets Walker Lane.*

**25/26 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA**

- Assessment of risk for 2026.
- Annual donation to CIC.
- Allocation of CIL monies – and grant application forms

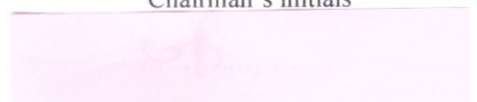
304/25 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to agree the date for next meeting as **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.43 p.m.

Minutes agreed by Sutton Parish Council as a true record



Chairman



## Appendices

### Appendix 1 - Report from the Cheshire East Ward Member

- Meeting arranged with CEC officers, parish councillors, and Langley Fete organisers about the proposed improvements to Langley Playing Fields to ensure the proposals work for the fete and other requirements.
- Update received on the planning enforcement issues on Lavender Fields, which is that they are still progressing matters but no resolution yet.
- Traffic calming works for Jarman will be happening this month. He continue to lobby for similar works for Langley Road.
- Asked again, for Hall Lane and Walker Lane to be included in the capital programme for level 2 patching or resurfacing.
- Waiting for confirmation on when and how the works to address the collapsing road on Byron's Lane opposite the Old King's Head will be undertaken.
- Advised that design works for the replacement of the collapsed culvert on Standing Stone Road will shortly be undertaken.

### Appendix 2 - Report the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team

Police Report for December 13th 2025/January 13th 2026

28<sup>th</sup> December - TRUCAM speed enforcement on Jarman. Nine vehicles exceeded the speed limit and the fastest was 40mph in a 30.

Continued presence at Hollinhey Primary school assisting with parking patrol.

#### Incidents of note:

20/12/2025 - Reports that driver purposely drenched a group of runners by driving through a puddle on Croker Lane Sutton.

22/12/2025 - Reports of dangerous driving Trentabank Macclesfield Forest. Cyclist reporting van driver. After review there was no further action.

25/12/2025 - Possible drink driver London Road/Robin Lane, Lyme Green. Submission for intelligence.

29/12/2025 - Report of clay pigeon shoot on private land off Hollin Lane, Sutton. No offences.

31/12/2025 - Damage of nativity and theft of figures at old bus shelter Walker Lane, Sutton.

08/01/2026 - Police assistance with broken down vehicle at Cat and Fiddle.