SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2026 COMMENCING AT 7.30 P.M.

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

PRESENT

Councillors: G Barber (Chairman), E Hall (Vice Chairman), D Fosbrook, H Jackson, J Sinclair Smith, K Stepien-Bialy, A Waller and T Whiskard.

Also present: The Parish Clerk, Ward Cllr C O'Leary and PCSO Jim Newns. One member of the public was present.

237/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** apologies for absence from Councillor C Eyre and R Chamberlain. Councillor M Bhatia was not present.

238/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** dispensations and declarations of interest.
Declarations of interest received from Cllr Stepien-Bialy with respect to **Item 257/26** related to "The Grapevine".

239/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **confirm** and sign the Minutes as a true record of the Meeting dated **10th** September 2026.

240/26 **Public Participation** - **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** questions from members of the public. *(10 minutes)*

a. A resident raised concerns regarding the absence of a pedestrian pathway linking the Bollin Grange development to the ESSO garage and noted that neither Vistry Homes, nor Cheshire East Council has accepted responsibility for the provision of the link.
b. A resident spoke in support of lobbying for a reduction in the speed limit on London Road, Lyme Green, to 30 mph.

Members advised that the Parish Council and the Ward Councillor continue to lobby Cheshire East Highways for both the completion of the pedestrian link between Bollin Grange and the ESSO garage and the reduction of the speed limit on London Road to 30 mph.

MEMBER REPORTS

241/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from the Cheshire East Ward Member.

a. Council finances – CEC will be borrowing for next four years to meet its expenditure.
b. CEC debated the "Peak Cluster" proposals for first time (this does not impact the three villages) – CEC have voted to oppose the proposals.
c. Highways – BT proposed to close Trentabank to do some works with a diversion through Standing Stone Road. Informed this was not a practical diversion and changes have been made to the diversion route accordingly.
d. Dangerous parking on the junction of Sparrow Avenue. Sparrow Avenue is a private road until it is handed over to the CEC. CEC have said that the parking on the junction is not their responsibility.
e. New food waste bins – food waste collections have been delayed until early 2027. Problems with collections are due to not including new builds in routes resulting in running out of time. Residents should be encouraged to report any missed bin collections.

242/26 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team.
Nine incidents reported with the majority in Lyme Green.
02/10 - Damage to fence on Gorr End Lane.
02/10 - Sparrow Avenue – reported safety concerns.
07/10 – Online fraud reported.

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08/10 – Reported letter box damage.
08/10 – Ammunition found in a safe on Walker Lane nothing of concern (old rounds).
11/10 – RTC Lyme Green business park.
11/10 – Reported illegal importation of drugs.
21/10 – RTC collision Lyme Green business park.

Surgeries
07/11 – Sutton café – 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
08/11 – Lyme Green Park – 2 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.
18/11 – Langley Methodist Park 10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Members discussed with PCSO parking at junctions and opposite junctions on Sparrow Avenue. Rules are no parking within 10m of a junction. Lindrum Avenue and Robin Lane both corners particularly bad. PCSO will give attention to junctions.

243/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** verbal report from the Climate Emergency Working Group. Nothing to report. With regards to the Orchard, it was noted that arrangements should be finalised by November to ensure planting can take place within the appropriate season.

244/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** report from Working Group considering allocation of NCIL of monies and possible adoption of a neighbourhood plan. Nothing to report. Members plan to meet on 2nd November.

FINANCE

245/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **approve** schedule of receipts and payments for October 2026.

