

SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2022 COMMENCING at 7.30 P.M.

IN ST. JAMES CHURCH HALL, CHURCH LANE, SUTTON, SK11 0DS

PRESENT

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

Also present: The Parish Clerk and PCSO J Newns. There were no Members of the Public (MOPs) present.

- 214/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** and **accept** apologies for absence from Cllr T Whiskard and Cheshire East Ward Councillor Andrew Gregory.
- 215/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** Dispensations and Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Barber and Sinclair Smith declared interest in Item 222/22 as Members of the PCC.
- 216/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** and sign the Minutes as a true record of the meeting dated 8th September 2022.
- 217/22 **Public Participation – THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** the following queries/questions from MOPs: **There were no MOPs present.**

MEMBERS REPORTS

- 218/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from the Cheshire East Ward Member (report read out):
See Appendix 1.
- 219/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team:
See Appendix 2.
- 220/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from Macclesfield and Wildboarclough Working group.
No report received.
- 221/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from joint Climate Emergency working group.
See Appendix 3.
- 222/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from Churchyard working group. **See Appendix 4.**

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- 223/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** reports on highways issues:
- Bottom of Heathcote Lane, where it joins Whetton Way Road, road not in good condition.
 - Heathcote Lane – update needed regarding signage to prohibit heavy lorries from using the lane.
 - Withenshaw Lane – road in need of repair.
 - Pot-hole reported outside Old School on Main Road, Langley.
 - Reported grit bins have not been filled for some years and are completely empty.
 - It was reported that the hedges along Langley Road are overgrown. It was noted that this was the landowners responsibility and Highways are actioning.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

- 224/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **consider** criteria for public open space payments and **agreed** that the Lavender Fields development has reached the trigger of being occupied and to action the following: (*September Meeting Agenda Item 196/22*):
- To inform Cheshire East that the development has reached the trigger point.
 - To request a copy of the whole agreement.
 - To ask when the monies will be available for Langley Playing field.
 - To ask for contact to liaise with regarding the monies.
 - Enquire where the owl habitat is, as far as they know it is not within the Parish and was not discussed or agreed with the Parish Council.
 - Whether there will be S106 monies with the Settlement development.
 - To investigate historical background to funds for Langley Playing field.
- 225/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** attendance for Remembrance Day and procedural document (13th November). (*September Meeting Agenda Item 198/22*) and **agreed** to amend the road opening time to 11.30 a.m.

- 226/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **consider** response from Public Rights of way regarding possible replacement stile and **agreed** that at the present time there are not funds to action this. (*September Meeting Agenda Item 199/22*)
- 227/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** adoption of guide for new councillors.
- 228/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** quote for installation of Christmas trees (Cost £650).
- 229/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** the Christmas Fair is on Friday 2nd December and **agree** date for installation of trees (possibly Monday 28th November). Suggested Saturday morning collecting.
- 230/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** to support PCSO report for yellow lines at junction of Bullocks Lane and Byrons Lane and to ask planning what the situation is regarding temporary structures.
- 231/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **consider** response received from Head of Highways regarding plans for the proposed development of the depot at Lyme Green and **agreed** to wait for the plans to be submitted.
- 232/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** quote for joinery on telephone kiosk on Sutton kiosk (£280) and consider repainting in the spring.

THE GRAPEVINE

- 233/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** the following items for inclusion in The Grapevine under “What’s New”:
- Defibrillator Map Grapevine December/January issue.
 - Successful Sunflower Competition (include heights of all winning sunflowers).

PLAYGROUNDS

- 234/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from Park 4all @Lyme Green (**Appendix 5**) and **agreed** to the donation of £50 towards music and printing cost of £40 for Christmas event. (*September Meeting Agenda Item 201/22*)

ALLOTMENTS

- 235/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** to accept quote on the basis that it was for insulated boxes, with twin taps for the two standpipes in the communal area. (£345.50 per tap) (*September Meeting Agenda Item 202/22*)

FINANCE

- 236/22 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** schedule of receipts and payments for October 2022.

