

SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 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, T Priestman, K Stepien-Bialy and A Waller.

Also present: The Parish Clerk and Ward Councillor C O’Leary. There were no members of the public (MOP) present.

- 290/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** and **accept** apologies for absence from PSCO J Newns and Councillors M Bhatia, B Griffiths, E Hall and T Whiskard.
- 291/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** Dispensations and Declarations of Interest: Cllr Stepien-Bialy declared an interest in Item 311/23 (as Editor of the Grapevine) and Cllrs Sinclair Smith and Barber Item 297/23 (as members of the PCC).
- 292/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **agree** and sign the Minutes as a true record of the meeting held on 9th November 2023.
- 293/23 **Public Participation – THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** information/queries/questions from members of the public (MOPs): there were no members of public present.

MEMBERS REPORTS

- 294/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from the Cheshire East Ward Member: **(See Appendix 1)**
- 295/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team. **(See Appendix 2)**
- 296/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report of the Climate Emergency working group: It was reported that a meeting has been arranged for 8th January 2024.
- 297/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from graveyard working group: Nothing to report.
- 298/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from the Lyme Green Community Hall working group and **agree** to the amend the quorum from 4 to 3 due to Councillor resignation.
 - The group have met recently and are investigating the viability of the project and funding.
 - A meeting is arranged for 8th January 2024.
- 299/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** minutes from Macclesfield Forest Working Group in for meeting held in September: Noted that there has been considerable restructuring.

FINANCE

300/23 **THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **approve** schedule of receipts and payments for December 2023.

Receipts From:

BACS	Sarah Giller	Clerks’ net salary £1073.50 and expenses £29.20 Includes adjustments for backdated rise of £380 (April to October 2023) HMRC payment covering employer NI and employee tax £157.95 NOVEMBER	£1011.50
<i>Spending power: GPOC</i>			
BACS	Dutton Traffic Management Services Ltd	Traffic Management for Remembrance Day	£1710.00
<i>Spending power: GPOC</i>			
BACS	Cheshire Association of Local Councils	Introduction to Planning – Cllr K Stepien-Bialy attended.	£30.00
<i>Spending power: GPOC</i>			
BACS	RBL Poppy appeal	Purchase of wreath for Remembrance Day	£20.00
<i>Spending power: GPOC</i>			
BACS	Bollin Brass (Charles D Reynolds, Music Account)	For services rendered 12/11/23. Playing during Remembrances Day service.	£75.00

Spending power: GPOC			
DD	SSE	Account for October 2023 (collected by DD 19 th November 2023)	£91.01
Spending power: GPOC			
DD	Spoton.Net Ltd (It'seeze website)	Months subscription November 2023	£54.00
Spending power: GPOC			
BACS	Mr C Fenton	Christmas - Sound and lighting	£50.00
Spending Power: GPOC			
BACS	HMRC	HMRC payment covering employer NI £66.75 and employee tax £91.20 NOVEMBER	£157.95
Spending Power: GPOC			
Pension Contributions			
DD	NEST (National Employment Savings Trust)	NOVEMBER contribution Employee pension contribution - 5% - £56.50 Employer pension contribution - 3% - £18.30	£74.80
Spending power: GPOC			

301/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to approve bank reconciliation up to 30th November and verify figures against bank statements.

302/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree budget for 2024/25 and set the precept at **£28314 (TWENTYEIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN POUNDS ONLY)** with the following adjustments (*Deadline 12th January 2024*):

Contingency increase - £1500

Garden maintenance increase - £700

Lighting electric increase - £2000

303/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree implementation of 2023/23 Local Government Services pay agreement (1st April to 31st March 2024).

304/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to note increase in hire of hall for Parish Council meetings to £38 p/month.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

305/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to receive reports on highways issues and **agree** the following actions:

- Pothole reported to Highways between Parvey and Bullocks Lane.
- Flooding Bullocks Lane – reported and understand now being actioned. Members will monitor.
- Reported last month wall in dangerous condition (past Bottoms Reservoir on right hand side just before treatment works car has gone into wall) - Highways have reported to United Utilities for action however, fencing installed to protect wall has collapsed. Pictures to be forwarded to Clerk.
- Stone wall reported collapsed at the Bottom of Teggs Nose Mount. Pictures to be forwarded to Clerk.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL

306/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree dates for Council meetings in 2024.

307/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to note that United Utilities have very kindly donated all the annual Christmas Trees to the Parish of Sutton. (To update website/grapevine and inform United Utilities of actions).

308/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree to make enquiries with Hollinhey School regarding holding a defibrillator awareness course there around April/May 2024.

