

SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT

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

Also present: East Ward Councillor Andrew Gregory and the Sutton Parish Clerk.

- 1/21 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** apologies for absence received from Cllrs A Waller (Chairman), M Bhatia and PCSO Jim Newns.
- 2/21 **DISPENSATIONS AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None declared.
- 3/21 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** the Minutes of the Meeting dated 10th December 2020 which were confirmed as a true record.
- 4/21 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** Questions and concerns from Members of the Public (MOP): There were none received.

MEMBERS REPORTS

5/21 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from the Cheshire East Ward Member:

Macclesfield Forest

- Noted MFWG meeting scheduled for 20th January 2020.
- The proposed traffic survey in the forest will cover traffic flow through Langley.
- United Utilities will pay for new electronic signs at both main entrances to the forest. The signs will tell visitors which car parks are full/empty and take car registration numbers.
- Reported that Civil Enforcement were not out over the weekend. United Utilities are paying for their own people to work alongside the Enforcement team. The Ward Councillor will talk with the Civil Enforcement team to address issues.
- Pressure is being put on Cheshire East Highways to get on with marking up bays and installing the repeater signs.
- There are concerns regarding increase in mounting ^{mountain} bikers and a need for a designated area for them.

Planning

- The Ward Member will be attending the strategic planning meeting which, are meeting to discuss Hawkshead Quarry.
- Langley pond – a “call-in notice” has been submitted and he is waiting to hear back.
- The Gamekeeper – is subject to “call-in notice” and is understood to be up for sale.
- Proposal for additional houses at Lyme green – Ward Councillor was concerned about short consultation period. Deadline extended to 20th January.

Highways

- Liaising with resident regarding the volume of traffic on Parvey Lane.

6/21 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from the Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team (PCSO J Newns):

- The main policing issues are to do with Macclesfield Forest. He continues to patrol when he can and deal with offences when needed and is working closely with United Utilities, Cheshire East and with local residents.
- TRUCAM has been used on Byrons Lane to deter speeding and a traffic report regarding Hall Lane has been submitted requesting it becomes a TRUCAM site.

- Due to COVID restrictions face to face surgeries have stopped. Contact details have been sent on Facebook and Twitter. COVID is restricting school opportunities again but, he is able to visit and speak to staff.

It was noted that some residents are concerned regarding people congregating on the grass outside the Tunncliffe Tea Rooms.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

7/21 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** to report that following highways issues:

- Kerb on Church Lane – Cheshire East Highways will be dealing with it.
- Flooding on Red Lane.
- Grit boxes – Teggs Nose Mount, Clarke Lane (near High Low Farm), outside Lees House Farm and Heathcoates Lane nearly empty.
- Whistons Lane - road surface has deteriorated and in dangerous condition.
- Road works on Main Road, Langley - Ward Councillor liaising with Cadent. Members asked for details of positioning of traffic lights and queried where residents are going to park. To ask Cadent to liaise with Langley Councillors. Work commencing in three weeks.
- Church Lane - complaints about Cadent over how they have left green verge past bridge. Soil pile left near wastepaper bin and clay left on grass (needs scraping away to enable grass to grow). Noted that Cadent will be compensating damage to bench.
- Ridge Hill - Hedge cutting and ivy still not cut back and growing across pavement.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

8/21 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** the continuation of virtual meetings.

9/21 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** to put Quiet lanes working group report on website and notice board with pictures/a background. **Agreed** and chase Highways to repaint road markings the whole of the Quiet Lanes route (rumble strips and white painted slow signs).

10/21 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** that item may have been covered under highways matters however, to clarify with Cllr Bhatia regarding the cutting hedges etc.

PLAYING FIELDS - ROBIN LANE

11/21 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from Park 4all @Lyme Green:

- Work has continued in the Robin Lane park on the construction of the sunken sensory garden and the perimeter path. A willow tunnel has been installed near the entrance to the park.
- A site meeting was held with staff from Ansa and two Trustees to discuss the location of various features for example the community library which is being built by a volunteer.
- Residents held a Santa Trail just before Christmas for the children to go with their families (socially distanced) around Lyme Green to see Christmas lights in people's gardens. Tesco's again donated sweets and over £200 was raised. Unfortunately, there was heavy rain during the evening so not as many children attended as on Halloween night but, they enjoyed themselves.
- Further work in the park may now be affected by the Covid 19 restrictions and lockdown but, we have yet to be advised.

It was noted that some flooding of the park has taken place and to some gardens facing the park. Ansa have said they will be resolving this. Residents are concerned. To chase up issue with Ansa.

FINANCE

12/21 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** schedule of receipts and payments for January 2021.

Receipts From:

Ansa Environmental Services Limited	BACS – towards allotments.	£680.00
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Payments To:

Chq 694	Sarah Giller	Clerks Salary made up of Salary £485.90 and expenses £35.15 DECEMBER	£521.05
Spending power: GPOC			
Chq 695	Cheshire Association of Local Councils	Finance course Cllrs Barber and Sinclair-Smith	£60.00
Spending power: GPOC			
Chq 696	NSALG Ltd	Membership renewal	£66.00
Spending power: GPOC			

Chq 697	F Davies & Son Ltd	Order 231 – Column 15 (20 Gonville)	£65.47
Spending power: GPOC			
Chq 698	F Davies & Son Ltd	Order 243 – Column 65 and Pleasance bus shelter (conversions to LED).	£279.60
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	EON	Electricity supply DECEMBER 2020	£163.62
Spending power: GPOC			

13/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve Quarterly Income and Expenditure Report (bank reconciliation and budget comparison) for period October – December 2020.

