# SUTTON UPON TERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sutton upon Tern Parish Council Meetings held at 7.30pm on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022, at the Festival Drayton Centre.

Present: Cllr A Jackson (Chair), Cllr M Dams, Cllr J Danks, Cllr E J Middling and Cllr Lauren Carey (after item 2/22)

Clerk: Graham Bould.

Shropshire Council: Councillor Rob Gittins

RAF Shawbury: Warrant Officer (WO) Kevin Morley.

One Parishioners (for item 2/22: co-options).

### 1/22. Welcome, Public Session and Partner updates.

There being no Parishioners present with items to raise with the Parish Council the Chair welcomed members and partners to the meeting. Warrant Officer Kevin Morley extended a Happy New Year from the Station Commander and highlighted the Shawbury video showing how the helicopter aircrew train and use the Low Flying Area (LFA9) covering Shropshire and the border areas of adjacent counties. The link is attached below, copies of the poster for the Shawbury 10K in aid of the RAF benevolent fund to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were distributed for inclusion on the Parish Council notice boards. The Warrant Officer also the opportunity for community projects later in the year within the parish.

https://www.facebook.com/RAFShawbury/videos/1080120172810521/

Councillor Rob Gittins then presented a verbal report to the Parish Council on activities at Shropshire Council. This included the the setting of the Council Tax and the extreme pressure on all budgets with a 60 million pound deficit. The pressure in part caused by the statuary funding requirements for Social Care absorbing 86% of the budget total. Shropshire Council continues to work proactively with all MP's to secure a fair funding package for the County as concern that the increase in National Insurance will be spent on the NHS with very little available for Social Care. Councillor Gittins went on to indicate that the ensuing year would be interesting with the Authority looking at 114-special measures because of the potential funding crisis.

There being no further items the Chair thanked Warrant Officer Kevin Morley and Councillor Rob Gittins for their input and moved onto the next items of business.

**2/22. Co-options:** Members agreed to formally co-opt Lauren Carey onto the Parish Council who joined in with the business of the Parish Council once all the paperwork had been signed.

3/22. Apologies: None

4/22. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other Interests and Dispensations: None

5/22. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on the Tuesday 14th December 2021.

Cllr M Dams proposed and Cllr J Danks seconded the minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 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.

## 6/22. Clerks Report.

Members were referred to the report circulated and the following items were raised. Work is continuing to recruit additional members to set up and sustain working groups for Hollins Lane, Community led Housing and co-options onto the Parish Council. A reasonable response has been received from the recent 200 leaflets recently distributed within the parish and an additional 100 updated leaflets will be printed and distributed during the next two months. Members further agreed to create an additional working group to look at the clearance of rights of way across the parish for late February 2022. Additional help maybe forth coming for other walking groups and ramblers in the surrounding Parishes and Towns. Several rights of ways remained blocked and Councillor Rob Gittins requested all the details so that they could be raise with Shropshire Council. Members agreed the the following dates for the municipal year of 22/23 – 25/5/22, 27/7/22, 28/9/22, 30/11/22, 25/1/23, 29/3/23 and 31/5/23.

**7/22.** Buntingsdale School Governor co-option: Cllr E J Middling agreed to consider the co-option upon the receipt of more information about the role and time required to carry out the requirements of the co-option.

# 8/22. Shropshire Garden Party - June 2022.

Members to consider nominations from within the parish who are activity in the community and report back to the next meeting

### 9/22. Web site and social media.

Cllr J Danks agreed to carry this item forward and set up a meeting with Shropshire Councillor Rob Gittins.

## 10/22. Planning Applications for note:

22/00026/HHE:47 Stokesay Road, Buntingsdale, Market Drayton, TF9 2HE.

Erection of a single storey rear extension to semi-detached dwelling. Dimensions 3.00m beyond the rear wall, 3.50m maximum height and 2.25m high to the eaves. **No Objection** 

# 11/22. Street Lights/Maintenance/repairs; opportunity to report any items requiring attention.

Members would receive the details of the replacement notice board on the A41 within the finance and audit matters on the agenda below

## 12/22. Courses & Reports: Nothing to report.

### 13/22. Finance and Audit Matters.

- 1. Members RESOLVED to set the 22/23 precept at £7554.00
- 2. Nat West banking: all members agreed to be be signatures on any new account (any 2 from 5), the next steps are to complete the on line forms once information has been received from all the new signatures.
- 3. The bank reconciliation was agreed with the Chair signing both the bank reconciliation and statement for audit.
- 4. Cheques were signed for the following Parish Council commitments.

Number	Name	Amount
100405	Festival Drayton (room hire)	£15.00
100406	David Probert (lengthman - drainage works)	£1,460.00
100407	David Probert (A41 new notice board)	£698.00
100408	David Probert (A41 – footpath clearance)	£470.00
100409	Clerks expenses (expenses)	£37.12
100410	Meadow dale Nurseries (bulb planting A529)	£93.60
DD	SWALEC (December)	£12.94

# 14/22. Highways & Footpaths.

Members would continue to undertake the map identification exercise at each meeting highlighting any potholes, flooding and litter for either direct inspection by the Clerk for the lengthman pilot project or reporting directly into 'fix my street' at Shropshire Council. Members would further identify potential verges for inclusion into a meadow creation programme across the parish.

Councillor Rob Gittins reported on the A529 programme with the some elements of delay encountered due to some different specifications of works and additional community engagement along the road required by the Department of Transport.

### Items for inclusion on future agendas.

None identified at present.

The meeting then closed at 20.30pm

Signed:

Chairman.

Date: 30th March 2022