309/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to consider analysis of the “Section 106” issue raised regarding the Gaw End Lane Development/ Ward Councillors briefing and **agree** to raise a formal objection with the Head of Cheshire East regarding the spending of the monies. Copy to Head of Highways.

310/23 Allotments - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to discuss removal of carpet from plot 13 and noted that carpet has been removed. It was noted that Clerk will be arranging signing of tenancy agreement with new tenant.

THE GRAPEVINE

311/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to agree to **discuss** ideas for inclusion in the next Grapevine magazine (January/February deadline 15th December).

- Happy New Year from Parish Council – photo of Lyme Green Christmas tree.
- Reporting that Langley held their Christmas event.

PLAYGROUNDS

- 312/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **receive** report from Park 4All @Lyme Green. None received.
- 313/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED** to **consider** request, from Park 4All @Lyme Green, to include funds to remedy drainage issue in Lyme Green Community Park within the 2024/25 budget (Cost: £1,548.00 (£1,290.00 plus VAT) and **agreed** the Council is not able to make a further contribution towards the drainage however, s106 monies are allocated to go towards the park and therefore the group may be able to make use of these funds in due course.

PLANNING

314/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** comments for return to the relevant authority for these new applications:

Application No:	23/4335M
Proposal:	Proposed demolition of existing external entrance step access and external canopy, internal stairs and external garage building and erect new extension which will form a new entrance, kitchen dining, utility and reorganised internal circulation and associated enabling works which include a new external terrace/patio area
Location:	THE GAS HOUSE, 74, LANGLEY ROAD, LANGLEY, SK11 0DG
Deadline	20 th December 2023

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

315/23 To note non-material amendment;

Application No:	23/4350M – NON-MATERIAL MINOR AMENDMENT
Proposal:	Non-material amendment to 23/0856M - Detached Ancillary Accommodation
Location:	23, MINOR AVENUE, LYME GREEN, SK11 0LQ
Deadline	23rd November 2023

316/23 THE COUNCIL RESOLVED Noted; Decisions and withdrawals this month: NONE RECEIVED

CORRESPONDENCE

- 317/23** Cheshire East Strategic Leisure Review - consultation launch (*Sunday 7th January 2024*)
https://surveys.cheshireeast.gov.uk/s/Strategic_Leisure_Review_Consultation_2023/
- 318/23** Cheshire East Council – planning policy document consultation. Final draft Environmental Protection Supplementary Planning Document (EP SPD) (17th November to 15th December 2023).
<https://cheshireeast-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/folder/29414>
- 319/23** Cheshire East Council – planning policy document consultation. Final draft Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (DC SPD) (17th November to 15th December 2023).
<https://cheshireeast-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/folder/29414>

320/23 MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AND FUTURE MEETING AGENDA

- Maintenance of Meg Lane phone kiosk.
- To consider quote for refurbishment of Millennium Signs (Sutton, Langley during 2024/25 and 2025/26.
- To consider any issues raised during the Christmas events 2023.
- Notice boards.

321/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - THE COUNCIL RESOLVED to **agree** the date for next meeting as **11th January 2024** commencing at **7.30 p.m.**

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.23 p.m.

Minutes agreed by Sutton Parish Council as a true record

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... Chairman

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Ward Councillors report

- Reported that the Local Government Boundary Commission are reviewing the size of Wards (this happens every 10/15 years). Cheshire East have submitted a proposal to retain the Council size at 82 Councillors. The Commission will publish proposals and there will be a statutory consultation.
- Finance – Cheshire East have massively overspent, and they are looking at ways to save money.
- Gaw End Lane – trying to get a clear picture regarding S106 monies for Lyme Green and Langley.
- Reported flooding at Lyme Green and Bullocks Lane.
- Although not officially reported he has been led to understand that, following an assessment, there will not be a speed limit reduction at Rosendale Hall and the speed will be kept at 60 mph.

Appendix 2 – Macclesfield Neighbourhood Policing Team

TRUCAM enforcement on Jarman.

School parking patrols at Hollinhey Primary School.

Police Surgery at Langley Methodist Church is going well. Next surgery Wednesday 3rd January 2024 10:30-11:30 hours.

I have completed many Residents Voice Police Surveys around Sutton and Langley. The main issues raised are parking and speeding.

Incidents of Note:

13/11/2023 Possible theft of a cow Leek Old Road.

14/11/2023 Suspicious activity Symondley Road, Sutton.

19/11/2023 Possession of Cannabis - Gaw End Lane, Lyme Green.

21/11/2023 Man soaked by driver driving through a puddle on Bullocks Lane.

06/12/2023 Wagon and Trailer burnt out at Hawkshead Quarry Leek Old Road.

06/12/2023 RTC one vehicle involved in poor conditions Macc Forest.