

SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 23RD JULY 2020
at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Also present: Sutton Parish Clerk, two members of the public and Cheshire East Ward Councillor Andrew Gregory.

130/20 APOLOGIES

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve apologies received from T Whiskard (Vice Chairman), J Flitcroft and PCSO Jim Newns. Cllrs M Bhatia and M Eardley were not present.

131/20 DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None reported. Cllr J Sinclair Smith later declared an interest in concerns around drug taking/dealing at a property in Langley.

132/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meetings dated 25th June 2020 which were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

133/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive Questions from Members of the Public:

- Resident spoke regarding concerns over drug taking/dealing at a property in Langley.
- Resident spoke regarding process behind applying for premises licence for Langley Cricket Club.

MEMBERS REPORTS

134/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report from the Cheshire East Ward Member.

- The Ward Councillors July blog is now available.
- He reported that there are concerns regarding the influx of visitors into Macclesfield Forest, particularly mounting bikers. A meeting was arranged to look into how to manage this with United Utilities, the Police, Sutton Parish Councillors and other interested parties attending. United Utilities are reviewing extending the parking and the Ward Councillor will be speaking separately with Cheshire East Council looking at the shifts in travel patterns and interaction in managing people on the land. PCSO Jim Newns has been extremely supportive and active in helping with this.
- The Parking Enforcement Team have issued more than 60 tickets to motorists in the forest.
- The Ward Councillor's application to become a trustee for the Lyme Green Settlement charity was refused by the trustees.
- It has been another busy month for planning applications with a number being the subject of call in notices to the planning committee.
- The Ward Councillor asked that if anything came up regarding the Hollinhey Footpath Issue to contact him.

135/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team:

13/06/20 - Cock Hall Lane - Neighbours argument over jack russell dog- advise given.

13/06/20 - Highway disruption at Leathers Smithy (Parking issues) - Ongoing. Working party looking at resolutions.

14/06/20 - Local youths accessing Hollinhey Primary grounds to play.

15/06/20 - Group of people camping in the forest. Left litter behind.

17/06/20 - Drug use and possible dealing from an address in Langley.

19/06/20 - Reports of a potential rave in Macc. Forest that did not occur - huge police presence to deter.

19/06/20 - 15 people informed to vacate the forest and not to camp or have a party - dealt with.

20/06/20 - Robin Lane, Lyme Green peddle cycle rode into the back of vehicle - damage only.

20/06/20 - Neighbour issues on Main Road, Langley - dealt with.

27/06/20 - 3 families camping out at Standing Stone. Peaceful - moved on.

29/06/20 - Damage only Road Traffic Collision Withinshaw Lane.

04/07/20 - Fraud Person residing on Peterhouse Road.

136/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report on Macclesfield Forest meeting (concerns for ASB, parking, mountain bikers going off track and the impact on wild-life and residents) and it was **agreed** that Members should consider whether there was a role for the Parish Council in raising awareness with visitors who are using the countryside/forest for the first time. It was noted that Cllrs Whiskard and Sinclair Smith attended the meeting.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

137/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree to report that following issues:

- Langley Road – Sign on regarding bad bend flat on floor. (picture to be provided).
- Whistons Lane - whole lane disintegrating all the way down.
- Brookside - gully end of Brookside/Hollin Lane - when raining water is coming out of the drain.
- 16 Hall Lane - gully outside needs clearing as solid.
- Judy Lane - surface is disintegrating.
- Leek Old Road - gullies all blocked up.
- Judy Lane - gullies all blocked up.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

138/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree to continue with virtual meetings and consider the holding of physical meetings on a monthly basis. Members **noted** the sixth month rule for Councillors attending meetings.

139/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree that they did not notice a reduction in parking on Main Road, Langley during COVID 19 restrictions.

140/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to discuss reviving and re-launching "Quiet Lanes" and it was **agreed** to set up a working group to include Cllrs Griffiths, Barber, J Sinclair Smith and Jones to set out ideas and look into what is required (e.g. re-instating/renewing the various posts, signage, yellow lines and rumble strips dotted around the parish).

141/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree that the Parish Council would support Remembrance Day as an important event for the village and to the appointment of Duttons Traffic Management Team (quote b. £1375) for the traffic management of Remembrance Day.

ALLOTMENTS

142/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report on site meeting 15th July 2020 and **agreed** actions relating to the condition of allotment and plots.

143/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree adoption of policy for the erection of sheds/greenhouses and poly tunnels.

144/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree adoption of policy on the keeping of livestock.

