

# SUTTON UPON TERN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Sutton upon Tern Parish Council Meetings held at 7.30pm on Wednesday the 27th March 2024, at the Festival Drayton Centre.**

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

**Clerk:** Graham Bould.

**Shropshire Council:** Councillor Rob Gittins.

**RAF Shawbury:** Warrant Officer Kevin Morley.

**Chairman Market Drayton Golf Club:** Steve Fulcher.

One Parishioner present.

## **17/24. 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 and the Aries Magazine. The details of this report would be circulated via email.

Shropshire Councillor Rob Gittins reported on the continuing difficult budget Shropshire Council is encountering with the majority of resources used to pay for Children Services and Adult Social Care. The Councillor also made known his opposite to the closure of the recycling centres which are out for consultation as it would put further pressure in terms of fly tipping on communities. The roads budget remained under stress, attempts to make contact with the bus officer three times have failed and concerns at the disappointing decision recently to grant permission for the travellers site in Woodseaves were also highlighted.

The Parishioner present raised their concerns about a property on Hollins Lane which appears to have had its use changed from domestic to commercial/industrial. Cllr L Carey agreed to look at drafting an enforcement form for Shropshire Council to investigate.

There being no further items the Chairman thanked the Partners and Parishioner present for their input and moved onto the next item of business.

## **18/24. Market Drayton Golf Club.**

Steve Fulcher thanked the Parish Council for the opportunity to be able to reach out to the community and at present the club has four hundred members. Following on from a recent meeting with the local Shropshire Councillor and Parish Council Clerk a number of potential projects have been discussed. The first is to draw up an 'action plan' for Sutton Lane with adjoining land owners to look at what can practically be done about the state of the lane, drainage and other concerns like fly tipping. The second is the location on the verge in front of the club for the Queen Elizabeth II memorial bench recently commissioned. The Club Chairman has also joined the Community led Housing working group and agreed to host any community meetings that could bring forward ideas for improvements to the area. Cllr M Dams the Chair of the Parish Council thanked Steve Fulcher for his and the clubs positive response and looked forward to working with him and the club in the future.

## **19/24. Apologies:**

Cllr Esta Jane Middling (work), Cllr Allison Jackson (agreed an extension of leave of absence till the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024) Louise Wallace, RAF Shawbury and PC Iain McIntosh, West Mercia Police (shift patterns).

## **20/24. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other Interests and Dispensations: None**

## **21/24. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

Cllr T Hodge proposed and Cllr J Danks, seconded the minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 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.

## **22/24. Clerks Report:**

The Clerk highlighted a number of items from their report. The following items formed the basis of further discussion. The Police have been asked to attend the Annual meeting in May 2024 or to provide an updated report for circulation about the Community Speed Watch proposals. The Community led Housing workshop met on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and have agreed to move forward to the next stage of development. Local need on the Home Point system administered by Shropshire Council continues to grow and stands at fourteen people requiring accommodation who have a connection to the parish. Of those

only one is 55+, the main bulk of need relates to one and two bedroom properties. This is coupled with the original need from the survey in 2019 of those wanting shared ownership. There is therefore the potential of up to twenty units required at the present time. **Members resolved to delegate the following authority to the Community Led Housing task and finish working group to negotiate and appoint through Shropshire Council a suitable Housing Association (HA) to develop the project into its next stages and for the HA to identify suitable land for the project.**

**23/24. Public Transport Services:** The HS2 north relocation funding link had been circulated to members and the public transport pilot project details from Shrewsbury have also been circulated. Shropshire Councillor Rob Gittins agreed to follow up the responses. Members also agreed that public transport access remains a high priority for the Parish Council and the Chair Cllr M Dams agreed to make direct contact with the MP for North Shropshire Helen Morgan to raise the concerns about a lack of service.

**24/24. Rights of Way Working Groups report: Cllr M Dams:** Recently created leaflets were circulated amongst members for circulation across the parish. Direct activity on the rights of way have been hampered by bad weather, dates for working parties would be circulated when the weather improves. The third bin has now been located on Tyrlay Road at the entrance to the right of way, the recent litter pick along parts of Sutton Road and Sutton Lane have been successful with family teams helping collection some fourteen bags of rubbish. Members agreed to forward a list of places for the recently created signs and that the press release would be forwarded to Shropshire Councillor Rob Gittins.

**25/24. Web site/social media updates:** Some positive support for the fly tipping/litter picking campaigns with some interest about helping out with additional suggestions. Members agreed to promote any future dates of activities to engage with more people in the campaigns.

#### **26/24. Planning Applications.**

24/00282/FUL: Greenways, Sandy Lane, Pell Wall.: erection of a general purpose agricultural building. **No Objections.**

24/00297/FUL: Play area, Corbett Road, Buntingsdale, MOD: refurbishment of play area. **No Objections.**

24/00635/FUL: The Old Barn, Buntingsdale: single storey extension. **No Objections.**

24/01086/FUL: Tyrlay Manor, Woods eaves: domestic garage. **No Objections.**

24/01166/FUL: Pine Croft, Sydnall Lane Woodseaves: replacement gate: **No Objections.**

**27/24. Outside bodies and any courses attended:** Cllr L Carey updated members on a recent Freedom Fibre zoom.

#### **28/24. Finance and Audit Matters.**

1. Members agreed the engagement of Mrs Susan Hartland a retired accountant from Shropshire Chamber of Commerce as the Parish Councils internal auditor due to the retirement of Mr D Moore.

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

Number	Name	Amount
100472	MD Steel Profiles Ltd (bench)	£600.00
100473	David Probert (EMG highway works)	£875.00
100474	David Probert (collection & siting of bench in the verge)	£420.00
100475	Stoke upon Tern Parish Council (Clerking support)	£124.25
100476	HMRC (PAYE)	£220.60
100477	Clerks Q4 salary (salary)	£1,458.35
100478	Clerks Expenses (expenses)	£81.00
100479	Shropshire Council/Post Office (new bin & bin emptying)	£788.83
100480	Festival Drayton (room hire)	£22.50
DD	SWALEC (January & February)	£98.58
DD	SWALEC (March)	£46.12

**29/24. Highways & Footpaths:** The Chairman suspended standing orders to allow for a wider debate on the concerns related to the A41 closure/diversions. Large HGV's were negotiating along Sutton Lane for example as any diversions in place were not being observed or controlled. Shropshire Councillor Rob Gittins agreed to take the concerns back to Shropshire Council. In terms of flooding Cllr J Danks agreed to report the highway flooding at Stakeford on the A41 through to 'fix my street'. Concern was also raised about 'foaming' close to the tow path on the canal which has already been reported to the Environment Agency.

**30/24. Items for inclusion on future agendas:** Fly tipping/litter picking campaign as a standard agenda item, cyber awareness – discussion, roads that need 'Not Suitable for HGV's' signs (map)

The meeting then closed at 20.40pm

**Signed:**

**Chairman.**

