

SUTTON UPON TERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sutton upon Tern Parish Council Meetings held at 7.30pm on Wednesday the 27th July 2022, at the Festival Drayton Centre.

Present: Cllr Michael Dams (Vice Chairman in the Chair), Cllr James Danks, Cllr Esta Jane Middling, Cllr Lauren Carey, Cllr Catherine Morgan and Cllr Terence Hodge.

Clerk: Graham Bould.

In attendance: Shropshire Councillor Rob Gittins, Warrant Officer Kevin Morley, RAF Shawbury, Janet Cobb and John Higson, Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project (part).

Three Parishioners (one for item 42/22: co-options).

40/22. Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project – presentation.

Janet Cobb, Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project thanked the Parish Council for the opportunity to present the work of the project. She spoke about how the Parish Council and the Community could become involved with the improving verges, hedging and planting. Those present watched a video promoting the benefits of the project. Ms Cobb also circulated leaflets about the project and other initiatives including the 'Caring for God's Acre' project. Members agreed several actions could be developed particularly focusing through the rights of way working group, the potential engagement of a botanist to survey local parish verges, setting up demonstration pilot sites and reporting back on which could be developed first. Having identified potential sites.

41/2. Welcome, Public and Partner Session.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting and thanked Janet Cobb for the presentation on verges. Warrant Officer Kevin Morley, RAF Shawbury gave an updated covering the areas of night flying, horse riding safety and drone policy across the fly area. This information plus the link to the Aries magazine would be directly provided to upload onto the web site.

Shropshire Councillor Rob Gittins highlighted the recent safety campaign group meeting for the A41 and the clear need to engage with the Police Commissioner around road safety at future gatherings. This including the recent resolution supported at Shropshire Councils full meeting, he agreed to request to research information that might be relevant from the insurance industry in terms of accidents.

42/22. Co-options.

Members agreed to formally co-opt John Tomkinson from Sandy Lane, Woodseaves.

43/22. Apologies.

Cllr Allison Jackson (work commitments), members also agreed a two months leave of absence for Cllr Sadie Booth and Cllr Scott Cant to be reviewed at the next meeting once contact has been made.

32/22. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other Interests and Dispensations: None declared.

33/22. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 25th May 2022.

Cllr C Morgan proposed and Cllr T Hodge seconded the minutes of the 25th May 2022 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.

34/22. Clerks Report.

Members were referred to the report circulated and a number of actions were agreed.

That the Parish Council continues to adopt a single ward for the parish and is open as part of the review by Shropshire Council to amalgamations with neighbouring parishes across Divisional Boundaries particularly in terms of the Strategic Development Site at Tern Hill.

Members further agreed to 'ring fence' the CIL Neighbourhood Fund of £3,058.84 to match fund and lever in external investment as part of an updated Place Plan later in the year with a particular focus around the canal. Cllr T Hodge offered up the potential of 20 volunteers for a days activity on the canal towpath. This offer would be forwarded on to the Canals and Rivers Trust to respond. Progress on the change to the bank account were also noted.

Members confirmed the continued involvement of Cllr M Dams and Cllr J Danks on the community led housing working group and Cllr M Dams agreed to approach Cllr A Jackson to fill the third vacancy on the group so as to make it function properly as it moves into its next phase that of engaging with housing providers.

Steady progress is also being made in terms of Hollins Lane with the 'proofing of the evidence forms already undertaken. Members agreed the following next steps. That the Parish Council apply for a direction on the claimed route to the Secretary of State and in doing so seek to coordinate with Loggerheads Parish Council across the border in Staffordshire. To continue to seek external specialist help to advance the claim and to amass local evidence that supports the claim. This could involve the following up any offers of external funding. Cllr C Morgan also agreed to speak with her neighbours at Turley Castle and report back on any horse use of the lane. Cllr L Carey agreed to contact Phil Larkum to establish a social media contact profile for Hollins Lane.

35/22. Rights of Way Group report back.

The survey works on a number of the rights of ways across the parish has more or less been completed. Some have been reported directly to Shropshire Council for action, some other works have been undertaken by Market Drayton Ramblers. The next focus for the working group is some practical on site activity which has been organised around Sutton for the 10th August 2022 meeting at the Four Alls car park first at 9.15am. Members agreed to the production of a press release to be sent to the local media to promote the activities underway. The blockage with some animal troughs on footpath 0228/20/2 was recorded and agreed to be reported through to Shropshire Council.

36/22. Planning Applications for note.

1. 22/01903/FUL: United House, Tern Hill. Erection of office and commercial storage/demolition of existing buildings.

No Objections.

2. 22/025160/TPO: Pell Wall Farmhouse. Felling 2 Oaks and reduction of mixed group of trees by 15%. **No Objections** to the felling of the two mentioned trees (T2 and T2) or thinning(**no more than 15%**) of the canopies of the mentioned G2 and G3. G1 does not mention how much proposed thinning would take place – **advise has been requested but none received.**

37/22. Street Lights/Maintenance/repairs; opportunity to report any items requiring attention: None to report

38/22. Courses & Reports: None to report

39/22. Finance and Audit Matters.

1. The following payments were agreed and cheques signed for the following Parish Council commitments.

Number	Name	Amount
100424	Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project (donation)	£36.00
100425	Festival Drayton (room hire)	£22.50
100426	Shropshire Council (election fee)	£200.00
100427	Clerks expenses (expenses)	£83.42
DD	SWALEC (May)	£47.25
DD	SWALEC (June)	£47.59

40/22. Highways & Footpaths.

1. A529 – speeding: the speed van has been attending the A529 to check on speeds.
2. Hedley Way – car accident and fuel spillage, this item is a matter of report.

Items for inclusion on future agendas.

1. provision of dog/waste bins across the parish.
2. Colehurst – difficulty with large amounts of mud on the road and a continued deterioration of the road surface

The meeting then closed at 21.00pm

Signed:

Chairman.

Date: 28th September 2022

