

SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2021

at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: T Whiskard (Vice Chairman), G Barber, M Bhatia, M Eardley, J Flitcroft, D Fosbrook, B Griffiths, J Sinclair Smith and M Horrox. Cllr Whiskard chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman.

Also present: Cheshire East Ward Councillor Andrew Gregory, PCSO Jim Newns, one Member of the Public (MOP) and the Sutton Parish Clerk.

22/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve apologies for absence received from Councillors A Waller (Chairman), R Chamberlain and E Jones.

23/21 DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None declared.

24/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting dated 14th January 2021 which were confirmed as a true record with one minor amendment to 5/21.

25/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive Questions and concerns from Members of the Public (MOP): The MOP had no questions or concerns to put to Members.

MEMBERS REPORTS

26/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report from the Cheshire East Ward Member:

- There are ongoing issues within Macclesfield Forest. Discussions have taken place with United Utilities (UU) and they are interested in how they can most effectively communicate with local residents and engage with a wider group of residents. Members suggested regular presentation/update from United Utilities to open a dialogue.
- There continues to be an ongoing issue with mountain bikers using the trails and causing some concern for walkers.
- Langley pond – local residents have commissioned a planning consultant to help them with this matter. No news yet.
- Nothing to report regarding the Lyme Green settlement proposed planning application.
- Marker posts – there are reservations from Cheshire East (CEC) about putting up posts. Noted there is not a great deal of support from CEC on this.
- Reported there was a full Council meeting to discuss the budget and there are concerns that there is less money for Highways.

It was noted that MOPs are asking Members what is happening in the forest and that there is a need for UU to communicate to wider number of people.

27/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report from the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team (PCSO J Newns):

- 12/1 - Suspicious vehicle reported (blue van).
- Fly tipping reported – this is a problematic theme.
- 13/1 - Theft of motorhome Judy Lane – retrieved in Bollington area.
- 14/1 - van number plates taken.
- Reported COVID breach.
- Theft of magazine in Sutton Post Office – retrieved.
- Macclesfield golf course reported issues with ASB – youths messing with golf buggies.
- 3/2 - men seen looking down Symondley Road and Walker Lane. Same men seen on CCTV in Bollington. Nothing taken but shed entered on Walker Lane. Residents asked to remain vigilant.
- Ongoing issues in Macclesfield Forest – there to support Civil Enforcement Officers at the weekend.

Reported fly tipping Gore End Lane - fridge freezers dumped.

Funding – Informed the available funding reported in previous meeting is for tackling anti-social behaviour.

28/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report on Macclesfield Forest & Wildboardclough Working Group Meeting.

Minutes forwarded to Members largely covered UU updating on extra signage, traffic signs etc. Discussed double yellow lines but, with mixed views and reservation from Highways about the effectiveness in the forest. Matter would also have to go out for consultation.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

29/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree to report that following highways issues:

- Column 70 not working – reported to contractor.
- Hole House Lane, Langley did not get gritted. This is main access to reservoir and car park and access to advertised car park. Used to be a grit box in the past but disappeared and has not been put back. Grit boxes still empty.
- Ridge Hill Road – hedges still not cut must be cut before birds start nesting. CEC must cut and charge the owner if no date has been set.
- Leek Old Road - surface is collapsing at the edge just past the reservoir going uphill towards Leek.
- Walker Lane – surface around manhole at the crossroads of Walker Lane, Bullocks Lane and Robin Lane deteriorating.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

30/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the continuation of virtual meetings.

31/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED 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. This matter came out of quiet lanes and the increase in people coming into the forest. Members discussed communicating effectively and also promoting the country code. The electronic signs request that the public keep to country code however, some visitors may not know the code. Suggested talking with UU regarding making printed copies of the code available including on noticeboards. Noted that Defra, Natural England NFU provide leaflets/posters that could be used. Suggested speaking with National Park about highlighting the Code in the car park and working with UU, Wardens and Canal and River Trust.

32/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree to raise issues regarding the cutting of hedges at the back of Riverside Court and Main Road houses. Half the hedge has been ripped up which has left a massive open area. The verge on Church Lane has been dealt with and bench replaced.