Receipts From:

Cheshire East Council	2022/23 Parish precept 2 nd instalment	£13612.50
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Payments To:

Chq 797	Sarah Giller	Clerks Salary made up of Salary £506 and expenses £39.70 SEPTEMBER	£545.70
Spending power: GPOC			
Chq 798	Gillian Barber	Sunflower purchases of seeds and vouchers: Book vouchers £35 6 packets to seeds £6.95	£41.95
Spending power: GPOC			
Chq 799	Arrow Business Machines Ltd	Printing of sunflower certificates (A4 colour)	£5.40
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	It'seeze	Website management/domain subscription SEPTEMBER	£54.00
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	NPower	Electricity supply 1 Jan 22 to 31 Jan 22	£ 231.07
DD	NPower	Electricity supply 1 Feb 22 to 28 Feb 22	£ 201.13
DD	NPower	Electricity supply 1 Mar 22 to 31 Mar 22	£ 213.22
DD	NPower	Electricity supply 1 Apr 22 to 30 Apr 22	£ 165.89
DD	NPower	Electricity supply 1 May 22 to 31 May 22	£ 555.36
DD	NPower	Electricity supply 1 June 22 to 30 Jun 22	£ 498.55
DD	NPower	Electricity supply 1 July 22 to 31 July 22	£ 505.72
Spending power: GPOC			

237/22 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve 2nd Quarter finance report July to September 2022 and **verify** figures against bank reconciliation (up to 30th September 2022).

PLANNING

238/22 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

Application No:	21/1249M
Proposal:	Full planning permission for the erection of 42 dwellings including access and associated works.
Location:	Land West Of London Road And South Of, GAW END LANE, LYME GREEN
Deadline	03-Oct-2022 (Requested extension to 14th October)

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: *“Sutton Parish Council object to this application to erect 42 dwellings for the following reasons:*

1. *The total number of houses on this development will over-extend those set out in Cheshire Easts Local Plan and thus is an over intensification of the area.*
2. *There have been no plans shown regarding funding for new schools or towards adapting the road system to accommodate the increase in housing stock.*
3. *The council are concerned that there has been no adaption to the road system to accommodate the increase in housing stock. There are safety issues regarding the main entrance being after the 40mph sign with exiting from the site being into the 50mph zone. The decrease in the speed limit to this junction is very dangerous.”*

Application No:	22/3765M
Proposal:	Conversion of public house (Sui Generis) into two dwellings (Use Class C3) including associated external alterations, extensions, and car ports (resubmission of application 20/4280M)
Location:	The Sutton Gamekeeper, HOLLIN LANE, SUTTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 0HL
Deadline	2 nd November 2022

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: *“Sutton Parish Council object to this application due to the loss of an amenity to the community. We would resubmit previous comments that “Sutton Parish Council would reiterate previous comments and strongly object to the change of use from a public house to dwellings. The community would lose a considerable community asset.””*

Application No:	21/6196M
Proposal:	Proposed Additional Industrial Units for Small Scale Businesses within Hawkshead Heavy Industrial & Haulage Park
Location:	HAWKSHEAD QUARRY, LEEK OLD ROAD, SUTTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 0JB
Deadline	28 th October 2022

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

239/22 Noted; Decisions, appeals and withdrawals this month:

Application No:	22/0236M
Proposal:	Single storey rear infill extension, single storey rear canopy roof, first floor canopy roof, re-render existing house, new windows and alterations
Location:	Gosling Green, PARVEY LANE, SUTTON, SK11 0HX
Decision:	Approved with conditions / 03-Oct-2022

Application No:	22/0375M
Proposal:	Replacement of existing unsound outbuilding with new oak frame structure containing garage,stable/store and amenity/leisure room
Location:	CIVIT HILLS FARM, HOLLIN LANE, SUTTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 0NN
Decision:	Approved with conditions / 27-Sep-2022

