

# SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD ON THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023 COMMENCING at 7.30 P.M.**

IN LANGLEY METHODIST CHURCH HALL, MAIN ROAD, LANGLEY, SK11 0BU

### PRESENT

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

**Also present:** The Parish Clerk and Cheshire East Ward Councillor Chris O'LEARY. There were no members of the public present.

- 104/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** election of Cllr Barber as Chairman for 2023/2024 and **receive** Chairman's acceptance of office. Cllr Barber was proposed by Cllr Sinclair Smith and seconded by Cllr D Fosbrook and agreed by the meeting. There were no other nominations.
- 105/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** election of Cllr Sinclair Smith as Vice Chairman 2023/2024 and **receive** Vice Chairman's acceptance of office. Cllr Sinclair Smith was proposed by Cllr Fosbrook and seconded by Cllr Chamberlain and agreed by the meeting. There were no other nominations.
- 106/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to confirm** that all Members present, have signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office before the meeting commenced.
- 107/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** that Members who are not present, can sign their Declarations before the June meeting of the Council commences. All Members were present.
- 108/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive and accept** apologies for absence: All members were present.
- 109/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive** Dispensations and Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Barber and Sinclair Smith declared an interest in Item 120/23 as members of the PCC and Cllr Priestman declared an interest in Item 144/23 Leek Old Road.
- 110/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** and sign the Minutes as a true record of the meeting dated 13th April 2023.
- 111/23 Public Participation – THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive** information/queries/questions from MOPs regarding: **None received.**
- 112/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to confirm** observance of Code of Conduct.
- 113/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to confirm** registration of Members interests.
- 114/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** appointment of Parish Council groups, committees and representatives for local forum. The website will be updated accordingly.
- 115/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to resolve** to re-adopt the General Power of Competence (GPC) for the term of this Council and to **confirm** the Council's eligibility to do so.

### MEMBERS REPORTS

- 116/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive** report from the Cheshire East Ward Member. **See Appendix 1**
- 117/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive** report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team. No report received. Members asked that a representative attend the next meeting.
- 118/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive** report of the Climate Emergency Working Group. **See Appendix 2.**
- 119/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive** Macclesfield Forest & Wildboardclough Working Group report (meeting 17<sup>th</sup> May): Members were unable to attend. To request that Cllrs Bhatia and Sinclair Smith be added to the contact list.
- 120/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive** report from graveyard working group: Planning consent received with conditions and the group will be convening a meeting to discuss next stage.

### HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- 121/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive** reports on highways issues and **agree** the following actions:

- Requested that the whole of Bollinhead Lane up to where it joins Wetton Way be reported as in bad condition.
  - Bridge over river at bottom of Church Lane just past junction of Judy Lane - wall is crumbling and bowed to such extent that MOP concerned. Highways need to check parapet and whether structurally sound.
  - Draw attention notice about the pedestrian crossing on London road. Comments needed by 25<sup>th</sup> May.
- a. Members agree that there needs to be a crossing however, they would like to see a widening of the footpath on the East side to create protected parking bays and create a pedestrian puffin crossing. This would make the road a lot safer.
  - b. Members would request that the monitoring of the speed limit to 30 mph should be looked at again because, of concerns for children crossing the road due to lack of footpath on the lefthand side, and the increase in traffic exiting and entering the new development.
  - c. Members would ask that the Council re-consider traffic lights at the Lindrum Avenue junction.
  - d. Additionally, Members would request clarity on what is proposed on London Road.

#### MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

**122/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **consider** whether to continue with membership of CVS Cheshire East (increase of membership from £50 to £100) and agreed not to continue with membership.

**123/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **consider** replacement of Parish light situated on private house on Hollin Lane (£200) and it was **agreed** to purchase and re-site lantern, as suggested by electrician, (to check that tenant is happy for it to be moved and with the design of the lamp) and then to action with replacement.

