

SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH JULY 2023 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), R Chamberlain, D Fosbrook, E Hall, T Priestman, K Stepien-Bialy, A Waller and T Whiskard.

Also present: The Parish Clerk, Cheshire East Ward Councillor Chris O'Leary and PSCO J News. There were two members of the public (MOP) present.

174/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive and accept apologies for absence from Councillors M Bhatia, B Griffiths and M Horrox.

175/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive Dispensations and Declarations of Interest: Cllr Stepien-Bialy declared an interest in Item 189/23 (as Editor of the Grapevine).

176/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree and sign the Minutes as a true record of the meeting dated 8th June 2023.

177/23 Public Participation – THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive information/queries/questions from MOPs regarding:

- MOP spoke asking that Members consider providing a character reference as set out in Item 188/23.

MEMBERS REPORTS

178/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report from the Cheshire East Ward Member. **See Appendix 1**
Members also discussed why Highways insist on not implementing a 30 mph on the main road. The Ward Council informed Members that he would wait for some of the houses to become occupied (on the Gaw End site) before putting in a request to re-look at implementing 30 mph.

179/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team (**See Appendix 2**)

PC Jackson sent his apologies. It was noted that the main issues reported at police surgeries were, inconsiderate parking, speeding and parking around the Kings Head public house.

180/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report of the Climate Emergency Working Group and **agree** to support a Childrens day (8th October) and to chase Cheshire East for clarification regarding the development the land for an Orchard.

- The group met on 12/6 with the primary conversation covering the disappointing turnout for the Earth Day. It was felt this had a lot to do with publicity. It was reported that the Curate is setting up an ECO Group at the Church and it made sense to have one overarching group involving them. It was suggested holding another children's day on 8th October but, co-ordinating with the Church. Members were asked if they would support a secular event about climate change and promoting best behaviour (a replay of some of the activities from the Earth Day). This was agreed.
- Proposal for Community Orchard (in conjunction with Macclesfield Wild Network) – it has become clear that a resident also has a potential interest in the land for grazing and has asked about exploring a joint proposal with the Community Orchard centre stage. The group would prefer to know what Cheshire Easts position is regarding the land as there are no current grazing license. The Ward Councillor felt that the Group could go forward based on correspondence he has received however, Members agreed they need a formal response from Cheshire East. ANSA are assessing the suitability of proposal. It was reported that grazing licenses are usually over the summer and possibly extending for a year. Members of the group said that they need to know the position to be able to start with community engagement. It was noted that a planning application could be put in however, would cost the Council.

The Ward Councillor will chase Cheshire East for clarification and Clerk was asked to write on behalf of the Parish asking whether the Council can develop the land based on the proposal submitted by the Group.

181/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** report from graveyard working group and **noted** that the group had no further updates from the June Meeting.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

182/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** reports on highways issues and **agree** the following actions:

- White lines need re-painting at bottom of Jarman where it joins Hall Lane (urgent as lines have disappeared).
- Grids – requested all grids need emptying in the parish. Informed members need to submit specific drains. Particularly Parvey Lane and Leek Old Road – pictures needed.
- Leek Old Road – Ward Councillor has submitted a lot for this road and Highways slowly getting through them.

ALLOTMENTS

183/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** report on allotments: Reported inspection held on 12th July. Plot 13 still unworked with lots of carpet put down. Third stage letter to be sent asking tenant to vacate the plot and remove all carpet. Reported plots 4B, 5A and 5B are not being cultivated. Paths and the beds need weeding. 1st stage letters to be sent out to these tenants.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

184/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **consider** dates for measuring Sunflowers and **agree** letter for distribution in September.

185/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** motion to be submitted to ChALC by Friday 28th July 2023.

186/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **discuss** whether Members wanted to take any further action regarding changes to the bus service and **agreed** to send letter reiterating complaints to MP David Rutley, article in the Grapevine/on website asking residents to raise complaints with Cheshire East Council. It was noted that there is a mistake on the timetable in Langley which says the bus from Brighton Crescent and not Langley Methodist Church.

187/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **consider** request for memorial bench near Hanging Gate Inn and **agree** that resident should apply to Cheshire East Council for permission to site a bench/seat here (there are costs involved in maintaining, cutting grass etc) and to **agree** to a policy for seating/benches.

188/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** to provide a character reference for resident responding with the bear facts (e.g. delivered staple goods during COVID, supporting residents, assisting with village fete, asset to village, committed and made a positive contribution to the community of Langley).

THE GRAPEVINE

189/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** the following items for inclusion in The Grapevine under “What’s New” September issue: (deadline mid-August)

- Grapevine – article with Langley estate (Lavender Fields) house names to be listed.
- Walk around the parish article.
- Police surgery dates.
- Bus service.

PLAYGROUNDS

190/23 Robin Lane - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **receive** report from Park 4all @Lyme Green. There has been no recent meeting to report.

FINANCE

191/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **approve** schedule of receipts and payments for July 2023.

