

SUTTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Methodist Community Centre, Sutton-on-Trent
on Tuesday, 13th January 2024 at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Councillor M Allen
Councillor B Blanchard
Councillor P Hibberd (Chair)
Councillor M Moody
Councillor S Sloan
Councillor S Tyers
Councillor K Walker

In Attendance County Councillor B Laughton and five members of the public

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

23/106 Apologies for Absence

Received and accepted from Councillors Hadley, Keeton, Marshall and Smith and District Councillor Mrs Michael.

23/107 To receive and note any declarations of interest

Councillor Walker declared a personal and pecuniary interest in agenda item 8.1.

23/108 Public 10 Minute Forum

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.32pm to allow for the public session.

A resident expressed concern about the condition of footpaths and rights of way within the village. FP 5 had been closed for 10 months and the resident considered that it would have been an ideal time for Rights of Way to undertake an upgrade with the money that had been granted under the Strawberry Fields permission. The resident also considered that the Hogarth paths within the curtilage of the Strawberry Fields were not fit for purpose.

The Chair advised that these issues had been taken up by the Clerk with the Rights of Way team, and also with Planning Enforcement at Newark & Sherwood District Council. The Clerk would continue to pursue and would copy County Councillor Laughton in on any correspondence with the team.

A resident referred to the application submitted by the Parish Council to vary the Section 106 agreement. The document listed on the site had been redacted so it was not possible for residents to see any financial information. The Chair asked the Clerk to raise this with Newark & Sherwood District Council to establish if the redacted information could be made visible.

A resident questioned the submission of this application and considered that it was the Parish Council's aim to spend the money at the Sports Club. While the Chair respected that the resident was entitled to their own views, this view was not correct.

Residents were thanked for their input and the meeting was reconvened at 7.40pm.

23/109 To receive and approve the Minutes from the meeting held on 9th January 2024

Subject to an amendment to reflect the apologies of Councillor Moody, the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2024 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23/110 District Councillor Report

The Clerk advised that Councillor Mrs Michael was hoping to attend subject to a meeting at Castle House finishing in time.

23/111

Newark & Sherwood District Council

There were no matters to consider.

23/112

To consider any matters that need to be brought to the attention of County Councillor Laughton

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.45pm to allow Cllr Laughton to present his report.

Councillor Laughton advised that the County Council had a balanced budget for the next 2 years. A reorganisation of the household waste recycling centres had been agreed. The new headquarters were progressing and, once built, will be a carbon neutral building. Capital works on the A614 would commence shortly, with a redesign along its length from the Ollerton Roundabout through to Lowdham. Funding had been provided by the Department of Transport.

The Chair referred to the poor condition of Crow Park Avenue and the roads in and around the estate.

Correspondence had also been received from a resident living on Great North Road, around the Mercia Garden Products business, complaining at the condition of the road surface and advising that elderly residents were afraid to leave their houses as there was a fear of falling on the poor surface.

Councillor Laughton advised that this would be taken up directly with Officers.

The Chair thanked Councillor Laughton for his report and reconvened the meeting at 8pm.

23/113

To receive an update on the Community Flood Plan and any other flooding issues.

The Clerk advised that a response had now been received from the Emergency Planning Team at Nottinghamshire County Council regarding the draft community plan. It was AGREED that this be considered at the March meeting, together with any required training for volunteers.

23/114

Planning

(a)

Applications

24/00150/FUL – Oak House, Grassthorne Road - Change of use of agricultural land to extend the residential curtilage and erection of a garage

Prior to consideration of this item, Councillor Walker left the room as a personal and pecuniary interest had been declared.

After consideration, it was AGREED with 5 votes for and 1 against, that no objection be raised to this application.

Councillor Walker rejoined the meeting.

23/02236/OUT – Land at The Meerings – Residential development of up to two dwellings

Members noted that there were a number of inaccuracies in the documentation submitted which could lead the application being open to interpretation as it had now been revised to a single dwelling. However, after consideration it was AGREED, by 6 votes for and 1 against, that objection be raised to the application on the grounds that the documents contained on the planning portal were misleading and could lead to confusion in the future. Further, whether it be for one or two dwellings, it was still an over development of the site that would impact on the privacy and security of adjacent properties.

24/00233/VAR106 – Land to the Rear of 9 to 18 Hounsfield Way off Hemplands Lane, Sutton-on-Trent – Deed of modification to the S106 agreement attached to planning permission

14/00161/FULM to 'unlnk' the communities facilities contribution

Members noted this application without comment.

24/00006/HOUSE – Grangefield, Main Street, Sutton-on-Trent - Single storey rear extension, new first floor over existing ground floor, alterations to existing and insertion of new windows and doors, new external render.

After consideration it was unanimously AGREED that this application be supported.

Decision Notice

There were none to receive.