#### ALLOTMENTS

**124/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report on allotment inspection (18<sup>th</sup> April) and arrange a re-inspection for June. To **agree** to investigate the use of carpet on allotments and contact tenants regarding nominating a spokesperson for the allotment group.

**125/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** that Councillor would remove additional tap on plot 7A in response to correspondence requesting this and to **review** additional tap for necessary repair.

#### THE GRAPEVINE

**126/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** the following items for inclusion in The Grapevine under “What’s New” deadline September:

- Summer article about assets hunt for historical artifacts e.g. pinfold, plague stone and water trough.

#### PLAYGROUNDS

**127/23 Robin Lane - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from Park 4all @Lyme Green and **agreed** to write to Cheshire East Council to remind them that as part of their drainage quote, they agreed to provide periodic decompaction of the ground. It was reported that the Coronation party was very successful however, some parked cars were keyed.

#### FINANCE

**128/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** schedule of receipts and payments for May 2023.

##### Receipts From:

BACS	Plot 4B	Allotment rents	£32.70
BACS	15B	Allotment rents	£24.60
BACS	13	Allotment rents	£54.00
BACS	Plot 4A	Allotment rents	£29.70
BACS	SSE	Electricity Supply March 2023 CREDIT	£10.86
BACS	SSE	Electricity Supply April 2023 CREDIT	£102.74
BACS	HMRC	VAT refund	£1354.15

##### Payments To:

Chq 841	Sarah Giller	Clerks Salary made up of Salary £662.50 and expenses £56 APRIL	£718.50
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**Spending power: GPOC**

Chq 842	JDH Business Services Ltd	Internal audit for year ended 31/3/23	£300.00
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
Chq 843	Sutton Ex Servicemen's Club	Donation towards Kings Coronation events.	£150.00
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
Chq 844	The Community HeartBeat Trust	Annual support for defibrillators	£151.20
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
Chq 845	F Davies & Son Ltd	Order 280 – The Pleasance shelter.	£55.68
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
Chq 846	Langley Methodist Church	Room hire 17/4/23 for defibrillator seminar.	£31.50
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
Chq 847	The Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership fee	£88.50
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
Chq 848	Arrow Business Machines Ltd	Secure shredding sack.	£7.20
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
Chq 849	CVS Cheshire East	Renewal of Membership	£100.00
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
Chq 850	G Barber	Purchase of sunflower seeds for competition.	£21.15
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
DD	SEE	Electricity Supply March 2023	£102.74
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			
DD	SEE	Electricity Supply April 2023	£88.25
<b>Spending power: GPOC</b>			

129/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** bank reconciliation up to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and to **verify** figures against bank statements.

130/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** end of year accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

131/23 Annual Audit - **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2022/23.

132/23 Annual Audit - **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2022/23

133/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **review** and **confirm** that three bank signatories are sufficient.

134/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **note** that the internal audit has taken place and to **agree** with the recommendations by the auditor that the council “should ensure there is no additional tax liability due in respect of the payment of mileage rates in excess of the tax-free mileage rate of 45p per mile.”

#### PLANNING

135/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

<b>Application No:</b>	23/1703M
<b>Proposal:</b>	Installation of solar panels for domestic use
<b>Location:</b>	HIGH LOW FARM, CLARKE LANE, LANGLEY, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE, SK11 0NE
<b>Deadline</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> June 2023

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

136/23 **Noted; Decisions, appeals and withdrawals this month:**

<b>Application No:</b>	23/0519M
<b>Proposal:</b>	Change of use to extend existing graveyard, formation of a "quiet area" and service access and pathway.
<b>Location:</b>	Part of field adjoining and south of St. James Church
<b>Decision:</b>	Approved with conditions / 10-May-2023