Receipts From: None received
Payments To:

BACS	Sarah Giller	Clerks' net salary £909.42 and expenses £48.35, Pension contributions £62.97 & HMRC £108.37 **SEPTEMBER**	£957.77
Spending power: GPOC			
BACS	Mili Anne Bhatia	Minuteman Press - Printing of certificates for Sunflower Competition	£12.00
Spending power: GPOC			
BACS	F Davies & Son Ltd	Order 329 Column 59 - Minor Avenue Column 64 – Robin Lane/Lindrum Avenue	£155.53
Spending power: GPOC			
BACS	Community Heartbeat Trust	Rescue ready plan 15/10/26-15/10/27 Node 8633 Yr4	£198.00
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	Spoton.Net Ltd (It'seeze website)	Months subscription invoice date 14th October 2026	£58.80
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	SSE Energy Solutions	Electricity Supply Invoice period 01/08/26 to 31/08/26	£295.22
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges **SEPTEMBER**	£7.00
Spending power: GPOC			

Pension Contributions:

DD	NEST (National Employment Savings Trust)	**SEPTEMBER contribution** Employee pension contribution - 5% - £49.11 Employer pension contribution - 3% - £13.86	£62.97
Spending power: GPOC			

HMRC payments:

BACS	HMRC	HMRC Income Tax **SEPTEMBER 2026**	£108.37
Spending Power: GPOC			

Additional Payments

CHQS	Gill Barber	Vouchers for Sunflower Competition winners	£35.00
Spending Power: GPOC			
DD	SSE Energy Solutions	Electricity Supply Invoice period 01/09/26 to 30/09/26	£340.89
Spending Power: GPOC			

BACS	F Davies & Son Ltd	Order 330 – Column 53 Cop Meadow	£48.00
Spending Power: GPOC			
BACS	H Jackson	Purchase of 5 keys for allotments	£39.00
Spending Power: GPOC			
BACS	D Fosbrock	Parts for connecting water butt at Langley Orchard	£28.97
Spending Power: GPOC			
BACS	Mr M Johnson	Purchase of plants and compost for planters at the Pleasance	£63.78
Spending Power: GPOC			

246/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **verify** the figures in the bank statements against the bank reconciliations up to 30 September 2026. Members reviewed the second quarter finance report and **agreed** to postpone approval until the November meeting to allow the report to be amended to reflect payments made from NCIL funds and reserves.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

247/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** adoption of Terms of Reference for working group to consider the allocation of NCIL Monies and possible adoption of a Neighbourhood Plan amending point 3 to include **"to aim to meet a minimum of six times a year".**

248/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **discuss** Remembrance Day attendance and raise any concerns. Members expressed a preference for Councillors to be seated in the two pews behind the servicemen, rather than in front of them.

249/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **discuss** Christmas events **agreed** delivery time for trees and new start time for Sutton event of 5.30 p.m. on 4th December. The light supply on Brighton Crescent is still being discussed and ongoing.

250/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **discuss** meeting with Langley Fete Committee held on 10th September and **agree** to discuss under Part 2 of the Agenda.

251/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** update regarding long-term plan/sustainable solution for the maintenance of three garden sites within the parish.

- **Planters, The Pleasance** – Members were advised that the planters had been filled and that local residents had volunteered to help with watering and monitoring their condition.
- **Lyme Green beds** – The Lyme Green Ward Councillor will tidy the bed and cut back existing growth to establish which bulbs emerge in the spring. **Ongoing.**
- Selwyn Drive Beds - being monitored and looked after by resident.

252/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** the report regarding the conclusion of the Sunflower Competition. Members noted that vouchers had been purchased and that first, second and third prizes had been awarded. A Councillor had printed certificates, which were presented at a school assembly. It was further agreed that the Sunflower Competition should be reviewed at the February meeting to determine whether the school wishes to continue participating in the competition.

253/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** the report regarding the installation of equipment on the Langley playing fields. Members expressed concern that only five pieces of equipment appeared to have been installed, whereas the original proposal indicated eight items. It was agreed to raise the matter with Cheshire East Council and, if necessary, arrange a site meeting to clarify whether any equipment remains outstanding.

254/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **discuss** the damaged fence at the War Memorial and approve repairs at an estimated cost of between £100 and £150. It was further agreed to request that Cheshire East Council, or any contractor undertaking works in the vicinity, install suitable protective barriers to prevent further damage to the War Memorial fencing.

