

SUTTON UPON TERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sutton upon Tern Parish Council Meetings held at 7.30pm on Wednesday the 29th November 2023, at the Festival Drayton Centre.

Present: Cllr Michael Dams (Chair), Cllr Terence Hodge, Cllr James Danks, Cllr Lauren Carey, Cllr John Tomkinson, Cllr John Lugg and Cllr Deborah Sambrook (after minute 69/23)

Clerk: Graham Bould.

Shropshire Council: Councillor Rob Gittins.

RAF Shawbury: Warrant Officer Kevin Morley

Two Parishioners present.

68/23. 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, carol concert, community projects and the Aries Magazine. The details of this report would be circulated via email. Councillor Rob Gittins raised as part of his partner update the financial pressures at Shropshire Council, the partnership with four other Local Authorities to try and attract additional resources for their areas together and the need to find a replacement Governor for Buntingsdale School. A Parishioner present raised concerns about recent flooding due to heavy storms. Members of the Parish Council also raised concerns about blocked drains across Crickmerry. Councillor Gittins encouraged any situations such as these should be continually reported to 'fix my street' to address the problems. There being no further items the Chairman thanked the Partners and Parishioners present for their input and moved onto the next item of business.

69/23. To formally co-opt any members to the Parish Council:

Deborah Sambrook presented herself to the Parish Council for consideration as a co-opt member. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to the co-option and the paperwork was signed to allow the new member the opportunity to participate in the meeting.

70/23. Apologies:

Cllr Allison Jackson (agreed till the 24th January 2024 meeting leave of absence due to illness). Cllr Esta Jane Middling (family commitments), Cllr Catherine Morgan (work commitments) and PC Iain McIntosh, West Mercia Police (shift patterns)

71/23. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other Interests and Dispensations: None

72/23. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 26th September 2023:

Cllr T Hodge proposed and Cllr L Carey, seconded the minutes of the 26th September 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.

73/23. Clerks Report:

The Clerk highlighted a number of items from their report. Canal survey research and the community project for planting are carried forward for Cllr M Dams to resolve in due course. Other items for note is the progress on the new fabricated bench, this project would be submitted for grant aid support from Veolia environmental grant opportunity available till the beginning of January 2024. A decision is still awaited on the bench land second verge locations from Shropshire Council. Cllr J Lugg is still progressing the audit of Parish Council assets and site inspection will be carried out around Buntingsdale prior to the next meeting looking for any defects in the public realm to report to the MOD. The first meeting has also been held with the National Community Land Trust resulting in a very positive response to explore their support and interest in the Clive Barracks Strategic Development site at Tern Hill. An update was also provided in terms of the Community led Housing project with a potential February 2024 date for the next workshop.

74/23. Rights of Way Working Groups report:

Cllr M Dams indicated that there are no additional updates since the last meeting. Cllr T Hodge raised a concern about crops and public rights of ways. Members agreed that a conversation is needed with landowners to maintain the footpaths through fields, this item would also need to be brought to the attention of Shropshire Council.

75/23. Web site/social media updates: No updates to report.

76/23. Planning Applications:

23/04180/FUL & 23/04181/LBC: The Dairy Barn, Colehurst Manor, Colehurst. Installation of roof windows, North & South aspects. **No Objections.**

23/04867/FUL: The Old Barn, Tayleur Drive, Buntingsdale. Erection of a detached garage. **No Objections.**

77/23. Outside bodies and any courses attended: Nothing to report.

78/23. Finance and Audit Matters.

1. 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 £10,135.91.

Number	Name	Amount
100465	Festival Drayton (room hire)	£22.50
100466	HMRC (PAYE)	£148.00
100467	Clerks salary (salary)	£1,166.95
DD	SWALEC (October)	£47.84
DD	SWALEC (November)	£47.19

79/23. Highways & Footpaths:

1. Police Speed checks: PC McIntosh reporting back via email has indicated that several patrols have been undertaken around Sandy Lane and Sutton Lane to deter speeding traffic.

2. Flooding on Sutton Lane (golf course) and at Colehurst: Councillor Sitting encouraged Parish Councillors and Parishioners to continue to report any flooding through 'fix my street'. In terms of Colehurst Councillor Gittins is still pressing Shropshire Council for the lane to be 'pre dressed' ready for improvements during the summer programme of works in 2024.

3. Extension of new footpath and other works/contractors rubbish on the A529: These items have been raised directly with the contractor by Shropshire Council to resolve.

4. A41: Councillor Gittins reported that the Police have increased their speeding location check sites from five to thirteen across the A41. A feasibility study on the most effective improvements across the A41 across the two Local Authority areas is underway. This will be reported through to the campaign group when completed.

Items for inclusion on future agendas: Public Transport Services , fly tipping, (Shropshire Council) and Community Speed Watch (West Mercia Police).

The meeting then closed at 20.20pm

Signed:

Chairman.

Date: 24th January 2024