PLAYING FIELDS - ROBIN LANE

145/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report from Park 4all @Lyme Green:

Confirmed that the Parish Council work is complete and staff at Ansa are happy that the drainage installed is working satisfactorily to cope with instances of heavy rain. Ansa have clarified that there will be a 'swale' included in the landscaping work undertaken in the area of the sunken garden, this swale is independent of the Parish Council drainage work, the cost of its inclusion in the landscaping will come from the sunken garden budget which is funded by the National Lottery. Cllr Horrox to confirm whether work completed.

It was **noted** that due to COVID 19 delays the cheque for payment would have to be re-written.

FINANCE

146/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve Quarterly Income and Expenditure Report (bank reconciliation and budget comparison) for period April – June 2020.

147/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to note bank statements and **verify** figures against bank reconciliation.

148/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree transfer of £9000 from Business Reserve Account to Current Account.

149/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve schedule of receipts and payments for July 2020.

Receipts From: NONE RECEIVED

Payments To:

DD	EON	Electricity Account Statement JULY 2020	£163.62
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Spending power: GPOC			
Chq 676	F Davies and Son Ltd	Order #236 - Column #55 Near 23 Symondley	£148.80
Spending power: GPOC			
Chq 677	Sarah Giller	Clerks Salary JUNE made up of: Salary £495 and expenses £47.70	£542.70
Spending power: GPOC			

PLANNING

150/20 Members **agreed** comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

Application No:	20/2878M
Proposal:	Construction of stables and access with parking and turning.
Location:	Land to the West of Whistons Lane, Higher Sutton, Macclesfield
Deadline:	12th August

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: **“Sutton Parish cannot support this application due to following reasons:**

- The proposed access is just after a dangerous bend in the road.
- The surface of this road has numerous potholes and subsidence into the grass verge and therefore dangerous.
- There is no need for an additional access as there is currently an existing access to this field provided by a private road coming off Ridge Hill to the East of the field.
- There is no water supply on the site causing an increase in traffic, on an unsuitable road, to provide water for livestock.
- In bad weather the proposed for access point can be the worst affected by snow drifts and becomes impassable, even by tractors, for days at a time. This creates a welfare issue if access to livestock is not possible.
- The road is not on Cheshire East Council’s gritting list.
- The size of the field is not adequate for the purpose for which it is proposed.”

Application No:	20/2520M
Proposal:	Outline application for demolition of existing building and erection of 10 industrial/warehouse units
Location:	Wards Scrap Yard, Turf Lane, Macclesfield
Deadline:	12th August

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

Application No:	20/2547M
Proposal:	Proposed agricultural building and the retention of a track, access and banking
Location:	Land formally part of Broad Oak Farm, East of Leek Old Road, Sutton, Cheshire
Deadline:	29-Jul-2020

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: **“Sutton Parish Council have no objection to this application however, a condition must be made that this does not come back to the Parish Council as a property and we would like to see that the screening is enforced.”**

151/20 Noted; Decisions, appeals and withdrawals this month:

Application No:	20/1879M
Proposal:	Proposed single storey rear and side elevation extension (amendment to 20/0012M)
Location:	2, Selwyn Drive, Sutton, SK11 0EF
Decision:	approved with conditions

Application No:	20/1880M
Proposal:	approved with conditions
Location:	The Well House, Meg Lane, Sutton, SK11 0LX
Decision:	approved with conditions

CORRESPONDENCE

152/20 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** information from Langley Cricket Club regarding their application for a Club Premises Licence.

153/20 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** update from Bovis Homes regarding reserved matters application for land at Gaw End Lane. There were no comments.

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

154/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree provisional date of 26th September to measure Sunflowers.

155/20 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

- To **consider** latest guidance regarding the holding of meetings and **agree** whether to continue with virtual meetings.
- To **discuss** Parish Council backup plan. *(September)*
- To **review** list of regular due payments. *(September)*
- To **review** Allotment Tenancy Rates March 2022. *(September)*.
- To **review** comments made by Internal and External Auditor and agree action. *(September)*.
- To **discuss** Christmas including orders for trees, installations and lighting. *(September)*
- To **consider** requesting a meeting with Cheshire East Highways. *(once physical meetings are held)*
- To **consider** re-launching "Quiet Lanes".
- To **consider** whether there was a role for the Parish Council in raising awareness with visitors who are using the countryside/forest for the first time

156/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree 20th August for the next virtually meeting (primarily for planning) and Thursday 10th September commencing at 7.30 p.m. (virtually or in St. James Church Hall, Sutton depending on current legislation at the time).

The Meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 21.31 p.m.