

SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2023 COMMENCING at 7.30 P.M.

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

PRESENT

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

Also present: Ward Councillor Chris O'Leary and the Parish Clerk. There were four members of the public (MOP) present.

235/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive and accept apologies for absence from PSCO J Newns, Councillors T Whiskard and K Stepien-Bialy.

236/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive Dispensations and Declarations of Interest: none declared.

237/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree and sign the Minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 14th September 2023.

238/23 Public Participation – THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive information/queries/questions from members of the public (MOPs):

- MOP spoke regarding defibrillators – the installation of a new defibrillator at the reservoir, Canal and River Trust License and the proposal for a defibrillator at Sutton General Stores.
- MOP spoke regarding the proposal for an orchard in Langley.

MEMBERS REPORTS

239/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report from the Cheshire East Ward Member. **See Appendix 1.**

240/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team. **See Appendix 2.**

241/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive report of the Climate Emergency Working Group.

- Discussed event to celebrate the natural world at Harvest Time (8th October). There was a reasonable turnout and would be a good platform for future events.
- Town and Parish Online Conference: Climate Change (Tuesday 3rd October). **See Appendix 3.**

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

242/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive reports on highways issues and **agree** the following actions:

- Flooding at the Cricket Club – no change to the road and is continuing to deteriorate. To chase response from Highways.
- Lyme Green London Road – traffic island in the middle of road with cars parking either side. Large cars/lorries struggling to get through. Reported lorry going on other side of the road to get through. Ward Councillor to raise with CEC as could be dangerous situation.
- Overgrown hedge – privet hedge overhanging the footpath, near Kings Head on the right before the bridge. Send letter to householder.

243/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to consider whether members are aware of speeding issues southbound past Rossendale Trust (Enquiry no: 21420497 - Hollin Lane Sutton to extend 30mph zone) and **agreed** that the early morning and evening traffic going to the schools in the area, can use excessive speed. The footpath is inadequate and very narrow forcing wheelchair users into the road. The road goes straight into village into the school zone. The change in speed limit is right on the edge of the centre of village, and on the border of school zone. We would like it to be pulled back to the other side past the Rossendale Trust.

244/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree not to progress with Community Speedwatch. Members preferred traffic calming measures and the present measures such as TRUCAM.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

245/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree policy for the installation of memorial benches with some minor amendments.

- 246/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** to the creation of a working group (WG) to investigate the public need, viability and sustainability of a Community Hall at the Lyme Green development, Gaw End Lane and to **agree** "Terms of Reference" for said WG. To include two Lyme Green residents, three ^{Lyme Green residents} Councillors and one Ward Councillor. The Ward Councillor to be Chair. Potential to increase to the residents' representation in the future to be determined/agreed by the Parish Council.
- 247/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree**, as a first step to start in the process of expressing interest, to explore the opportunity of the asset transfer of Turnip Brow community orchard in Langley to the Parish Council.
- 248/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **discuss** attendance for Remembrance Day and **agree** distribution of letters relating to road closures. (To advertise in Grapevine, on Facebook and website).

DEFIBRILLATOR

- 249/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** update regarding the installation of defibrillator at Sutton Reservoir.
- 250/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** signing of License with the Canal & River Trust relating to the installation of a defibrillator at Sutton Reservoir.
- 251/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** to support Sutton General Store to fundraise for a further defibrillator to be sited at the store and adding this to the managed system with the Community Heartbeat Trust. The defibrillator must be on the outside of the building.

THE GRAPEVINE

- 252/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** the following items for inclusion in The Grapevine : (deadline 20th October).
- Defibrillator – update thanking resident, businesses and Prince Albert Fishing Club.
 - Christmas – thank you to United Utilities for free trees.
 - Climate event - copy and pictures.
 - Any additional items to be forwarded to Clerk.

FINANCE

- 253/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** schedule of receipts and payments for October 2023.