Application No:	20/5495M
Proposal:	PROPOSED FRONT PORCH EXTENSION, EXTERNAL AMENDMENTS TO DOORS & WINDOW OPENINGS & DETACHED GARAGE
Location:	BRACKENDALE, JARMAN, SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD, SK11 0HJ
Decision:	Withdrawn / 16-Sep-2022

Application No:	22/0737M
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Proposal:	Single storey rear extension
Location:	3, STANIER CLOSE, LYME GREEN, SK11 0LS
Decision:	Approved with conditions / 06-Sep-2022

Application No:	21/0966M RESERVED MATTERS FOLLOWING OUTLINE APPROVAL
Proposal:	Reserved matters application for 306 dwellings, for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, pursuant to Condition 2 of the outline planning permission 18/3245M. The Outline consent (18/3245M) was not an environmental impact assessment application and therefore no environment statement was submitted to Cheshire East Council at that time
Location:	Land At, GAW END LANE, LYME GREEN
Decision:	Approved with conditions / 05-Sep-2022

CORRESPONDENCE

- 240/22 Bradley Edge LLP – Premises at 13 Hollin Lane, Sutton (formerly the Gamekeeper). Noted. *(Sept Meeting Agenda Item 211/22)*
- 241/22 Cheshire East Council – key election and count activity - Local Elections May 2023. Noted.
- 242/22 Member of the Public – concerns regarding parental parking/driving. **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** that the situation should have been resolved by the re-painting of double yellow lines which, were not in place when correspondence forwarded to the Council.
- 243/22 Member of the Public – enquiry regarding “Welcome signage”. **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** to consider in the future but thanked resident for their suggestion.
- 244/22 ChALC – Annual Meeting Thursday 27th October 6 p.m. Noted.
- 245/22 Cheshire East Council – Planning policy document consultation on draft developer contributions supplementary planning document *(Consultation period 26th September to 7th November 2022)*. Noted. <https://cheshireeast-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/folder/29414>
- 246/22 Cheshire East – 20s Plenty for Cheshire East. **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to discuss at a future meeting.

240/22 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

- To consider New Code of Conduct. *(future meeting)*
- To **receive** report from graveyard working group.
- To **review** draft budget/precept for 2023/24.
- Co-option of new Councillor

241/22 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** the date for next meeting as **Thursday 10th November 2022 commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.12 p.m.

Minutes agreed by Sutton Parish Council as a true record

.....  Chairman

Appendix 1 - Report from the Cheshire East Ward Member

I took a tour of the Sutton ward with representative from CEC Highways. This is to assist with spending some of the ward budget which has been allocated to me for minor works.

We drove though Langley and Andy noted that the majority of the minor lanes appeared to be in reasonable condition, he confirmed to me that all the roads previously on the gritting routes would remain for this winter. We did not identify any particular urgent road repairs needed in and around Sutton village and Langley, but please let me know if there is anything of particular concern which you think should be added to the list. Note that the works include minor road repairs, repainting white lines and replacement signage.

I have previously noted that revised plans have been lodged in respect of the Lyme Green Settlement application. I spent some time today with the owner of the Rayswood Nature Reserve. He is very concerned as the issues involving drainage onto his land and the risk of trespassers as he tells me that the council are unwilling to entertain the construction of a solid fence between the new development and his land.

I will await any additional comments which Councillors may consider should be made in respect of the application.

At the last meeting, I mentioned that the Settlement had invited me to a meeting but then subsequently cancelled it. I have not heard further on whether the Trustees intend to set a new date for the meeting.

I note that a fresh application to convert the Sutton Gamekeeper pub to two houses has been lodged. I would welcome any thoughts from Councillors on this application. My view is that while in one sense, nothing has changed since the previous application was made, it does occur to me that we are now some years on, and the property has just sat there empty. Given the current economic outlook, it may be unlikely that a commercial operator will take on the pub and therefore should the previous objections be revisited?

