

# SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026 COMMENCING at 7.30 P.M.

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

### PRESENT

**Councillors:** Cllrs G Barber (Chairman), R Chamberlain, C Eyre, D Fosbrook, E Hall, H Jackson, A Waller and T Whiskard.

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

- 56/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive** apologies for absence from PCSO J Newns, Councillor J Sinclair Smith (Vice Chairman), M Bhatia, K Stepien-Bialy and T Priestman.
- 57/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive** dispensations and declarations of interest: No declarations of interest were received.
- 58/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to confirm** and sign the Minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
- 59/26 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

- 60/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive** report from the Cheshire East Ward Member.
- Cheshire East Council will be raising council tax bills to the maximum allowed.
  - Missed black bin collections – Trying find out why some residents have had three missed bin collections in a row. Encouraging residents to complain to the council.
  - Cllr O'Leary is unsure what has happened to the traffic calming measures that should have been put in place on Jarman & Langley Road by CEC. The road has been marked with white line and SLOW markers but no other speed reducing signs.
  - The road condition of Walker Lane continues and endeavouring to try and get action from Highways.
  - Chasing for action regarding missing streetlight (damaged by gritting lorry) at London Road island turning into Sparrow Avenue.
  - Planning Enforcement - raising concerns regarding whether permission has been given to build five houses on land at corner of Gaw End Lane.
- 61/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive** report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- TRUCAM speed gun enforcement conducted Byrons Lane 2/3/26 between 09:15-10:15hours. 6 Vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit and the fastest travelled at 38mph.

Continued road traffic policing around Hollinhey Primary School and linking in with the school when there are issues.

#### Police Surgery Dates

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 10-11am - Sutton General Store Café

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2-3pm - Lyme Green Park

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10-11am - Lyme Green Park

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 10-11am - Sutton General Store Café

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Langley Methodist Church

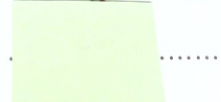
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 9-10am - Langley Methodist Church

#### Incidents of Note

08/02/26 - Road Traffic Collision London Road, Lyme Green - Women drove into parked car. Taken to hospital to be checked out. Not intoxicated.

08/02/26 - Shop lifting Lyme Green Business Park.

09/02/26 - Immigration visits Stanley Arms Macclesfield Forest.



- 18/02/26 - Concern for safety Byrons Lane - ambulance and police contacted.  
 01/03/26 - Reports of man carrying firearm near Sutton Reservoir.  
 04/03/26 - Neighbour dispute Main Road Langley.  
 06/03/26 - Aggressive dog Meg Lane Sutton - words of advice to dog owner.  
 07/03/26 - Concern for safety of 15yr old girl intoxicated Ridgeway Road Langley - Police attended and arranged for girl to get home.

**62/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive reports from the Climate Emergency Working Group and Langley Orchard and agree action:

- Langley Orchard Earth Day 25<sup>th</sup> April and how it is progressing. Different groups are involved including Macclesfield Wild Network. Encouraging residents to walk. Event to include nature walk and possibly scything.
- Langley Orchard – **noted** that the solicitor is progressing Draft Head of Terms with Cheshire East Council.
- Langley Orchard - **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to agree to prepare a schedule of condition to evidence the current state of the land.
- Great British Spring Clean litter pick on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Posters are up (spare copies available), maps prepared, filled bags can be left at the scout hut for pick up and equipment will be delivered to the Chairman.

#### FINANCE

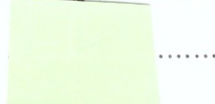
**63/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to approve schedule of receipts and payments for March 2026.

##### Receipts From:

BACS	Hale	Allotment Plot 15A	£49.70
BACS	Barnard	Allotment Plot 11A	£32.55
BACS	Dean/Palmer	Allotment Plot 9	£66.50
BACS	Greatorex	Allotment Plot 7A	£36.93
BACS	Johnson	Allotment Plot 10B	£36.05
BACS	Wheatstone	Allotment Plot 1B	£49.00
BACS	Shephard	Allotment Plot 2B	£28.00
CHQ	Patterson	Allotment Plot 6B	£35.27
CHQ	Watkins	Allotment Plot 10A	£36.05

##### Payments To:

BACS	Dixon Rigby Keogh	Payment to solicitor for searches with respect of the Langley Orchard. <b>PAID IN ADVANCE OF MEETING AS AGREED BY COUNCIL</b>	£843.50
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	Sarah Giller	Clerks' net salary £871.20 and expenses £55.85, Pension contributions £60.46 & HMRC £112.06 <b>FEBRUARY</b>	£927.05
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
DD	SSE ENERGY SOLUTIONS	Invoice period 01/01/2026 – 31/01/2026	£219.59
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	F Davies & Son Ltd	Order 327 – Column 17 (29 Gonville Avenue), Column 68 (83 Robin Lane)	£127.80
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
BACS	Anthony Boon	Bus shelter Langley – remove handles of bench repaint and replace, repaint bench legs and replace broken defibrillator sign.	£70.00
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
DD	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges <b>FEBRUARY</b>	£7.00
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
DD	Spoton.Net Ltd (It'seeze website)	Months subscription invoice date 16th February 2026	£58.80
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
<b>Pension Contributions:</b>			
DD	NEST (National Employment Savings Trust)	<b>JANUARY 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>FEBRUARY 2026</b>	£112.06



<b>Spending Power: GPOC</b>			
<b>Additional Payments:</b>			
BACS	Npower Commercial Gas Ltd	Christmas Lighting	£22.87
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			

- 64/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** bank reconciliation up to and including 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and verify figures against bank statements.
- 65/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** update from Principal Planning Obligations Officer (CEC) regarding Gawsworth and Sutton PC mis-payment and reallocation of NCIL monies and awaiting confirmation of monies.

