

# SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30 p.m.  
IN ST JAMES CHURCH HALL, SUTTON

### PRESENT

**Councillors:** A Waller (Chairman), G Barber, R Chamberlain, M Eardley, D Fosbrook, B Griffiths, M Horrox, E Jones, J Sinclair Smith and T Whiskard (Vice Chairman).

**Also present:** Parish Clerk, Cheshire East Ward Member, the Neighbourhood Policing Team and one Members of the Public.

### 1/20 APOLOGIES

None were received. Cllr M Bhatia was not present.

### 2/20 DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs J Sinclair Smith and G Barber **declared** an interest in planning 19/5875M (St James Church). Both Councillors are members of the PCC ~~committee~~.

### 3/20 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES AS A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING

**THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve** the Minutes of the Meeting dated Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 which were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 4/20 TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public spoke proposing that the Parish Council declare a state of climate emergency.

### 5/20 Report from the Cheshire East Ward Member

The Ward Councillor attended the Park 4all Christmas event in Lyme Green and spoke with the trustees of the charity regarding funding.

Issues the Ward Member in progressing;

- Parking and school traffic on Walker Lane.
- Speaking to residents regarding their ongoing traffic concerns on London Road.
- Goran Lane – meeting with the Planning Officer for update.
- Goran Lane - to speak with Cheshire East regarding cars still parked at the end of the lane.

### 6/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team (PCSO Jim Newns)

- Leaflets will be distributed around the area including details of the Community Support Officer.
- Reported that there is now a dedicated rural policing team.
- Reported that his area includes Macclesfield East and Sutton.
- Reported that a number of PCSOs have been recruited as police officers and they are trying to recruit more PCSOs with one for Sutton.
- He is concentrating on schools including parking and attending assemblies.
- Police surgeries are based at Teggs Nose but, it is proposed to have surgeries every other week in the Ex-Servicemen's Club Sutton.
- Reported that he has been out with a speed gun.

### 7/20 Members Reports

**THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to <sup>report</sup> note** that the light in Langley bus shelter has gone and the other one is very dull.

### MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

**8/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to defer** discussion, regarding a Parish Council backup plan, to the February meeting.

**9/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to defer** the setting up a working group, to discuss the possibility of increasing the wider circulation of the PCC magazine, until the February meeting.

**10/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** to discuss with Cheshire East what their position would be (in principle) to the planting Christmas trees in Langley and Lyme Green.

**THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** that, in principle, the funds allocated to Christmas should be equally divided between Lyme Green, Sutton and Langley.

**11/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** an initial response to the declared climate emergency as "...Sutton Parish Council acknowledge the climate emergency declared by central and local government (Cheshire East Council) and resolve to take whatever measures are within its power to support CEC's goal of being carbon neutral by 2030..." and **agreed** to set up a working group to discuss and explore the Climate Emergency further. Councillors Griffiths, Fosbrook, Griffiths, Jones and Sinclair Smith agreed to be part of this group.

**12/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** to arrange a meeting of the allotment group to consider necessary actions including provision of a skip on the site.

#### PLAYING FIELDS - ROBIN LANE

**13/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to receive report from Park 4all @Lyme Green. See **APPENDIX 1**.

#### FINANCE

**14/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to finalise the budget and **agreed** to set the precept at **£22,500** for 2020/21.

**15/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** the schedule of receipts and payments for **January 2020** and the Chairman signed the schedule.

**Receipts From:** NONE RECEIVED

**Payments To:**

Chq 637	Sarah Giller	Clerks Salary made up of Salary £496.79 and Expenses £51.48 (includes £5.99 to l&l website fee 24/12/19-24/01/20) <b>DECEMBER</b>	£548.27
<b>Spending power: LGA 1972 S112 and LGA 1972 s111</b>			
Chq 638	H Oldfield & Son Limited	Christmas celebration leaflets 2019	£41.00
<b>Spending power LGA 1972 s137</b>			
Chq 639	Langley Methodist Church	Hire of hall for December council meeting.	£42.00
<b>Spending power: LGA 1972 s133</b>			
Chq 640	The National Allotment Society	Membership renewal.	£66.00
<b>Spending power: LGA 1972 s143</b>			
Chq 641	F Davies & Son Ltd	<b>Order 232</b> Column 46 Junction Robin Lane, Old Leek Road (Conversion) Column 47 East from Junction Robin Lane, Old Leek Road. (Conversion)	£309.07
<b>Spending power: Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3</b>			
Chq 642	F Davies & Son Ltd	<b>Order 224</b> Work carried out on Christmas tree lighting. Including purchase of 40 bulbs, fault on buried cable, replacing with outdoor socket, new cable from transformer and replacement of old and unreliable RCD unit.	£443.84
<b>Spending power: LGA 1972 s137</b>			
DD	EON	Electricity supply <b>DECEMBER</b> 2019	£163.62
<b>Spending power: Parish Councils Act 1957, s.3</b>			
DD	Information Commissioners Office	Data protection renewal. ICO:00012844378	£35.00
<b>Spending power: LGA 1972 s143</b>			

