

SUTTON UPON TERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sutton upon Tern Parish Council Meetings held at 7.30pm on Wednesday the 25th January 2023, at the Festival Drayton Centre.

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

Clerk: Graham Bould.

In attendance: Warrant Officer Kevin Morley, RAF Shawbury

One Parishioner.

01/23. Welcome, Public and Partner Session.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the to the Parish Council meeting. The Parishioner present raised the situation with the canal towpath and connected unpassable steps of the linked footpath and safety concerns about the recent planning application for Hollins Lane received for a battery energy storage system compound. Warrant Officer (WO) Kevin Morley, RAF Shawbury wished members a Happy New Year and provided an update from the Station. The report would be emailed to members including the link to the Aries magazine in due course and covered areas of night flying and the horse riding safety campaign. The Station is very keen to develop 'visual' community projects and members highlighted the potential of bulb planting along the A529, a site location map would be forwarded along with some narrative to WO Kevin Morley to raise with senior officers at the Station. For an Autumn project.

There being no other discussions or items raised the Chairman moved to the next item of business.

02/23. Co-options.

Members agreed to continue to seek Parishioners with an interest in Parish projects and encourage those who do become involved to consider co-options onto the Parish Council. Cllr L Carey agreed to promote that vacancies on the social media platforms and website again.

03/23. Apologies.

Cllr Allison Jackson (leave of absence) Cllr Esta Jane Middling (other engagements) Cllr Catherine Morgan (work commitments) and Cllr John Tomkinson (holidays) and Shropshire Councillor Rob Gittins (other commitments)

04/23. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other Interests and Dispensations: None declared.

05/23. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 30th November 2022.

Cllr L Carey proposed and Cllr J Danks, seconded the minutes of the 30th November 2022 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.

06/23. Clerks Report.

The Clerk gave a verbal update to the Parish Council about their steady recovery from a recent illness over the past six weeks. A planned meeting has also been arranged for February 2023 with Eric Davis to look at practical ways of addressing Natural Burials within the area. The concerns about fly tipping has been raised with Shropshire Council including pictures and a site visit has been organised to investigate further.

07/23. Buntingsdale site visit.

Members agreed that updates on the condition of Buntingsdale remain an agenda item and that the area to concentrate on first is the picnic area as the area is uneven with broken slabs, fencing and a lack of litter picking. Cllr L Carey to provide some photo evidence to forward with this concern.

08/23. Shropshire Boundary review of Divisions.

The Vice Chairman updated the Parish Council on the Shropshire Boundary review of Divisions. In doing so spoke about the pattern and sizes of Divisions across Shropshire. Members agree that the Boundary Commission be contacted stressing that the Parish Council prefers the status and location within a Rural Division and as an additional area located to a Town Division.

09/23. Rights of Way Group report back.

Work progressing, another training day still to be organised with Shropshire Council plus other work party dates for which tools will be provided. Still need to resolve tool storage with the Four Alls, some tools have been purchased for use on the

pilot verge project. An outstanding zoom call still needs to be organised with the Canal & Rivers Trust with reference to the towpath and linked rights of way through the coppice at Woodseaves.

10/23. Web site/social media updates.

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

11/23. Planning Applications for note since the product of the agenda.

1. **22/05367/FUL:** Erection of detached three-bedroom bungalow incorporating a detached double garage and improvements to vehicle access

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.

It is also unclear what the applicant is trying to communicate by reference to the site as a "redundant paddock" particularly with reference to the above Parish Council objectives in terms of local housing needs and somewhat of a lost opportunity as the applicant did not seek pre-application advise.

2. **22/05496/VAR:** Variation of Condition No. 2 attached to planning permission 22/01903/FUL dated 21 April 2022 United House, Tern Hill, Market Drayton, Shropshire, TF9 3PX. **No Objections.**

3. **22/05689/FUL:** Erection of two storey side extension (resubmission)
Manor Cottage , Newport Road, Woodseaves, Market Drayton, Shropshire. **No Objections**

12/23. **Street Lights/Maintenance/repairs; opportunity to report any items requiring attention:** None to report

13/23. **Outside bodies and any courses attended:** Nothing to report.

14/23. Finance and Audit Matters including the asset register and risk assessment.

1. Members unanimously agreed a precept for 2023/24 at £8,086.00 as set out by Shropshire Council.
2. The Envirogrant grant for bins in the parish has been unsuccessful, the capital costs would be funded from 22/23 for their installation at the three sites already agreed
2. The following payments were agreed and cheques signed for the following Parish Council commitments.

Number	Name	Amount
100433	Festival Drayton Centre Trading Ltd (room hire)	£22.50
100434	SP Services (defib pads)	£64.08
DD	SWALEC (October)	£47.25
DD	SWALEC (November)	£47.59
DD	SWALEC (December)	£48.94

15/23. Highways & Footpaths.

1. update on the A41 campaign: Awaiting on grant decision about number plate cameras on the A41 from the Police and Crime Commissioner.
3. An Elizabethan bench location: Members agreed to approach the Four Aills about a potential location.

Items for inclusion on future agendas. Dates for 2023/24 Municipal Year.

The meeting then closed at 20.20pm

Signed:

Chairman.

Date: 29th March 2023