Receipts From:

BACS	E Hill	Fishing club donation towards defibrillator at Sutton Reservoir.	£ 1,296.42
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Payments To:

BACS	Sarah Giller	Clerks' net salary £475 and expenses £39.70	£514.70
SEPTEMBER			
<i>Spending power: GPOC</i>			
BACS	Mili Bhatia	Minuteman Press – payment for printing 4 x A1 posters Climate Change event.	£66.00
<i>Spending power: GPOC</i>			
DD	It'seeze website	Months subscription September 2023 (collected 14 th September 2023)	£54.00
<i>Spending power: GPOC</i>			
DD	SSE	Account for August 2023 (collected after 21/9/23)	£94.00
<i>Spending power: GPOC</i>			
BACS	Arrow Business Machines Ltd	3 colour printed certificates for Sunflower competition	£7.20
<i>Spending power: GPOC</i>			
BACS	F Davies & Son Ltd	Order 283 – bus shelter on Lindrum Avenue reported supply fault on feeder pillar.	£54.00
<i>Spending power: GPOC</i>			
BACS	F Davies & Son Ltd	Order 287 – Column 69 Minor Avenue Column 27 Vicarage car park	£184.80
<i>Spending power: GPOC</i>			
BACS	The Community Heartbeat Trust	Purchase of defibrillator, thermal bag, cabinet, post. seminar at Reservoir. Total invoice £3220 LESS donations held by CHT of £1346 = £1874 to pay.	£1874.00
<i>Spending power: GPOC</i>			

BACS	The Community Heartbeat Trust	Defibrillator – annual support.	£198.00
<i>Spending power: GPOC</i>			

254/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** 2nd quarter finance report July to September 2023 and verified figures against bank statements.

255/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **review** draft budget/precept for 2024/25 and **agreed** that Members to have review check for additional items for the next meeting.

PLAYGROUNDS

256/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from Park4All and **agree** support of Christmas event in Lyme Green as in previous years (on basis that Sutton and Langley have equivalent option).

PLANNING

257/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

Application No:	23/3359M
Proposal:	Listed Building Consent for alterations to stables to include alterations to elevations facing courtyard, new gates on courtyard, new rooflight, internal alterations including removal of some fixtures and repositioning of others, blocking of some doors and creation of new doorways, new partition walls to create 2 bedrooms with ensuite shower rooms, kitchen, lounge/dining room and associated staff office/therapy room and plant room
Location:	Sutton Oaks, LONDON ROAD, SUTTON, SK11 0JF
Deadline	11 th October 2023 (Extended to 13 th October)

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:	23/3627M
Proposal:	Proposed erection of new single-storey conservatory and two-storey store/utility to existing detached dwelling.
Location:	HAWKSHEAD HOUSE, LEEK OLD ROAD, SUTTON, CHESHIRE, SK11 0JB
Deadline	25 th October 2023

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:	23/3276M
Proposal:	Full application for the erection of 40 1,2,3 and 4 bedroom dwellings and their associated access, public open space and landscaping following refusal of application no. 21/1249M
Location:	Land West Of London Road And South Of, GAW END LANE, LYME GREEN
Deadline	18 th October 2023

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

1. The proposed site layout does not address the reasons for refusal on application 21/1249M e.g.
 - 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.
 - There have been no plans shown regarding funding for new schools, health and welfare services or towards adapting the road system to accommodate the increase in housing stock.
 - The council are very 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.
2. The proposal does not comply with policy Site LPS17 (Local plan strategy): Gaw End Lane.
3. There is inadequate green buffer to London Road/Leek Road.
4. There is no area of protected open space adjacent to Rayswood Nature Reserve.
5. The proposed site layout is still cramped despite the inclusion of the play area.
6. Inadequate parking on site will/may cause overflow parking elsewhere.
7. The proposals do not fulfil requirements of Peak Park fringe.”

We expect one of the conditions should be that the control of speed be addressed.”

Application No:	23/3586M
Proposal:	Conversion of garage/store into habitable rooms at Fold Farm House.
Location:	Fold Farm House, Cock Hall Lane, Langley.

Deadline	18 th October 2023
THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: <i>“Sutton Parish Council have no objection to this application unless deemed unneighbourly.”</i>	
Application No:	23/3094M
Proposal:	An outside home office 2.3 metres x 4.4 metres at it's outside boundaries (smaller inside) - fully insulated wooden structure. Three windows and a pair of doors double glazed. The interior has power.
Location:	10, CRICKETERS WAY, LANGLEY, SK11 0AX
Deadline	1 st November 2023

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: *“Sutton Parish Council would object to this application because the structure impacts detrimentally the neighbouring property and is an over-intensification of the site.”*

258/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to note; appeals and **agree** whether the Council wishes to amend/make additional comments to return to the relevant authority:

Application No:	21/1249M - Appeal reference: APP/R0660/W/23/3323678
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	23-Oct-2023