#### PLANNING

**16/20** Members **agreed** comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:  
*Cllrs Barber and Sinclair Smith left the meeting during discussions.*

<b>Application No:</b>	19/5875M
<b>Proposal:</b>	Extension to existing church (resubmission of 18/3699M)
<b>Location:</b>	St James Church, Church Lane, Sutton, SK11 0DS.



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

*Cllr Barber and Sinclair Smith returned to the meeting.*

Application No:	19/5739M
Proposal:	Variation of condition 7 (approved plans) on approved application 12/1152M - Conversion of Barn to 3no. Holiday Cottages.
Location:	Clarke Lane Farm, Clarke Lane, Langley, SK11 0NE.

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

Application No:	19/5697M
Proposal:	Two-storey side extension
Location:	Holly Cottage, MEG LANE, SUTTON, SK11 0LX.

**THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: **“Sutton Parish Council object to this application because of its infringement on the green belt. The drive was initially put in without permission, and it is this area that the extension is due to be built on thus making a need to extend the car parking area again. We consider that the building materials, including the windows, are not currently compatible with the current building.”**

**17/20 Noted; Decisions, appeals and withdrawals this month:**

Application No:	19/5454M - NON-MATERIAL MINOR AMENDMENT - <b>APPROVED</b>
Proposal:	Non-material amendment to planning approval 19/3680M
Location:	Land off Brunel Road, Lyme Green Business Park, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 0TA.

Application No:	19/4730M - <b>WITHDRAWN</b>
Proposal:	Proposed agricultural storage building to store tractor, farm machinery, tools and feed stuff
Location:	Knowles Barn, Hollin Lane, Sutton, SK11 0HR.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**18/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to note** correspondence from Cheshire East regarding the approval of Taxbase for 2020/21.

**19/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** to confirm with Resident that the Parish Council do not intend to do anything regarding the Pleasance trees without consultation with neighbours or relevant experienced parties.

**20/20 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA**

- To discuss PCC magazine circulation. *(Future meeting)*
- To approve Income & Expenditure report (bank reconciliation and budget comparison) for October - December 2019. *(February meeting)*
- To note bank statements up to 31st December 2019 and correlation with bank reconciliation. *(February)*
- To consider/agree quote for maintenance of the Pleasance. *(February meeting)*
- To consider Annual Assessment of Risk – Insurance Fixed, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Assets. *(February meeting)*
- Climate Group meeting. *(Future meeting)*
- Parish Council Back up Plan. *(February meeting)*

**21/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 commencing at 7.30 p.m. in St. James Church Hall, Sutton.**

**The Meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 9.35 p.m.**

## APPENDIX 1

1. A Christmas Carol evening was held on Friday 20th December at the Lyme Green Christmas tree. Residents from Stanier Close in cooperation with the Park 4all group and a Parish Councillor organised additional activities during the evening.

Heavy rain of the afternoon stopped and between 150-175 people joined the Sutton St James Choir members in singing a selection of Carols. The choir was followed by the Moss Rose Community brass band playing an enjoyable selection of seasonal music.

In addition the children were able to visit Father Christmas whilst adults were able to enjoy hot refreshments.

We appreciate the monies provided by the Parish Council in support of the event. The contribution towards the fliers, giving the details of the evening were distributed by volunteers to every household also displayed in Sutton Post Office and the Lindrum Avenue bus shelter. Also, the contribution towards the costs of Moss Rose Community brass band who were a great success.

The event was also attended by Cllr Andrew Gregory who had been invited to the evening when meeting with two of the Park 4all Committee members to introduce him to the group's plans for the park, their successful fund raising to date and future fund raising for the children's play area.

2. Work on the park had been started but, was delayed due to the extremely wet weather in November/December and the General Election. ANSA staff are responsible for distributing and collection of the ballot booths to each of the Polling Stations in Cheshire East. Work is due to recommence next week.