ALLOTMENTS

33/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report from Allotment Group Meeting held on 3rd February 2021 and **agreed** to review allotment plots in April on site and it was noted that there are one or two tenants that will need chasing in the spring.

34/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree Tenancy Agreement for 2021/22.

35/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to review Tenant's letter around sizing of Allotment Plots 5A and 6A and noted his complaint about his allotment sizes and tenancy rate. It was therefore agreed to arrange to re-measure the allotments however, the allotments were transferred in good faith from Cheshire East Council and the Parish Council would be unable to adjust the allotment plots but would adjust his payments when the next rents are due.

PLAYING FIELDS - ROBIN LANE

36/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report from Park 4all @Lyme Green:

1. Funding has now been secured to purchase the accessible play equipment for the children's play area. The equipment is being purchased from Kompan which has given a lead in time of 8 - 12 weeks. It is, therefore, hoped that the play area will be installed in spring.
2. The Friendship Benches, one has now been installed and a second friendship bench will be installed near to the park entrance once the base has been laid.

3. Sensory garden, there have been some problems following the heavy rainfall with the drainage around this area. Ansa is addressing these problems and has been in contact with residents in Minor Avenue who have been affected.
4. Planting in the raised beds and Sensory Garden will be done in the spring.
5. The community library has been constructed by a volunteer and will be installed once the base is laid.

37/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive update from Ansa regarding flooding Lyme Green Park. Ansa are addressing the problem with the sensory garden and are in discussion with the Canal and River Trust and residents regarding the drainage.

FINANCE

38/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve schedule of receipts and payments for February 2021.

Receipts From: NONE RECEIVED

Payments To:

Chq 699	Sarah Giller	Clerks Salary made up of Salary £621.50 and expenses £211.81 JANUARY	£833.31
Spending power: GPOC			
Chq 700	Fairway Landscapes Limited	To install and dismantle Christmas trees as per quote dated 24 th September 2020.	£576.00
Spending power: GPOC			
Chq 701	Mili Bhatia	Renewal: 1 month GrowBig Hosting	£29.99
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	EON	Electricity supply JANUARY 2021 (£161.02 + VAT £8.05)	£169.07
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	EON	Electricity supply FEBRUARY 2021 (£161.02 + VAT £8.05)	£169.07
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	Information Commissioners Office	Data protection renewal. ICO:00012844378	£35.00
Spending power: GPOC			

- 39/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to review Annual Assessment of Risk and agree amendments where necessary:-
- a) Assets List – *to remove reference to bench on Meg Lane from list.*
 - b) Risk Assessment – *under business continuity reference to be made to the clerk being in-disposed due to illness/national lockdown (make reference to document “a year at a glance”).*
 - c) Standing Orders (We had new SO in 2020 checked CHALC website and appear same so at this stage there are no changes). *To query 17f which mentions European Community with CHALC.*
 - d) Financial Regulations (new in 2019 at this stage there are no changes). *No amendments.*

40/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree to renew three year contract with Came & Company (AXA) from 1st April 2021 .

41/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to consider whether there was a need for Cyber Security insurance (£319.20) and agreed to enquire with Chalc what their thoughts would be on this and make enquires with other Parish Councils whether they had invested in cyber security insurance.

PLANNING

42/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

Application No:	21/0098M
Proposal:	The construction of an open air manege with a timber post and rail fence. Approx 45m x 25m
Location:	THE LEATHERS SMITHY, CLARKE LANE, LANGLEY, CHESHIRE, SK11 0NE
Deadline:	10th February 2021 (extension requested)

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: *“Sutton Parish Council would object to this application due to its exposed position and Members would be concerned about lighting and screening. It is also not clear from the application whether this is for commercial or private use and Members would be against any commercial enterprise. The reason for objecting is the lack of information about whether it is for private use only and whether there would be floodlighting. If it was for private use and there was to be no floodlighting, we would not object.”*

Application No:	21/0181M
Proposal:	Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of rear facing single storey extension
Location:	4, SYMONDLEY ROAD, SUTTON, SK11 0HT
Deadline:	24th February 2021

