

# SUTTON UPON TERN PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Sutton upon Tern Parish Council Meetings held at The Festival Centre, Market Drayton on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**Present:** Cllr A Jackson (Chair) Cllr M Dams (Vice Chair), Cllr C Swaithes, Cllr R Gittins, Cllr B Maddox and Cllr J Danks

Clerk: Graham Bould.

RAF Shawbury: Warrant Officer Kevin Morley.

Police: PC Alan Ambrose

**58/19.** The Chair formally welcomed everyone to the Parish Council meeting. PC Alan Ambrose addressed the meeting in connection with local Policing and indicated that the recruitment of more officers for West Mercia was underway. The levels of crime for the Parish remained at a very low level although there are traffic issues, some petty crimes with items being stolen from garden sheds all of which action is being progressed. Property marking therefore remained a high priority for policing locally and anything the Parish Council could do to help promote the Smartwater Campaign which received a 25% grant from the Police & Crime Commissioners Office would be welcomed. Members also supported the speed van or bike to visit the A529 as the speeds continue to cause a problem locally.

Warrant Officer Morley indicated that there had not been a lot of activity since the last report to the Parish Council from RAF Shawbury, the air cadets are having a week of gliding.

The Chair thanked both visitors for their attendance and updates, there being no further items for discussion Members moved to the next item of business.

**59/19. Apologies:** No apologies

**60/19. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other Interests and Dispensations:** None.

**61/19. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019:** Cllr M Dams proposed and Cllr J Danks seconded that the minutes were a true and accurate record, the Chair then signed the minutes in the presents of Councillors.

**62/19. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda:**

1. Large Poppies: Cllr M Dams took possession of the poppies for distribution amongst members.
2. Defibrillator: Waiting site visit date from the Four Alls.
3. Canal towpath update: progressing well, any member wishing to visit the project contact the Clerk.
4. Definitive rights of way map: A4 copy held on file.
5. Bank Mandate: still to be actioned by Cllr M Dams and Cllr J Danks.

**63/19. Freedom of Information 12040: Cllr A Jackson.**

Cllr A Jackson brought the freedom of information request forward as part of the information gathering required around accidents on the A41 and had been very disappointed by the response received from the Police

**64/19. Co-options.**

Members agree that an A4 poster be produced for the notice board and web site and a leaflet for circulation. The Clerk would also contact the group of residents from Buntingdale who attended the Annual meeting and follow up the interest being expressed at the last meeting by existing and potential local needs applications in becoming more involved in their own communities.

**65/19. Street Lights/Maintenance/repairs; opportunity to report any items requiring attention:**

1. Play area Buntingdale: Cllr C Swaithes agreed to raise with the MOD/Army about the state of the site

**66/19. Correspondence:**

1. Cllr L Jarvis: Members received the resignation letter from Lesley Jarvis with regret and acknowledged with sincere thanks the energy and commitment Lesley had brought in a short time to the Parish Council. The Clerk would formally declare a casual vacancy to Shropshire. Cllr R Gittins agreed to pick up the Parish Council face book page
2. RAF Shawbury: Members agreed that Group Captain Chris Mullen be contacted and thanked for the recent reception provided by the base and the valuable information and services provided by the RAF.

**67/19. Courses/Meeting:**

1. Clive Barracks, Tern Hill meeting: Work continues with partners who have shown an interest in the site for example Keele University.
2. A41 joint Parish meeting: Very good turnout for the meeting of Parishes with the Member of Parliament, agreed local intelligence was needed in terms of evidence gathering. The Parish Council agreed to produce a leaflet with a series of questions for circulation. Cllr R Gittins indicated that the Police and Crime Commissioner would be attending the December 2019 meeting.

**68/19. Finance.**

1. Members agreed the following invoices, payments and receipts set out below:

Number	Name	Amount
100334	DM Payroll Services (PAYE)	£ 30.00
100335	Warwickshire & West Mercia CRC Ltd (tow path)	£108.00
100336	Warwickshire & West Mercia CRC Ltd (tow path)	£ 54.00
100337	HMRC (PAYE)	£224.20
100338	Graham Bould (Q2 Salary)	£950.61
100339	Graham Bould (clerks expenses)	£ 90.00
100340	Festival Drayton Centre (room hire)	£ 22.50
100341	SALC (Good Councillors Guide x 2)	£ 6.80
DD	SWALEC: July 2019 street lighting	£ 18.96
DD	SWALEC: August 2019 street lighting	£ 19.35

**69/19. Planning Applications:**

1. 19/04045/FUL: Sandy Lane two log cabins – holiday lets. **No Comment**
2. 1904199/AGR: Sutton Grange Farm erection of a steel portal framed building. **No Objections**
3. 19/2011/PMBPA: Hall Farm Tern Hill change of use from agricultural to residential. **Withdrawn.**

**70/19. Highways & Footpaths:**

1. Hollins Lane, Woodseaves: The footpath has been raised directly with Shropshire Council about the delay which is twelve months in dealing with the application. Members agreed that it would be reasonable to wait a period of time before referring the footpath directly to Government with a request for a Direction Application to be made under paragraph 3(2) of schedule 14 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 in order to deal with the problem.
2. A529: Details with reference to the works at Mount Pleasant crossroads were raised.

**71/19. Items for the next Agenda.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.45pm

**Signed:**

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019**