SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2026 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, H Jackson, J Sinclair Smith (Vice Chairman), A Waller and T Whiskard.

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

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

107/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** the re-election of Cllr G Barber as Chairman for 2026/2027 and **receive** the Chairman's acceptance of office.
Proposed by: Cllr J Sinclair Smith and
Seconded by: Cllr E Hall and **agreed** by the meeting.

108/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** election of Cllr E Hall as Vice Chairman for 2026/2027 and **receive** the Vice Chairman's acceptance of office.
Proposed by: Cllr J Sinclair Smith and
Seconded by: Cllr G Barber and agreed by the meeting.

109/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** appointment of Parish Council groups, committees and representatives for local forum.

110/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** apologies for absence from PCSO J Newns, Cllrs K Stepien-Bialy and T Priestman.

111/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** dispensations and declarations of interest: **None received.**

112/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **confirm** and sign the Minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 9th April 2026.

113/26 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

114/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** report from the Cheshire East Ward Member. ***See Appendix 1.***

115/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team. ***See Appendix 2.***

116/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive reports from the Climate Emergency Working Group and Langley Orchard. ***See Appendix 3.***

FINANCE

117/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** to continue to receive services from Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC).

118/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **approve** schedule of receipts and payments for May 2026.

Receipts From:

BACS	Cheshire East Council	NCIL 01 October 2025 - 31 March 2026	£155,385.83

Payments To:

BACS	Sarah Giller	Clerks' net salary £885.80 and expenses £42.65, Pension contributions £60.46 & HMRC £97.46 **APRIL**	£928.45
Spending power: GPOC			
BACS	The Community Heartbeat Trust	Annual support	£756.00
Spending power: GPOC			
BACS	JDH Business Services Ltd	Internal audit for year ended 31/3/26	£403.20
Spending power: GPOC			

BACS	Milli-Anne Bhatia	A4 posters and 50 bookmarks for Climate Working Group.	£60.00
Spending power: GPOC			
BACS	Cheshire Association of Local Councils	Subscription 2026-27	£875.60
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	Spoton.Net Ltd (It'seeze website)	Months subscription invoice date 14th April 2026	£58.80
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	SSE Energy Solutions	Electricity Supply Invoice period 01/03/26 to 31/03/26	£141.04
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges **APRIL**	£7.00
Spending power: GPOC			

Pension Contributions:

DD	NEST (National Employment Savings Trust)	**APRIL 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 **APRIL 2026**	£97.46
Spending Power: GPOC			

Additional Payments:

BACS	Dixon Rigby Keogh	Community Orchard – CEC legal fees and surveyor's fees	£2651.00
Spending Power: GPOC			
BACS	Susan Kay	Mailboxes - printing for climate emergency group.	£7.30
Spending Power: GPOC			

119/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** bank reconciliation up to 30th April 2026.

120/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **review** and **agree** to confirm bank signatories with no changes.

121/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** the internal audit report has been received and **agree** to action the issues and recommendation raised (*The council must adopt and publish an accessibility statement and ensure compliance with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2 AA and the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (where applicable).*

122/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** and sign end of year accounts for year ending 31st March 2026.

123/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2025/26.

124/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025/26.

125/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** receipt of NCIL monies for £155,385.83 *(Community Infrastructure Levy)* and **agreed** to move monies into a separate savings account to the other monies received.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

126/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** the neighbourhood plan and **agreed** to move this forward.

127/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** update regarding Sunflower Competition and **reported** that all seeds have been distributed.

ALLOTMENTS

128/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** inspection report, note vacant plots and **agreed** to inspect the condition of allotment fencing. To add notice asking tenants to remove all rubbish from site and not to throw material into adjoining field or leave at the gates.

129/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **consider** application for structure on plot 15A (shed) and **agreed** that Members were not prepared to agree this until the plot is cleared and all rubbish removed to the Councils satisfaction. The allotment is for cultivation not storage.

PLAYGROUNDS

130/26 Langley Playground – **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** timeline for works regarding delivery of playground and **agreed** to enquire whether they are still on course to commence 25th May.

131/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** response from Fete Committee regarding access to Langley field **agreed** to invite representatives of the organisers of the fete committee to a meeting in September to discuss a proposal the Council would like to discuss/put to them regarding the long-term continuation of the fete.

HIGHWAYS and FOOTPATH MATTERS

132/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** reports on highways/footpath issues and **agree** action.

- Bottom of Ridge Hill near public house – bush growing out of wall at the side of road into the highway. Cars coming down Ridge Hill have to swerve round it onto the other side of the road. This is a safety issue.
- Riverside Close - sign on needs new posts with both rotten and whole sign hanging off.
- Bottom of Jarman where it meets Hall Lane - pot holes. Resident has marked particularly large one with red paint.
- No action seen regarding road sinking outside school on Main Road.
- Reported Langley road sign disappeared.
- Church Lane – zig zag/narrow road sign post has large hole in it and metal has perished. Just before Judy Lane footpath side on left as you come from Church. Urgent health and safety issue.

THE GRAPEVINE

133/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to discuss ideas for inclusion in the next Grapevine magazine and **agreed** *(Deadline 11th June)*

- Earth Day update and pictures.
- Reported international sheep dog trials 1st week in August.