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: *“Sutton Parish Council have no objection to this application unless it is deemed un-neighbourly.”*

Application No:	21/0220M
Proposal:	Blocking up of existing doorway to rear elevation and forming of new together with the reduction in size of existing roller shutter.
Location:	UNIT 2, BRINDLEY WAY, LYME GREEN, MACCLESFIELD, SK11 0TB
Deadline:	24th February 2021

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:	21/0279M
Proposal:	Construction of a flow forge plant cage/compound, installation of air conditioning/refrigeration plant and forming of 2 no. openings in external wall/cladding associated with same together with the construction of a flow forge bin store
Location:	UNIT 2, LYME GREEN BUSINESS PARK, BRINDLEY WAY, LYME GREEN
Deadline:	24th February 2021

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:	21/0191M
Proposal:	Proposed single storey extension to square off front corner of dwelling. Proposed internal alterations to form open plan kitchen, dining and snug with separate hallway with new front door and side windows and roof light. Proposed new sun pipe in bedroom 2 Proposed replacement sliding doors with larger bifolding doors in lounge
Location:	7, TRINITY LANE, SUTTON, SK11 0EQ
Deadline:	24 th February 2021

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

43/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to note; decisions, appeals and withdrawals this month:

Application No:	20/5241M
Proposal:	Prior approval for agricultural barn.
Location:	HOLLINSET FARM, HOLLIN LANE, SUTTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 0NL
Decision:	Determination - refusal (stage 2)

Application No:	20/5223M
Proposal:	To create a conservation and well-being garden on a portion of church owned land currently left fallow. The area will be bounded by a native hedge on north and west sides and the existing Ha-Ha wall and hedge. A bound gravel path will be laid down leading to a soft wood pergola and some raised beds for sensory plants. Climbing roses will be trained around the pergola. Small fruit trees will be planted in a wild grass meadow. At a later date a water feature may be added near the entrance to the garden.
Location:	ST JAMES CHURCH, CHURCH LANE, SUTTON, SK11 0DS

Decision:	Withdrawn
Application No:	18/3245M
Proposal:	Outline planning application with all matters reserved except access for residential development of up to 330 dwellings, a site for a community building, public open space including a childrens play area and allotments, associated demolition and infrastructure
Location:	LAND AT, GAW END LANE, LYME GREEN
Decision:	approved with conditions

CORRESPONDENCE

44/21 MOP - concerns regarding parking on grass verges Walker Lane and request for plastic poles. **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** that this would set a president and would not support posts at this location. Members sympathised with resident's situation but, it would be a matter they need to take up with Cheshire East Highways.

45/21 MOP - concerns regarding speeding and overgrown ditches:

- **COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** to report the speeding on the brow of the hill above Sutton Reservoir to PCSO.
- **COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** to report overgrown ditches preventing water coming off the fields (on right and left sides of road driving up from Sutton Reservoir) to Highways.

HOUSING

46/21 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to consider** applicant for property at 6 Dawson Close, Langley and **agreed** to discuss under Part Two of the Agenda as exempt information.

47/21 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

- To **consider** requesting a meeting with Cheshire East Highways (*once physical meetings are held*)
- Website accessibility requirements report. (*March*)
- To **note** bank statements and **verify** figures against bank reconciliation January/February 2021.
- To **quotes** for repairs of assets and **agree** action. (*March*)
- To **consider** whether to **accept** contribution towards replacement bench on Ridge Hill or to release the space for alternative memorial bench. (*March*)

48/21 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** date for next Council meeting as **Thursday 11th March 2021** commencing at 7.30 p.m. (To be held virtually or in St. James Church Hall, Sutton depending on legislation).

PART TWO

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree to pass a resolution under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (Section 100(a) of the Local Government Act 1972) to exclude the public and press from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

HOUSING

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to consider applicant for 6 Dawson Close Langley.

Members were concerned whether surrounding villages had been approached and whether there was any more information about the applicant.

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree to delegate a decision on the applicant, for 6 Dawson Close Langley, once more information was available.

The Meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 21.33 p.m.