ALLOTMENTS

255/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** report regarding the current position of the allotments. Allotment site visit took place in September. Agreed discuss fencing at October meeting.

HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATH and LIGHTING MATTERS

256/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED receive reports on highways/footpath/lighting issues and **agree** action.

- Column 49 Walker Lane Lamp out.
- Column near the Church house not working.
- Column 7 – not working.
- Column 5 - Whiston Lane – not working.
- Footpath overgrown along Bottoms reservoir - on bend near water station vegetation growing out of the wall/footpath.
- Travelling down Jarman road signs seem to be a permanent fixture when will work on wall be finished. Motorists have to steer around signs.
- Discussed responsibility for the column lights for bungalows - contact Peaks & Plains as received a number of complaints from residents at Lyme View regarding lack of lighting.
- Couple of signs collapsed near Riverside Court. (reported previously still not actioned)
- Teggs Nose Mount sign faded and unreadable.

THE GRAPEVINE

257/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to discuss ideas for inclusion in the next Grapevine magazine and **agreed** *(deadline next Thursday/Friday)*

- Details of Sunflower competition. Check whether children's details can be published.
- Christmas even in the Pleasance on 4th December.

PLANNING

258/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

Application Nr:	26/3554/FUL
Site address:	Ridgewater Reservoir Clarke Lane, Langley, Sutton, Cheshire East, SK11 0NE
Proposal:	Installation of a replacement fishing hut associated with the existing recreational angling use of Ridgegate Reservoir.
Deadline:	23 October 2026

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

Application Nr:	26/3548/VOC Variation of Condition
Site address:	34 Gonville Avenue, Sutton, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0EG
Proposal:	Variation of condition 2 on approval 24/1813M: Rear extension and elevational alterations.
Deadline:	23 October 2026

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

Application Nr:	26/3378/HOUS Householder
Site address:	4 Fitzwilliam Avenue, Sutton, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0EJ
Proposal:	Single storey front extension and render existing stone walls.
Deadline:	19 October 2026 (requested extension to 23rd October)

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

Application Nr:	26/3470/LBC
Site address:	Broughton Lodge London Road, Cheshire East, Sutton, SK11 0JG
Proposal:	Listed Building Consent for the Installation of PV Pan
Deadline:	15 October 2026. (requested extension to 23rd October)

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

Application Nr:	26/3292/FUL
Site address:	Broughton Lodge London Road, Cheshire East, Sutton, SK11 0JG
Proposal:	Installation of PV Panels.
Deadline:	15 October 2026. (requested extension to 23rd October)

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

259/26 Noted; Decisions, appeals and withdrawals this month:

Application Nr:	26/2836/DSC
Site address:	GURNETT FARM Hall Lane, Sutton, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0HQ

Proposal:	Discharge of conditions 8, 10 and 15 on approval 26/0424/FUL: 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...
Decision:	Approved

Application Nr:	26/2073/CLPUD
Site address:	GRITSTONE BARN Bollinhead Lane, Sutton, Macclesfield, Cheshire East, SK11 0NA
Proposal:	Proposed lawful development certificate for the construction of a means of enclosure (fence), under GDPO Schedule 2, part 2 Class A
Decision:	Negative Certificate

Contact Planning Enforcement regarding the worsening situation of the unlawful development of quarry on Coalpit Lane.

CORRESPONDENCE received:

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

260/26 Peak Cluster Project update. Agreed to include on next agenda if more information received.

261/26 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

- To appoint a co-opted Councillor for to Lyme Green Ward.
- Allotments.

262/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the date for next meeting as Thursday 12th November 2026 commencing **at 7.30 p.m.**

PART TWO AGENDA

250/26 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** that Councillors will make enquiries regarding the feasibility of improving and firming up access to the Langley Playing fields.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.35 p.m.

Minutes agreed by Sutton Parish Council as a true record

…… Chairman

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