14/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to note bank statements and Cllr Flitcroft **verified** the figures against the bank reconciliation.

PLANNING

15/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

Application No:	20/5495M
Proposal:	Proposed front porch extension, external amendments to doors & window openings & detached garage
Location:	Brackendale, Jarman, Sutton, Macclesfield, SK11 0HJ.
Deadline:	6 th January 2021 (requested deadline extension)

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: **“Sutton Parish Council would object to this application on the grounds that the garage is in front of the development line at that location which, is not in keeping with the area and would detract from local amenity.”**

Application No:	20/5594M
Proposal:	The installation of a new shopfront to full width of front elevation (height to extend to underside of soffit) complete with new bi-parting entrance doors and side screens
Location:	Unit 2, Lyme Green Retail Park, Macclesfield, SK11 0LP
Deadline:	13 th January 2021 (requested deadline extension)

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:	20/5608M
Proposal:	Advertisement Consent for a new illuminated fascia sign to front of building to replace existing
Location:	Unit 2B, Brindley Way, Lyme Green, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 0TB
Deadline:	25-Jan-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:	20/5820M – request for observations
Proposal:	Reserved matters application following approval of 17/4216M - Outline application for demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of new dwelling.
Location:	LANE ENDS FARM, WALKER LANE, SUTTON, SK11 0DZ
Deadline:	29-Jan-2021

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the following observations to send to Cheshire East Council: **“Sutton Parish Council have the following observations to make regarding this application:**

- This proposal is un-sympathetic to the area in particular due to its close proximity to a traditional farmhouse and the setting of the farmyard.
- The materials are inappropriate and totally out of character with the area.
- The roof line is ultra-modern and unsuitable for the location being in a prominent visible position within in the village.

16/21 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to note; decisions, appeals and withdrawals this month:

Application No:	20/4911D
Proposal:	Discharge of Condition 4 on 20/3775M - Construction of a single block consisting of 3 timber stables

Location:	The Manor Barn, Ridge Hill, Sutton, SK11 0LU
Decision:	Approved – 04 Jan 2021

CORRESPONDENCE

- 17/21** Savills Planning (on behalf of Morris Homes) - **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** response to public consultation regarding residential development of 45 dwellings on Land South of Gaw End Lane/West of London Road, Lyme Green. (*Deadline 20th January 2021*) *See Appendix 1.*
- 18/21** **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** that no Members were available to attend the Mayor of Cheshire East virtual Holocaust Memorial Day 2021.

HOUSING

- 19/21** **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** that Members had no objection to applicant for property at 6 Dawson Close, Langley.

20/21 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

- To **consider** requesting a meeting with Cheshire East Highways (*February*)
 - To **review** insurance quotes for April 2021. (*February 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. (*February*)
 - To **quotes** for repairs of assets and **agree** action. (*February*)
 - To **consider** whether to **accept** contribution towards replacement bench on Ridge Hill or to release the space for alternative memorial bench. (*February*) *To consider composite material for benches.*
 - Website accessibility requirements report.
 - To **consider** Allotment Agreements. (*February*) *To arrange Allotment virtual meeting.*
 - Annual assessment of risk standing orders insurance cover etc.
- 21/21** **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** date for next Council meeting as **Thursday 11th February 2021** 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 21.10 p.m.

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APPENDIX 1

Public Consultation for Residential development of 45 dwellings Land South of Gaw End Lane/West of London Road, Lyme Green

Sutton Parish Council have the following comments to make regarding this proposal:

1. The Bovis application 18/3245M approved with 330 houses, and the LGS site was not included in it. The Local Plan allocates the Bovis site and the LGS site (LPS 17) for around 300 houses.

The 45 houses when added to the 330 houses means that, if approved 375 houses could be built on the allocated site, which is not around 300 houses.

The potential over-build of house numbers, agreed for the local plan, if allowed this could affect the whole Parish. Increased traffic numbers for leisure activities in Macclesfield Forest, difficulties in providing schooling for children and increased traffic in Sutton.

2. The Council has well over 7 years "Supply of Housing" so there is no reason to give permission for 45 houses on this site.

This represents an overdevelopment of the site.

3. The current layout is totally inappropriate at the entry to "Macclesfield", and bordering the Green Belt. The number of houses should be reduced, and a landscape buffer (5m wide) included along the southern boundary of the site. The current layout shows the gable ends of terraced houses!

4. There are no detailed plans, so it is impossible to see if it complies with the distances required between houses. In addition, as there are no elevations, we do not know whether the house designs and materials are sympathetic to the character of the area. The layout looks as if it does not comply with the Council's Design Guide.

5. The site floods, and a Flood Risk Assessment should have been undertaken.

6. There should NOT be another junction onto London Road, there are already 7, and the road is dangerous in terms of speeding traffic. The allocated site was to be developed comprehensively, off a single access point. The LGS site should be incorporated into the Bovis scheme with access provided through the main access onto London Road. Morris Homes should fund traffic lights at that junction.

7. Members are concerned that originally this consultation was to end in the last week before Christmas, too late for the Parish Council to comment, and it was left to the public to lobby for the deadline to be extended.

8. There does not seem to have been an extensive publicity campaign about this within the area. There are 308 houses in Lyme Green and we understand that only 120 leaflets were distributed in the area.

9. There has been no exhibition so that local residents can see what is proposed e.g. what the houses may look like. The Leaflet is very superficial and shows a lack of real interest in engaging with the local residents.

10. When will Morris Homes want to submit an application? There is no phone number to get any response to our questions.