PLANNING

134/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

Application Nr:	26/1283/HOUS Householder
Site address:	BRINDHURST FARM Bollinhead Lane, Sutton, Macc, Cheshire East, SK11 0NA
Proposal:	Replacement garden storage building
Deadline:	15TH May 2026

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

Application Nr:	26/0099/HOUS
Site address:	MEG LANE END COTTAGE Meg Lane, Sutton, Macclesfield, SK11 0LY
Proposal:	Demolish existing sunroom and green house, construct new single storey extension
Deadline:	28 May 2026

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

135/26 Noted; Decisions, appeals and withdrawals this month:

Application Nr:	25/2559/CLPUD - Certificate of Lawful Use / Development - Proposed
Site address:	Land Off Clarke Lane, Langley, Cheshire East, SK11 0NE
Proposal:	Certificate of lawful development for proposed siting of a single movable off-grid shepherd's hut for seasonal recreational use.
Decision:	Positive Certificate

Application Nr:	26/0446/PIP
Site address:	Land Adj Langley Cricket Club , Macclesfield , SK11 0DE
Proposal:	Permission in Principle for one dwelling and associated development.
Decision:	Refused

Application Nr:	25/4600/LBC
Site address:	WOOD COTTAGE Walker Lane, Sutton, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0HU
Proposal:	Listed building consent for a single storey extension connecting dwelling house to coach house.
Decision:	Approved With Conditions

Application Nr:	25/4599/HOUS
Site address:	WOOD COTTAGE Walker Lane, Sutton, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0HU
Proposal:	Single storey extension connecting dwelling house to coach house

Decision:	Approved With Conditions

CORRESPONDENCE received:

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

136/26 CEC – Invite to Town and Parish Council Member Session (Wed 1 July 5.30pm-7pm, Sandbach) *Deadline 25 May 2026* and **agreed** that Cllr Hall would attend.

137/26 CEC – invitation to be a part of Cheshire East Bus Enhanced Partnership Forum meeting (Wed Jun 03, 2026 10:45 am - 12:45 pm), Macclesfield.

138/26 Dixon Rigby Keogh – progressing with Heads of Terms for Community Orchard.

139/26 The Pensions Regulator – Legal duties as an employer to re-enrolment (15th June 2026) and re-declaration duties *(deadline 16th November 2026)*.

140/26 CEC Planning Enforcement – response regarding issues raised with respect to the Lavender Fields Development.

141/26 CEC Highways – Stage 2 Complaint Number 35594858 Ward Councillors Budget.

142/26 Sutton St. James Church – Members agreed with request to use gazebo on 7th June.

143/26 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

144/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the date for next meeting as Thursday 11th June 2026 commencing **at 7.30 p.m.**

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.30 p.m.

Minutes agreed by Sutton Parish Council as a true record

..... Chairman

Appendix 1 - Report from Cheshire East Ward Member

The Ward member attended a very successful launch night at the St Dunstan's.

Highways have agreed to resurface Walker Lane, Robin Lane and it will be added to the capital programme.

The Ward member asked for advice after being contacted by several residents regarding parking and about setting up a parking scheme on Walker Lane, Tunnicliffe Lane and Bell Avenue. Members discussed this and it was agreed that he would approach Hollinhey Primary School and PCSO J Newns to discuss solutions.

Appendix 2 - Report from the Macclesfield Policing Team – PCSO J Newns

As well as covering Macclesfield East and Sutton Wards he has also been given Macclesfield Central beat which involves Macclesfield Town Centre. He will need to split his time between the two beats moving forward.

Continued TRUCAM

Continued Hollinhey Primary School parking patrols and school visits. They will be erecting signs with parking information/ guidelines to educate those dropping off and picking up.

Police Surgery dates times and venues are:

- Saturday 23rd May 10-11am Sutton General Store Café
- Sunday 24th May 2-3pm Lyme Green Park Robin Lane
- Saturday 13th June 10-11am Sutton General Store Café
- Sunday 14th June 2-3pm Lyme Green Park Robin Lane
- Wednesday 24th June 10:30-11:30am Langley Methodist Church

Incidents of note

11/04/2026 - Damage only Road Traffic Collision- Driver hit sheep on Buxton New Road.
12/04/2026 - Dangerous Driving Vehicle hit wall on Buxton Old Road.
15/04/2026 - 50 Cars causing obstructions on Hollin Lane due to an event.
18/04/2026 - Dog attack on man on Coalpit Lane- Man arrested.
24/04/2026 - Suspicious white van on Fitzwilliam Avenue seen near building work.
25/04/2026 - Man set fire to vehicle he crashed into parked car on London Rd Lyme Green. The vehicle was stolen.
25/04/2026 - Trespass Robin Lane- No offences.
26/04/2026 - Male arrested for having no insurance whilst driving on Buxton New Road.
26/04/2026 - Vehicles wing mirror knocked off on Buxton New Road.
01/05/2026 - Fraud – Local person reported being scammed out of £200- Directed to Report FRAUD.
03/05/2026 - Driver made off after hitting a vehicle on Lyme Green Business Park.
06/05/2026 - Reports of nuisance motorcycles on land off Lyme Green.
07/05/2026 - Reports of E-bike riders riding on Macc Golf Course.
08/05/2026 - Stop Search on Kingfisher Drive.

Appendix 3 - report on Langley Orchard and Climate Emergency Working Group

No written report available however, the Earth Day took place in Langley orchard and was well attended with a steady stream of people.
They were planning to attend Hollinhey school fete however, they did not have available members for the day. The Group will be able to attend the Langley village fete.
Reported they had obtained a free water tank to catch water and had now connected it to the guttering at Langley Institute (permission was obtained).
There next meeting is 8th June.
The Heads of Terms has been agreed with Cheshire and our solicitor and is moving forward.