I also note that revised plans have been submitted for the Hawkshead Quarry. I remain supportive of the application and will await to see if councillors have any additional comments on this application.

Please let me know if there are any matters which Councillors wish to raise with me.

Appendix 2 - Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team

Changes to Surgeries:

- Sutton - will be holding surgeries from Sutton store café.
- Langley – at Trentabank Macclesfield Forest – Saturday 15th October 3 - 4 pm.

Parking – continues to school and regularly drops in.

TRUCAM – continues with regular visits to parish.

Incidents

Road closure Buxton Road has caused some issues with cutting through Old Buxton Road.

12/9	- criminal damage Main Road Langley
15/9	- concern for safety of resident however everything was all in order.
16/9	- reported two males in 20s using electric bikes around Sutton Reservoir (gone when he got there). There has been a collection of domestic incidents. Ongoing.
23/9	- reported malicious communications.
23/9	- suspicious male seen but all was fine.
27/9	- theft reported from business park.
29/9	- damage to shed on Lyme Green playground.
1/10	- un-conscious male outside burger king.
8/10	- hate crime against gay couple in the forest. Altercation with dirt bikes riders and rucksack taken. Ongoing investigation.
7/10	- theft of cycles out of the shed on Walker Lane.
12/10	- driving dangerously – already gone
3/10	- concern for elderly female on London Road. No one found

Discussed car parked on blocks on Walker Lane. PCSO will make enquiries.

Reported he had put in a report to Highways regarding yellow lines on Byrons Lane.

Appendix 3 - Climate Emergency Working Group

The group met on Monday and plan on meeting every other month. Primarily they are about raising awareness in the community which, is a work in progress. Producing regular articles in the Grapevine, litter picking and are looking at launching “tidy my patch”. There will be a WWF carbon footprint calculator article in the Grapevine for December/January. Will be updating the website soon with articles. Continuing to engage with Hollinghey School.

Appendix 4 - Churchyard Working Group

SFG 14/10/22 – Meeting 13/10/22

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Chairman's initials



The group met on Wednesday 21/9. They reported that the survey was back and shows a low risk. The group can now progress to producing a design. They are looking at a combined scheme for a burial and memorial area. Layout and design to be forwarded to the PCC and then go to planners. There is a long way to go however progressing.

Appendix 5 - report from Park 4all @Lyme Green.

September

We have almost finished the installation of the carved log bird feeder in Lyme Green park - just one final bit to complete and that is the metal insert for the water bowl part of the sculpture. It looks fabulous and I can see the birds are using it as the fat balls and seed are definitely going down!

There are also a couple of equipment installations that are to be installed but this is taking a little time from Ansa.

Christmas Event - This year we will be holding our Christmas event around the tree on Robin Lane/junction of Stanier Close on Friday the 16th December 2022. We are currently working on arrangements for this, as you know it was a huge success last year which included local vocalist Gemma Sutton, a brass band, refreshments and a visit from Santa, we are sure it will be a success once again.

In 2021 your members kindly donated £50 towards the music and £38 for the printing of the flyers, your members did raise the question of *'Would the printing be necessary in future years'*. We do think it will be and intend to distribute flyers to every household to advise of the date. We consider this to be very important to help with the fact that a large number of the community in Lyme Green are digitally excluded. The NHS national strategy has identified that sections of the population where people are more likely to be digitally excluded than others, the community of Lyme Green ticks a number of these boxes, such as older people, low income groups, people in social housing and people with disabilities.

The music which will again include Gemma Sutton and 'The Voice Box' and we have ascertained that the printing costs this year will be £40 for the 310 A5 flyers and two A4 laminated copies.

We kindly ask that your members consider a donation of £50 towards the music together with either the full printing costs of £40 or something towards this figure.

