

SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2020
at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Also present: Cheshire East Ward Councillor Andrew Gregory and Sutton Parish Clerk. There were no members of the public present.

239/20 APOLOGIES - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve apologies for absence received from Cllrs Bhatia, Eardley and PCSO Jim News.

240/20 DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None declared.

241/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meetings dated 8th October 2020 which were confirmed as a true record with one minor amendment to Item 213/20 (Langley Methodist Church amended to read Langley Institute).

242/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive Questions from Members of the Public: None received.

MEMBERS REPORTS

243/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report from the Cheshire East Ward Member:

- The monthly blog will be available over the weekend.
- The Sutton Gamekeeper planning application will be called in to the Northern Planning Committee. Cllr Gregory will attend and make representations.
- The Sutton Post Office planning application will be dealt with under delegated powers.
- The Hawkshead Quarry planning application should be back with the Planning Authority in December.
- Cllr Gregory attended the Macclesfield Forest Residents Group and welcomed the opportunity for residents to express their concerns. He would welcome Councillors thoughts and ideas, to be fed into Cheshire East, regarding a full-scale traffic management plan.
- The quiet lanes programme was an initiative set up under the Transport Act 2000 for authorities to try and encourage good driving behaviour. The budget has all been spent with no monies left for ongoing repairs or upkeep. There is no obligation for Cheshire East to carry on the upkeep. Members noted but, it was thought that once designated the Unitary Authority should have some responsibility to maintain them.
- There was a discussion regarding the implications of the forest being designated a Recreational Hub.

244/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report from the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team (PCSO J News):

- The main issues have been to do with Macclesfield Forest and Langley. Traffic congestion etc. on main Road Langley which becomes grid lock at weekends. There is talk of an independent traffic review being done.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

245/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree to report that following issues:

- Langley – Cherrywood House, Langley Road. Ivy is growing down the wall and over the footpath making it dangerous for pedestrians.
- Request Highways to replenish grit boxes before the winter.
- Main Road/Ridge Hill – request hedge cutting on Main Road and up Ridge Hill. Pedestrians walking in road. *(check action as previously reported)*
- Ridge Hill – report of unsafe tree branch (check action as previously reported).
- A number of potholes on Bullocks Lane.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

246/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the continuation of virtual meetings.

ALLOTMENTS

247/20 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** that Cheshire East Council have agreed to pay £680 towards the cost of skips. No queries received regarding the increase in allotment rents April 2021/22.

PLAYING FIELDS - ROBIN LANE

248/20 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from Park 4all @Lyme Green: ANSA are back on site and have, therefore, closed the park to comply with Health & Safety regulations. They are hoping the weather will not hold up the work.

FINANCE

249/20 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** receipts and payments for November 2020.

Receipts From: None Received

Payments To:

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| Chq 687 | Sarah Giller | Clerks Salary made up of Salary £474.60 and expenses £46.90 OCTOBER | £521.50 |
| <i>Spending power: GPOC</i> | | | |
| Chq 689 | H Oldfield & Son Limited | Remembrance Day prints and colouring sheets | £30.00 |
| <i>Spending power: GPOC</i> | | | |
| Chq 690 | PKF Littlejohn LLP | External audit review for year ended 31 March 2020. | £240.00 |
| <i>Spending power: GPOC</i> | | | |
| Chq 691 | Autocross Euroshel Limited | 2 stainless steel freestanding seats for bus shelter Walker Lane and Lindrum Avenue. | £1536.00 |
| <i>Spending power: GPOC</i> | | | |
| DD | EON | Electricity supply October 2020 | £163.62 |
| <i>Spending power: GPOC</i> | | | |

250/20 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** the External Audit Publication of the Notice for Conclusion of Audit; AGAR and external auditor report and **agreed** to publish notice for one month.

251/20 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** the External Audit report Section 3 and **agree** that there were no matters to bring to the attention of the Council.

252/20 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** Quarterly Income and Expenditure Report (bank reconciliation and budget comparison) for period July – September 2020.

253/20 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** to **discuss** Budget and consider Precept for 2021/22 at the December meeting.

254/20 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** bank statements and **verify** figures against bank reconciliation.

PLANNING

255/20 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

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| Application No: | 20/3453M |
| Proposal: | Application for a drop kerb access to existing open frontage. |
| Location: | 20 Main Road, Langley, SK11 0BU |
| Deadline: | 20-Nov-2020 |

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

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| Application No: | 20/4280M |
| Proposal: | Change of use from public house (Sui Generis) to 2no.dwellinghouses (Use Class C3) including associated external alterations, extensions and erection of 2no. timber framed car ports |
| Location: | The Sutton Gamekeeper, Hollin Lane, Sutton, Cheshire, SK11 0HL |
| Deadline: | 13-Nov-2020 |

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: **“Sutton Parish Council would strongly object to the change of use from a public house to dwellings. The community would lose a considerable community asset and there has been no opportunity to market the business on a going concern basis.”**

256/20 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note**; decisions, appeals and withdrawals this month:

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| Application No: | 20/3775M |
| Proposal: | Construction of a single block consisting of 3 timber stables |
| Location: | The Manor Barn, Ridge Hill, Sutton, SK11 0LU |

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| Decision: | Approved with conditions / 23-Oct-2020 |
| Application No: | 20/1782M |
| Proposal: | Two new gable windows |
| Location: | Fold Cottage, Cock Hall Lane, Langley, Cheshire, SK11 0DE |
| Decision: | Approved with conditions / 15-Oct-2020 |

CORRESPONDENCE

- 257/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** Cheshire East Council - Strategic Planning Update (*October 2020*).
- 258/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** that Members had no comments to make regarding Cheshire East Council - Corporate Plan Consultation (*1 October to 27 November*).
- 259/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** that Councillor Sinclair Smith would review Cheshire Association of Local Councils - Standards Matter 2: Public Consultation and Public Sector Surveys (*22 September 2020 to 17:00 on the 18 December 2020*) and consider commenting at the December meeting.
- 260/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** to arrange a separate meeting (or bring forward the December Parish Council Meeting) to comment on Cheshire East Local Plan Revised Publication Draft Site Allocations and Development Policies Document 26 October 2020 (SADPD) (Ref: PBD/1227358 and PBD/901332). (*Deadline 5pm on Monday 7th December*).

HOUSING

- 261/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** applicants for property at 6 Dawson Close, Langley and **agreed**: (there were no Members of the Public present necessitating a Part Two Agenda for disclosure of exempt information)
- 1st choice - Couple
 - 2nd choice - Single Person

ASSET MANAGEMENT

- 262/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** to request quotes for repairs of millennium signage and seat on Ridge Hill.
- 263/20 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA**
- To **consider** requesting a meeting with Cheshire East Highways (*once physical meetings are held*)
 - To **review** insurance quotes for April 2021. (*January 2021*)
 - Members to **consider** whether there is a role for the Parish Council in raising awareness with visitors who are using the countryside/forest for the first time. (*January*)
 - To **review** management of assets and **agree** action. (*January*)
 - To **consider** whether to **accept** contribution towards replacement bench on Ridge Hill or to release the space for alternative memorial bench. (*January*)
 - To **receive** Quiet Lanes working group report. (*January*)
 - Website accessibility requirements. (*January*)
 - Community News Letter (*January*)
- 264/20 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** date for next Council meeting as **Thursday 10th December 2020** commencing at 7.30 p.m. (To be held virtually or in St. James Church Hall, Sutton depending on legislation).

The Meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 21.27 p.m.