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the following comments to send to Cheshire East Council: *“Sutton Parish Council consider this to be a very urban development and not in keeping with the surrounding countryside area neighbouring a nature reserve. We would also reiterate comments previously submitted:*

- *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.*
- *There have been no plans shown regarding funding for new schools or towards adapting the road system to accommodate the increase in housing stock.*
- *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.”*
- *“The proposed houses and their setting are suburban in appearance and do not match local houses, in character or appearance, so would not be in keeping with the surrounding area of the Peak Park Fringe.”*

259/23 Noted; Decisions and withdrawals this month:

Application No:	23/0856M
Proposal:	Detached Ancillary Accommodation
Location:	23, MINOR AVENUE, LYME GREEN, SK11 0LQ
Decision	approved with conditions

CORRESPONDENCE

260/23 Cheshire East Council - Parking Review Statutory Consultation (*Consultation period: 20 September 2023 to 1 November 2023*). **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree** that any increase to make it more challenging to bring cars into the town centre needs to be in tandem with adequate transport links.

261/23 Cheshire East Council - Re-procurement of Local Bus contracts. (Deadline: 18th October). Members were pleased that the 14a route has been re-established.

262/23 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

- Maintenance of Meg Lane phone kiosk.
- Budget
- Notice boards
- Graveyard report.

263/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree the date for next meeting as **9th November 2023 commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at **21.51 p.m.**

Minutes agreed by Sutton Parish Council as a true record

..... Chairman

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Ward Councillors report

- Reported that Macclesfield Express have reported on CEC financial problems which they are doing some work to reduce.
- Reminded Members of the car park charges consultation.
- Trying to report a lot of blocked drains – has been informed that unless there is an immediate danger of homes flooding, they will not be unblocking drains.

Appendix 2 – Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team

Continued work with Hollinhey Primary School. Conducting school talks and visits. School parking patrol is conducted both morning and afternoon.

TRUCAM enforcement continues to be an effective tool to combat speeding vehicles on our roads. 9 vehicles on Byrons Lane, fastest doing 43mph were caught between 11:05-12:05hours 10/10/23.

I have been discussing, with a civilian who works for Cheshire Police on road safety issues, how we are getting on with sites for Jarman and Langley Road. Civilian is processing this with Cheshire East Highways department.

We also have Hall Lane as a site and this will continue to get my attention.

Community Speed Watch is a voluntary scheme aimed at deterring motorists from speeding. I understand there is interest in the community for such a scheme. In honesty, I think the enforcement route which is already being successfully utilised is far more impacting as all people get for speeding via Speed Watch is a letter home.

Selecta DNA property marking kits have been handed out to persons in Lyme Green and Langley effected by burglary. This month has not seen much happening on the burglary front.

Police Surgeries continue to be conducted in Sutton, Langley and Lyme Green. I have decided to hold future Langley Surgeries at the Wednesday Morning coffee mornings as hardly anyone comes to the Langley Village Hall surgeries.

Surgery Dates are:

Sunday 21st October - Sutton Café 10-11am

Sunday 21st October - Lyme Green Park 2-3pm

Wednesday 1st November - Langley Methodist Church 10:30 - 12:00pm

Saturday 11th November - Sutton Café 10-11am

Sunday 12th November - Lyme Green Park 2-3pm

Wednesday 22nd November - Langley Methodist Church 0:30-12:00pm

Incidents of note:

16/09/23 – Burglary - Robin Lane Lyme Green - Offenders broke through rear kitchen window and stole E BIKE. Bike found. Police advice, reassurance and door to door. Property marking kits handed out.

16/09/23 - Theft of number plate from car parked at Lyme Green Business Park.

20/09/23 - Gun shots heard on farmers land f Hollin Lane Sutton. Rural Crime Team made contact and offered advise/reassurance.

04/10/23 - Walker Lane Sutton- Obstructing vehicle- PCSO NEWNS advised keeper to park safe and responsibly.

Appendix 2 – Climate Emergency Group

Cheshire East Climate Emergency team reported on the progress they have made towards reducing carbon emissions. They have made significant reductions and are committed to becoming carbon neutral as a Council by 2025. They are working towards the whole borough meeting targets so will be engaging in the community to tackle their carbon footprint by reducing energy consumption and promoting healthy lifestyles. Pledged to make Cheshire East a carbon neutral borough by 2045.

The talked about what the barriers are in breakout groups. Exeter University have put together a formula for calculating carbon emissions.

Developing a refresh document for Town and Parish Councils to help them reach their target. The Group will meet again when this document is published.