Tree Works

Members noted the following tree works:

- 24/00185/TWCA – 1 Lyric Cottage, Palmer Road, Sutton-on-Trent - T1 - Ash - Pollard at 6m
T2 - Ash - Pollard at 7m
- 24/00147/TWCA – 5A High Street, Sutton-on-Trent - Remove 1no mature ash tree
- 24/00120/TWCA – Cowpat Cottage, 23 Far Holme Lane, Sutton-on-Trent - T1 Beech - Crown lift 3m above ground level; reduce on south side by 1.5m T2 Horse Chestnut - Poor specimen - fell T3 Silver Birch - Fell T4 Horse Chestnut - Crown lift 3m above ground level; reduce on south side by 1.5m T5 Horse Chestnut - Crown lift 3m above ground level; reduce on south side by 1.5m T6 Ash - Crown lift 3m above ground level; reduce on south side by 1.5m T7 Horse Chestnut - Tidy stubs; crown lift 2m above ground level; reduce on south side by 1.5m T8 Horse Chestnut - Crown lift 3m above ground level; target prune over high risk area

With the permission of Members, the Chair brought forward consideration of Agenda Item 10.1

23/115

Parish Council Matters

- a) To receive feedback from the Joint Parishes Action Group regarding the Great North Road Solar Park proposal

The Chair suspended the meeting at 8.08pm to allow members of the public to contribute to this item.

The Clerk updated Members on the Joint Parishes Action Group that was held on 7th February 2024. Following on from that it had been agreed that a questionnaire was in the process of being compiled to be issued to all residents on the electoral role in the individual parishes affected. This would allow parish councils/meetings to be fully informed on the views of their constituents.

A resident advised that there would be a lot of issues that would need to be considered, particularly around harm against benefit. As the resident had a lot of experience in the process applied by the Planning Inspectorate, it was agreed that their details be passed on to the newly formed Community Action Group.

Councillor Laughton advised that there were some controversy regarding the grading of the quality of the agricultural land included within the development. Officers in the Flood Team at the County Council had been asked to consider the implications the proposals would have on flooding in the area.

It was noted that the areas affected had been split into four groups, with a view to establishing a core strategy group from those areas to work with the Community Action Group and feedback to parish councils/meetings.

After discussion, it was AGREED that the representatives from Sutton-on-Trent would be Councillors Allen and Hibberd.

23/116

Financials

- a) To record receipts:

There were none to record.

b) To approve invoices for payment:

The following invoices were approved for payment:

- Clerk's Wages – January 2024 - £304.25
- HMRC PAYE – January 2024 - £76
- Sage Accounts - £9.60
- Newark & Sherwood District Council – Planning Fee - £55
- 123 Reg – Domain Renewal (Backdated) - £43.17
- Microsoft 365 – Licence Fee (Backdated) - £109.44
- Sutton Methodist Centre – Falls Room Hire (Oct to Dec) - £220
- AET Flood Defence – Aqua Sacs - £516
- A J Products – Replacement Litter & Dog Bins - £1,259.70

c) Financial Report as at 31st January 2024

Members received and noted the Council's financial position as at 31st January with a balance of £77,275.85 in the current account and £103,517.90 in the deposit account.

d) To receive details from Newark & Sherwood District Council regarding recharges for the May 2023 election

The Clerk advised that the recharged had now been calculated and an invoice would be received shortly in the sum of

23/117

Parish Council Matters

a) To receive draft head of terms from Newark & Sherwood District Council regarding the lease of the Sternthorpe Close Playing Field

The Clerk advised that it had not been possible for Newark & Sherwood District Council to provide this in advance of the meeting as it had to be referred to the Strategic Housing Group. This item would be included on the March agenda and, in the meantime, any works would have to be put on hold.

23/118

To receive updates and agree actions:

a) Playing Field

This item had been covered under Minute No 23/117

b) Cemetery

The Clerk was asked to source replacement 'No Dog' signage for the Cemetery and also the Churchyard.

c) Highways

This item had been covered under Minute No 23/112.

d) Community Speed Watch

There were no matters to report.

e) Public Footpaths

This item had been covered under Minute No 23/112.

f) Churchyard

See 23/118 b)

g) Village Hall

There were no matters to report.

h) Sports Club

Councillor Blanchard advised that the Sports Club were waiting for their contractor to start work.

i) Library Support Group

There were no matters to report.

j) War Memorial

Response from Via to the Section 115 Application

Members noted that the site outside the School could not be used as a location as Via had objected to it due to the amount of underground cabling in the verge. The Clerk would liaise with Councillor Smith regarding alternative locations and bring a report back to the March meeting.

k) Any Other Reports

The Clerk advised that the new replacement litter bins and dog bins were in the process of being installed by Newark & Sherwood District Council. Councillor Allen asked that the Clerk confirm the new dog bin at Strawberry Fields was on the collection schedule as there had been complaints that it was full.

The Chair thanked Members for their reports.

23/119

Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils

a) February Newsletter

A copy of the Newsletter had been circulated to Members for information.

23/120

District Councillor Report

As District Councillor Mrs Michael had not been able to attend, the Clerk read a pre-submitted report to Council.

Councillor Mrs Michael confirmed a discussion with the Chair of the Parish Council recently regarding the IDB.

The application at The Rhymes that had been before Planning Committee in January had been approved, subject to the applicants signing a Section 106 Agreement.

Councillor Mrs Michael had attended a meeting of the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board at the end of January. The Management Team will be meeting shortly to discuss what changes they wanted to apply to their plans after viewing the recent impact on the ground from flooding. Thereafter, Councillor Mrs Michael will meet with the relevant landowner.

The Chair advised that it was the intention, subject to Members agreement, to write to the Internal Drainage Board direct. This was AGREED.

23/120

Correspondence

There was none to consider.

23/121

To receive items for notification

Update on the position with the Rights of Way to be included on the March agenda.

A specific item on the position of the Internal Drainage Board to be included on the March agenda.

Close: There further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Community Centre.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPROVED.