

SUTTON UPON TERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sutton upon Tern Parish Council Meetings held at 7.30pm on Wednesday the 2024, at the Festival Drayton Centre.

Present: Cllr Michael Dams (Chair), Cllr Terence Hodge, Cllr James Danks, Cllr Esta Jane Middling, Cllr Catherine Morgan, Cllr Lauren Carey, Cllr John Tomkinson, Cllr John Lugg and Cllr Deborah Sambrook.

Clerk: Graham Bould.

RAF Shawbury: Warrant Officer Kevin Morley

Two Parishioners present.

01/24. Welcome, Public and Partner Session:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting and invited any comments. Warrant Officer Kevin Morley updated members about night flying, Hi Viz. for horse riders, drones, community projects and the Aries Magazine. The details of this report would be circulated via email. The Warrant Officer indicated that he would be retiring from the service very soon spending some seven years attending the Parish Council meetings and would bring along his replacement Louise Wallace to the next meeting. The Parishioners present raised their concerns about the outstanding planning application from Hollins Lane and the biofuel application at Sutton Road. The Chairman indicated that the Parish Council would continue to make representations in terms of Hollins Lane and would raise the issue of the biofuel application at Sutton Road directly with the Planning Officer about traffic, impact, size and the time frame for a full consultation. There being no further items the Chairman thanked the Partners and Parishioners present for their input and moved onto the next item of business.

02/24. Apologies:

Cllr Allison Jackson (agreed an extension of leave of absence till the 29th May 2024 meeting, and for the Clerk and Chairman to organise a zoom meeting), PC Iain McIntosh, West Mercia Police (shift patterns), Councillor Rob Gittins (prior engagement)

03/24. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other Interests and Dispensations: None

04/24. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 29th November 2023:

Cllr T Hodge proposed and Cllr J Danks, seconded the minutes of the 29th November 2023 as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Members agreed the minutes unanimously and the Chair signed the minutes in the presents of Councillors.

05/24. Clerks Report:

The Clerk highlighted a number of items from their report. Members agreed that a March 2024 meeting for the Community led Housing working group would be more suitable and confirmed Cllr J Lugg as an additional member of the group. Recruitment is still required for one or two more Parishioners and/or interested parties who live or work in the wider Market Drayton area as the local housing need still remains.

06/24. Flooding/block drains – update: c/f for discussion with Shropshire Councillor Rob Gittins.

07/24. Public Transport Services: c/f awaiting responses from Officers at Shropshire Council, further discussions with Shropshire Councillor Rob Gittins.

08/24. Fly tipping.

Members agreed the start of a campaign with the creation of ten 'Fly tipping Observance Zones' across the parish. Cllr J Tomkinson agreed to create the ten posters on stakes as signs in each key location. A press release would also be created for the campaign along with a leaflet for circulation and members agreed as part of the initiative to start litter picking around the area. Feedback is awaited from Shropshire Council about the extent of the problem and what initiatives they intend to undertake. If members are minded to develop surveillance with the zones advice would need to be taken from SALC in terms of the powers required to undertake any such programme. An application has been made for an additional litter picking pack to be kept with those held for use by the Chairman.

09/24. Community Speed watch: PC Iain McIntosh from West Mercia Police has raised within the force and is awaiting the outcome of a survey underway at present to identify to extend and potential feasibility of any project with the Police.

10/24. Rights of Way Working Groups report: Cllr M Dams agreed that this subject should be carried forward to the next meeting with a list of projects to be tabled at that next meeting.

11/24. Web site/social media updates: No updates to report.

12/24. Planning Applications: 23/05139/VAR: Brook Farm Sutton Road, Tern Hill. Variation of permission 23/01366/FUL. **No Objections.**

13/24. Outside bodies and any courses attended: Cllr L Carey indicated that she has joined the Freedom Fibre site.

14/24. Finance and Audit Matters.

1. Members agreed a precept of £8,814.00 for 2024/25 a nine percent increase on 2023/24 in order to continue the development of projects across the parish to respond to the needs of Parishioners.

2. The following payments were agreed and cheques signed for the following Parish Council commitments. Prior to the commitments set out below the bank balance stands at £8,714.29. The bank reconciliation statement was tabled and signed by the Chairman as correct and corresponding with the bank statement as of the end of December 2023.

Number	Name	Amount
100468	Festival Drayton (room hire)	£22.50
100469	SALC (training)	£30.00
100470	DM Payroll Services (payroll)	£50.00
100471	Clerks Expenses (expenses)	£56.25
DD	SWALEC (December)	£46.12

15/24. Highways & Footpaths: A41: Councillor Gittins has fed back via email that the grant and safety measures are still work in progress through the various authorities, any announcements will be conveyed in due course.

16/24. Items for inclusion on future agendas: None

Dates for 2004/25: 29/5, 24/7, 25/9 & 27/11 2024, 22/1 (precept), 26/3 & 28/5 2025.

The meeting then closed at 20.40pm

Signed:

Chairman.

Date: 27th March 2024