<b>Application No:</b>	23/1038D
<b>Proposal:</b>	Discharge of conditions 10, 14 & 15 on application 22/0804M: Variation of Condition 01 on approved application 17/ 3614M - Reserved Matters (following outline approval 11/2340M) for Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale in respect of 76 dwellings, 830 sqm

	of B1 Class E G (i) and (iii) and B8 employment floorspace, public open space and new footpath links
<b>Location:</b>	Land At Former Langley Business Park, LANGLEY ROAD, LANGLEY
<b>Decision:</b>	Approved - 10-May-2023

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**137/23** Cheshire East Council – Update on Local bus services – April 2023. **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to agree the following response:

- The bus returns by a different route with no bus stops e.g. the majority of the stops are on other side of the road.
- The route restricts the residents at the Settlement, in Lyme Green, who now cannot get a bus back and preventing their independence.
- The service is every 2 hrs with the bus going down Byrons Lane providing no service to residents. Thus, the new service seems to be a way of promoting travel by car and in the long run ensuring a cut of service to the community.
- The connectivity between the three villages has been further restricted.
- There is no services for the new housing at Lyme Green.
- The service has been reduced/changed to such an extent that it has created a route that is unusable for our residents and particularly the most vulnerable in our community.

Members also discussed that residents could write to the Council with their stories about how the changing bus service affects them.

**138/23** MOP – Resident has concerns regarding hedge cutting on Cock Hall Lane. Members understood this was not the responsibility of Cheshire East and the farmer had actioned. It is understood that hedges are not cut between April to August unless necessary for safety. **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to refer resident to the Nature Conservation Officer at Cheshire East Council.

**139/23** Cheshire East Council – parking problems at junction between Byrons Lane and Bullocks Lane. **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to refer this matter to the Ward Councillor.

**140/23** Cheshire East Council – Lyme Green Settlement enquiry regarding possible breach of planning permission at the Lyme Green Settlement. **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to refer this matter to the Ward Councillor.

**141/23** MOP – concerns regarding party politics and the Parish Council. Members discussed concerns and **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to note.

**142/23** MOP - objection to application 23/1269M. **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to note however the Council had already commented on application, but they would keep an eye on footpath.

**143/23** MOP – enquiry regarding refurbishment of signs Robin Crescent. **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to review the issue.

**144/23** MOP – Leek Old Road, Macclesfield regarding surface water. **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to note correspondence.

**145/23 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA**

- Maintenance of Meg Lane phone kiosk.
- Highways issue house with blocks on grass verge.
- Tree planting

**146/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to agree the date for next meeting as **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Minutes agreed by Sutton Parish Council as a true record

.....*Gillian N. Baed*..... Chairman

## Appendices

### Appendix 1 – Ward Councillors report

- Cheshire East is now run as a Labour/Independent coalition.
- There are some issues with budget – In February there were some big cuts agreed and areas of income growth. This includes looking at car parking charges and green bin tax. There are some concerns about increase in parking in town centre and the green bin tax takes no account of increase in fly tipping and the use of other bins.
- Save Dans Moss – planning will be going through in next couple of months. The Parish Council will get to speak at the Planning Board for 5 minutes and he would encourage Members to do this.
- Gaw End Lane – it is a challenge to find out what is going to happen on London Road. He has spoken with Lyme Green Councillors regarding the issues and businesses.
- Reported 70 odd potholes in a two week period.
- Winter gritting routes will be reviewed in June.
- Going forward the Ward Councillor has a budget which has to be used on highways. He will divide between the Wards. £1000 has to be spent on signage, painting white lines etc and he would ask that this be put to Members at the next Council meeting.
- Members were asked to keep him informed of any issues.

### Appendix 2 - Climate Emergency Working Group

- Earth Day took place. A lot of work went into the day and there was a lot of creative activity involved. The lack of people attending was disappointing however, the group will reflect on lessons to be learnt.
- Community Orchard – it looks like this cannot be moved forward at this stage. It is understood that the land is being cleared for tenants. Cheshire East have expressed surprise that there are tenants appointed to land and will be making enquiries regarding the type of tenancy.
- They will be setting a date for the next meeting and have the support of the full support of Council.