Receipts From: None received

Payments To:

Chq 852	Sarah Giller	Clerks Salary made up of Salary £525 and expenses £38.85 JUNE	£563.85
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Spending power: GPOC

Chq 853	Langley Methodist Church	Hire of hall 18/5/23	£42.00
Spending power: GPOC			
Chq 854	F Davies & Son Ltd	Order 266 – Column 2 Gonville Avenue Column 8 – Gonville Avenue	£238.20
Spending power: GPOC			
Chq 855	F Davies & Son Ltd	Order 276 – Column on footpath between Bell Avenue and Hall Lane.	£180.50
Spending power: GPOC			
Chq 856	Sutton St. James Pre-school	Community Infrastructure Levy to donate towards pre-school fund.	£44.19
Spending power: GPOC			
Chq 857	Cheshire Association of Local Councils	Training induction - Hall	£25.00
Spending power: GPOC			
Chq 858	Cheshire Community Action	Membership Renewal	£50.00
Spending power: GPOC			
Dd	It'seeze website	Months subscription May 2023	£54.00
Spending power: GPOC			
Dd	SSE	Account for May 2023	£91.01
Spending power: GPOC			
Dd	SSE	Account for June 2023	£91.01
Spending power: GPOC			

192/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to approve bank reconciliations up to 31st May, 30th June and Cllr Priestman verified figures against bank statements.

193/23 The Pensions Regulator - **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to note that the Clerk understands that she is earning above the threshold to request to opt into a pension scheme and agree therefore to implement this (from the point of opting in the employee will make a minimum contribution 5% and the employer then needs to make a contribution of 3% both calculated on gross salary).

194/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to agree to the Nest default government pension scheme.

195/23 **Audit - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to note P11D submission for expenses and benefits.

196/23 Unity Trust Bank - **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to agree signing of Unity Trust Bank Account application submission form.

197/23 Natwest Bank – **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to agree transfer of monies from Bonus Saver account to Current Account and close account.

PLANNING

198/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to agree comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

Application No:	23/2289M
Proposal:	Replacement of timber horticultural building with new structure.
Location:	ROSSENDALE HALL, HOLLIN LANE, SUTTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 0HR
Deadline	10-Jul-2023 (extended to 14th July)

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:	23/2529M
Proposal:	single storey front bay window extension
Location:	19, FITZWILLIAM AVENUE, SUTTON, SK11 0EJ
Deadline	27th July 2023

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

Application No:	23/2421M
Proposal:	Single storey extension to form bedding store and protect the stable from the weather.
Location:	LAND SOUTH OF, Oakcrest, Leek Old Road, Sutton, SK11 0JA
Deadline	2 nd August 2023

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Application not on Agenda:

Application No:	23/2580M
Proposal:	replacement detached garage
Location:	5, CLARKE LANE, LANGLEY, CHESHIRE, SK11 0NE
Deadline:	9 th August 2023

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

199/23 Noted; Decisions, appeals and withdrawals this month:

Application No:	22/3765M Appeal Reference APP/R0660/W/23/3314797
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:	09-Aug-2023

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** additional comments to be sent to the Planning Inspectorate: *“Sutton Parish Council would question the accuracy of the “Viability Report” with reference to the number of public houses immediately available in the centre of Sutton Lane Ends. The Council continues to believe that this could be a viable enterprise.”*

CORRESPONDENCE

- 200/23** ChALC – Town & Parish Councils & D-Day 80 6th June 2024. **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** and **discuss** in respect of the budget in October/November.
- 201/23** Member of the Public – Leek Old Road (issues raised with Highways). **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** resident’s concerns regarding gritting, parking, potholes and speeding and to **agree** that the Parish Council have continued to report on these issues. Members have supported the 20/20s campaign and constantly report gritting, parking and pothole issues addressed in this email.
- 202/23** Cheshire East Council – Bus Support Criteria Consultation. **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to respond to the consultation (deadline 6th August).
- 203/23 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA**
 - Maintenance of Meg Lane phone kiosk.
 - To **consider** quote for Notice Board for Lyme Green Park, Rural Sutton and Allotments.
- 204/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** the date for next meeting as **Thursday 14th September 2023 commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.53 p.m.

Minutes agreed by Sutton Parish Council as a true record

Chairman

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Ward Councillors report

- Contacted Planning Enforcement regarding complaints of dust on Gaw End Lane – advised Enforcement have visited twice and have not found any problems. No further action to be taken by Enforcement. However, the Ward Councillor disagrees with the outcome.
- CEC are about to sign a Section 278 agreement for works to take place on London Road. Appears the works include removing large tree on junction. He has asked them not to remove tree and will request a TPO to be taken out on the tree.
- Full Council meeting will be held next week, and he will be proposing a motion for a hydrogeology assessment to be submitted to local planning authority regarding Dans Moss.
- He will also have questions regarding changes to the bus service and speak with transport.
- Council Members are asking to increase their allowances. Despite freezing Councillors allowances at the last budget meeting. He will not be supporting this. Budget is already precarious.

Appendix 2 – Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team

- Continues links with Hollinhey school ensuring correct parking and driving at school times.
- Attending school talks and building a good repour with children.
- TRUCAM – Byrons Lane and Hall Lane.
- Laser gun – Jarman (13 vehicles caught in 30 mins), Langley Road (8 vehicles caught). Will be submitting a Form 43 traffic report to get these as regular locations for TRUCAM.
- Surgeries continue to go well out of the café and is building good community connections. Next session 15th July 3-4 p.m. Will supply fresh dates mid-August.

12/6 - RTC – Leek Old Road. All alright.

15/6 - Obstructing vehicle Lyme Green. Parking issues.

18/6 - dangerous driver reported Coalpit Lane - were unable to locate.

19/6 - Two cars taken from driveway Robin Lane. Offenders forced entry through patio doors looking for keys. Two residents reported suspicious vehicle parked up and believed to be linked back to this incident. Forensics have been done.

20/6 - Barleyfields Farm - suspicious vehicles reported and sheep running around. Nothing taken.

11/7 - Theft from a motor vehicle in early hours of morning - not been able to identify offender although almost certainly drug user. Be vigilant. Hoping for plain clothes operation.

Reports of keying cars - Reported offender caught.