

SUTTON UPON TERN PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Clerk: Graham Bould.

In attendance: Shropshire Councillor Rob Gittins

One Parishioner.

16/23. Welcome, Public and Partner Session.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the to the Parish Council meeting. The Parishioner present raised a survey undertaken of the canal in 1840 which may highlight Hollins Lane. Cllr M Dams agreed to research further. Due to illness WO Morley from RAF Shawbury was unable to join the meeting but sent through an email report that would be circulated covering night flying and the Aries magazine link. The time scales for community projects was also raised, members agreed a three to four week lead in time for the Autumn bulb planting project on the A529. Shropshire Councillor Rob Gittins highlighted how Parishioners could receive cost of living help through Shropshire Council. The Councillor further enquired about the Parish Councils views on using the highways budget for pedestrian areas within Market Drayton. Members unanimously felt the highways budget at Shropshire Council should concentrate the investment into the roads and dealing with those defects and potholes first as a priority. There being no other discussions or items raised the Chairman moved to the next item of business.

17/23. Co-options: None to date carry forward.

18/23. Apologies.

Cllr Allison Jackson (leave of absence), Cllr John Tomkinson (business commitments) and Warrant Officer Kevin Morley, RAF Shawbury (illness), PC Iain McIntosh West Mercia Police (shift patterns).

19/23. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other Interests and Dispensations: Cllr J Danks 23/00620/FUL.

20/23. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 25th January 2023.

Cllr L Carey proposed and Cllr T Hodge, seconded the minutes of the 25th January 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.

21/23. Clerks Report.

The Clerk highlighted a number of items from their report. They included the Community led Housing group, the installation of bins, the works to be carried out at Buntingsdale and the potential location of a new bench at the Four Alls. Members raised concern at the loss of the picnic area at Buntingsdale, requested that the third bin be sited on the entrance to the right of way 0228/13A/1 on Tyrley Road, and the new bench on the junction of Tyrley Road and the A529. Cllr J Danks and Cllr T Hodge to provide details of potential 'ornamental' style benches.

22/23. Rights of Way Group report back.

Cllr M Dams updated the meeting on the progress being made on the verge pilot project. The group are awaiting dates from Shropshire Council to complete the part of their training allowing the completion of activities as a 3P's group.

23/23. Web site/social media updates.

Cllr L Carey indicated that there are no outstanding items to report to the Parish Council.

24/23. Planning Applications for note since the product of the agenda.

23/00223/FUL: Land South Of, Hollins Lane, Market Drayton: Installation of a battery energy storage system (BESS) compound. The Parish Council **OBJECTS** to the above application and sets out their observations and reasoning below: Whilst these Battery Storage Systems seem to be a way forward to help the UK with managing its flow of electricity supply, the Parish Council do have some serious concerns around the fire and safety aspect of any development at this site. There is currently a bill in the early stages in Parliament recognising this and the need to class the installations as potential hazardous systems so that both the Health and Safety Executive and local Fire Services are consultees in any application process. The Parish Councils understanding is that at present they are not. Please see the attached link which gives sets out the details of the second reading of the Bill in Parliament for March 2023, so the application in the Parish Councils view is premature at this stage and should be withdrawn pending the outcome of this Bill.

The proposal does not give any detail in terms of fire or other safety measures including management, and In the Bill proposals from the National Fire Chiefs Council has called for - “**developers to engage at the earliest opportunity with the local Fire and Rescue Services.**” The site is also on the high point of the surrounding area so any contaminated water from a fire would flow towards the canal and into the water courses connecting and again it is not clear if the Canal & Rivers Trust are being consulted. The application may also impact on the claimed route which is currently with The Planning Inspectorate (ROW/3308466) awaiting the appointment of an Inspector to determine the appeal in 2023. As the application is so close to the County Boundary between Shropshire and Staffordshire a view from neighbouring authorities would also be very welcome.

23/00620/FUL: Erection of a two-storey dwelling under single plot exemption, formation of vehicular access and installation of package treatment plant. Proposed Exception Site Dwelling South Of 12, Sutton, Market Drayton. The Parish Council have and continue to strongly support this type of application as a local needs property and have support the applicant in their effects to secure local needs exemption status. **No Objections.**

23/00689/FUL: Erection of 1 no 2bed Bungalow, 2 Sweet Apple Tree, Wistanswick. The Parish Council **OBJECTS** strongly to this application as it appears to be an open market dwelling within a parish that is designated as 'open countryside' the application does not take into account any local housing needs a policy the Parish Council is actively developing with Shropshire Council around a community led housing project and supporting local young people in establishing local needs to build their own property very often to be able to accommodate their growing families and to be able to develop their business alongside that development as part of this very rural community. Members additional felt that there could well be a local connection as the applicants have lived on the site since the 1960's. It was therefore agreed that contact should be attempted with the applicant to establish if any local connection can be established for an 'exception' local needs application.

23/00935/FUL: Erection of pitched roof over existing garage and creation of self-contained annexe allowing full care facilities with lift. 1, Ottley Way, Tern Hill. **No Objections.**

23/00658/OHL: Land North of the Old Orchard, Shakeford, Hinstock. Replacement 70m existing open wire bunched conductor. Shropshire Council have objected to this application. **Noted.**

25/23. Street Lights/Maintenance/repairs; opportunity to report any items requiring attention: None to report

26/23. Outside bodies and any courses attended: Nothing to report.

27/23. Finance and Audit Matters including the asset register and risk assessment.

1. A Bank Reconciliation update was tabled signed and agreed along with the February 2023 bank statement.
2. The following payments were agreed and cheques signed for the following Parish Council commitments.

Number	Name	Amount
100443	Cancelled cheque	£0.00
100444	Shropshire Council (bins x 2)	£888.00
100445	Stoke upon Tern PC (Clerk IT & phone support)	£50.91
100446	Clerks Expenses (expenses)	£91.44
100447	HMRC (PAYE)	£247.20
100448	Clerks Salary Q4 (salary)	£1,067.75
100449	Festival Drayton (room hire x 2)	£45.00
DD	SWALEC (January)	£47.25
CR	SWALEC (January)	£1.63
CR	SWALEC (January)	£1.68

28/23. Highways & Footpaths.

Colehurst: works have started on the clearance of drains within the area, once completed works should start on carriage way improvements.

Sutton Road: the road has started to deteriorate, members agreed that a detailed inspection needs to be undertaken and reported through to Shropshire Council.

Items for inclusion on future agendas. None

The meeting then closed at 20.30pm

Signed:

Chairman.

Date: 24th May 2023