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL**

- 66/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** update regarding the Sunflower Competition. Seeds have been ordered, posters arranged with the school, seeds to be delivered to the school after the Easter holiday and confirmed a Councillor will attend an assembly.
- 67/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** update on allotments and **agree** spring inspection date for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 4 p.m. Noted there may be a cost for wildflower seed planting as agreed at the entrance.
- 68/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **consider** Cheshire East Councils request to submit sites for housing, employment, minerals or waste uses and **agree** Members had nothing to submit.
- 69/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **consider** the safety of trees, from the land adjoining to the “pinfold” and **agreed** to investigate. (check insurance, contact the landowner and supply photos).

**PLAYGROUNDS**

- 70/26 Langley Playground - **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **consider** updated Masterplan for the playground (which includes Sutcliffe equipment) and **agree**:
  - that members preferred the steel fencing as replacement fencing (which will last longer).
  - To ask whether a bin could be placed beside the play area or in the play area.
  - To ask for confirmation that the path surface is accessible for pushchairs and wheelchairs as there seems to be two difference surfaces shown (there have been problems with the surfaces at Lyme Green).

**HIGHWAYS and FOOTPATH MATTERS**

- 71/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** reports on highways/footpath issues and **agree** action.
  - Lindrum Avenue towards Robin Lane - deep pothole.
  - Road breaking up Langley Road around Oaklea.
  - Report school bus with a badge AH6 (assuming serving All Hallows) using weight restricted Church Lane.

**THE GRAPEVINE**

- 72/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** ideas for inclusion in the next Grapevine magazine and **agreed** (Deadline APRIL):
  - Litter Pick and Earth Day
  - Allotment waiting list

**PLANNING**

- 73/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

<b>Application No:</b>	26/0424/FUL
<b>Proposal:</b>	Full application for demolition of existing buildings and re-development to form 7 dwellings and associated works including landscaping and alterations to existing access to the bungalow and Top Barn.
<b>Location:</b>	Gurnett Farm Hall Lane, Sutton, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0HQ
<b>Deadline:</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026 (Extended to 13 <sup>th</sup> March)

**THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: “Sutton Parish Council have no objection in principle; however, we have some concerns regarding enough adequate parking and overflow parking that could occur on Jarman. We would suggest a restriction on parking on Jarman Road. Moving the entrance to the development would be of benefit to the village. Low level lighting would be preferred throughout the development to prevent light pollution.”

<b>Application No:</b>	26/0712/HOUS
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<b>Proposal:</b>	single storey rear extension
<b>Location:</b>	18 Cricketers Way, Langley, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0AX
<b>Deadline:</b>	23 March 2026

**THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council:** "Sutton Parish Council have no objection to this application as long as it is not deemed unneighbourly".

<b>Application No:</b>	26/0691/HOUS
<b>Proposal:</b>	Demolish existing single storey outrigger, first floor side extension and alterations to form new windows/door
<b>Location:</b>	Woodbine Cottage Jarman, Sutton, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0HJ
<b>Deadline:</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026

**THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council:** "Sutton Parish Council have no objection to this application in principle, but it should be subservient to the main dwelling. The proposed windows on rear elevation are out of character with the rest of the windows."

**74/26 Noted; Decisions, appeals and withdrawals this month:**

<b>Application No:</b>	26/0440/PRIOR-6
<b>Proposal:</b>	Prior approval for new road to serve a new agricultural building subject of planning application 25/2854/FUL.
<b>Location:</b>	Wood Cottage Walker Lane, Sutton, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0HU
<b>Decision:</b>	Prior Approval Refused

<b>Application No:</b>	25/4595/HOUS
<b>Proposal:</b>	Demolition of boiler room and the construction of a two-storey and a single storey rear extension.
<b>Location:</b>	Higher Ridgeway Farm Clarke Lane, Langley, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0NE
<b>Decision:</b>	Approved With Conditions

**CORRESPONDENCE received:**

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

- 75/26 United Utilities Update on water situation – to hold open forum for any questions before April meeting commences at 7.30 p.m.
- 76/26 CEC Strategic Planning Officer - Neighbourhood Plan for Sutton Parish.
- 77/26 Remembrance Day/Christmas Switch-on – to note that the Parish Council will need to cover public liability insurance for the PA system and amend Risk Assessment accordingly.
- 78/26 Regen Group – work on pathway clearance.
- 79/26 Resident - Lavender Fields Development update regarding Seddon Homes Issues. Contact Planning Enforcement Officer to express concern about the outstanding issues that Seddons still have to action. Report to Seddons that "works signs" are still up and lighting is still not working.
- 80/26 Resident – confirmed timber building erected at Hollinhey Primary School complies with conditions.
- 81/26 Notice that Scouting Groups are holding an event on 11<sup>th</sup> April in the Pleasance. This is a free event including a camp breakfast. Suggest also attending Earth Day and check with Cheshire East.

**82/26 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA**


- To **discuss** 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 **consider** whether to include bleed control kits with our defibrillators.
- Neighbourhood Plan.
- Bus shelter Lyme Green – guttering running into bus shelter downspout.

**83/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the date for next meeting as Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026 commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.19 p.m.

Minutes agreed by Sutton Parish Council as a true record

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