

MINUTES OF THE SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 7.30 pm on 21st January 2025
in ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS' CHURCH, NENE WAY, SUTTON

Members of the Council Present:-

Councillors Anne Bodily, Michael Caskey, Antony Eager, Mick Grange (Chair) and Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk)

In Attendance:-

Gavin Elsey (PCC Ward Councillor), Simon Scriven (Neighbourhood Plan) and two Member of the Publics

1. Apologies

There were apologies for absence Peter Lee.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th November 2024 and 10th December 2024 were approved.
Action Points:- Mr & Mrs

4. Updates on Items

a) **Recreation Field and Parish Habitat** – Cllr Lee had sent in a report:-

- A further section of the West boundary hedge has been laid by Tony Cook. Cllr Eager will establish whether any volunteers from Perkins Engines will be available to help (Action: **Cllr Eager**)
- Guards now removed from most of the trees in view of their age. Only small amount of deer damage
- Further seating to be installed in Gazebo
- North hedge will be trimmed during February (berries now mostly eaten)
- Vigorous mole activity currently including some on the football pitch. Suggest we ask mole catcher to tackle those on or near the pitch? Simon Scriven will try and find a mole catcher. (Action: **Simon Scriven**)

b) **Lovers' Lane Reading Room and Village Storage**

The Chair stated that he was seeking potential grants that would help with the Reading Room.

c) **A47 Dualling - Update**

The Chair said that Skanska is currently reviewing all the documents. It wishes to keep the footpath closed at present. The Chair and Cllr Lee had been informed that Skanska should be reporting back to National Highways by the end of February 2025.

d) **Peterborough Cycle West**

The Chair had spoken to Andrew McDermott with a view to both agreeing on obtaining the best result for all users in respect of the cattle grid, road surface, etc. Peterborough Cycle West are in the process of firstly reviewing the design elements regarding the bridge.

e) Sutton Neighbourhood Plan

Simon Scriven gave an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. The group had met three times since his last report but it is awaiting the release of the Local Plan in February/March 2025. The group had agreed the structures and identified sections taken from the residents' responses. The group will meet again in four weeks' time. The website was discussed, and it was explained that as the Group must demonstrate that the Neighbourhood Plan is open to all residents (as well as including people who have elderly parents living in the village), the website needs to be robust enough to cover everyone.

f) Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Bodily had not received any recent reports of any crimes in the village. The advice given to all residents is that if you see an incident of concern, it needs to be reported to the police. The Chair gave a recent example where he had experienced two incidents with lorries cutting the corner which one occasion caused him to have to swerve onto the edge of the road and damaged two tyres. The Chair and Cllr Lee had walked around the village with a Highways Officer some time ago and were informed that the village roads cannot be narrowed as it may cause problems for ambulances/police if there is a serious incident in the village. Cllr Caskey said he was happy to investigate traffic calming measures including how to discourage speeding amongst residents as well as visitors, speed limits and portable speed detectors (as those used in Wansford). The Chair agreed to pass over the files from when this issue was discussed in the past. It was noted that grants are available for portable speed detectors. **(Action: Cllr Caskey and the Chair).**

g) Way Forward with the Sale of Garden Extension Allotment Land

To obtain ministerial approval, we must demonstrate that existing need is met. Hence the advertising of two unused plots. Tenants wanted to give them up. One resident has responded to 4th January 2025 flyer and is interested in taking both plots (Mr G Millen). Closing date for expressions of interest 21st January 2025. Garden extension sale application to be sent off for comments from National Allotment Society by end of January 2025. Then submission to Ministry.

5. To Consider the Following Planning Applications:-

- a) 24/01440/FUL - Change of use of land to cemetery including ceremony building, maintenance building, car parking and soft landscaping at land to the South of Old Peterborough Road, Sutton – Objections already submitted. Further objections have been submitted in response to the revised Landscape and Visual Impact Statements. Cllr Elsey confirmed that this planning application is likely to go to the Planning Committee for a decision. It was agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan Group will hold an extra-ordinary meeting and invite interested parties to attend. It was agreed to meet with an independent planning expert to help formulate any further submissions to the Planning Department.
- b) 25/00043/CTRT1 and T2 - Targeted limb prune back from neighbours' tree overhanging property at 15 Manor Road, Sutton

To Note the Following Planning Applications' Decisions:-

- a) 24/01352/CTR Ash Tree 731412 - Pollard to 8-10m due to extensive dieback in the upper canopy and large dead branches at the Cemetery, Lovers Lane, Sutton - Permitted

- b) 24/01353/CTR Ash - Fell (T1, T2, T6, T7, T12, T13) Sycamore - Fell (T3, T4, T5, T8, T10, T16, T17, T18, T22, T23, T25, T26) 18no. trees in total at The Grange, 15 Nene Way, Sutton – Stephen Chesney-Beals, PCC Tree Officer has now put TPOs on all the trees but this has to be approved by the Planning Department and will only last for six months. Mark Bishop’s arborist has submitted an appeal against the TPOs. It was agreed that the Clerk will ask Stephen Chesney-Beals to liaise with the Parish Council instead of Mark Bishop’s arborist regarding the TPOs. (**Action: Clerk**),
- c) 24/01397/HHFUL Detached garden workshop/shed with woodstore at 5 Graeme Road, Sutton - Permitted
- d) 24/01444/CTR Willow re-pollard to old pollard points and cherry reduce lateral branches to clear above Willow and reshape as necessary at 3 Lovers Lane, Sutton - Permitted
- e) 24/01441/CTR T.1 - Willow - Clean crown and reduce three lateral bows, T.2 - False Acacia - Clean crown and clear deadwood, T.3 - Robinia - Reduction in height by approx 2-3m and shape. T.4 - Maple - Crown Reduction, shaping (2-3m) and dead wooding, T.5 - Acer - Crown clean, shaping and dead wooding, T6 - Silver Birch - Remove 2.no limbs to lift canopy at 4 Graeme Road, Sutton – Withdrawn by Applicant
- f) 24/01533/CTR T.1 - Willow - Pollard back to the original monolith at 15 Manor Road, Sutton – Permitted

6. Finance

- a) Accounts for Payment:
 Clerk’s Salary & HMRC (November & December) (£420.00)
 Bank Charges (November & December) (£16.00)
 Nurture Landscapes (£936.00 net, £1,123.20 gross)
 Creative Marketing (£180.00)
 Eon (Jan-Nov 2024) (£162.84 net, £171.33 gross)
 Anglian Water (£18.30)
- b) Grants: Spreadsheet
 There is £4,807.61 left in the Nature Plan ‘pot,’ £43.13 left in the Neighbourhood Plan ‘pot’ and £105.94 in the Gazebo ‘pot’. There is a new CCF ‘pot’ of £3,816 which is a grant for machinery to assist with the maintenance of the Recreation Field. The Government has not yet released any further funding for Neighbourhood Plans but to progress the Neighbourhood Plan, experts must be consulted, and they will charge a fee for this. The Chair suggested that some of the monies in the A47 Fund could be used for this, but he would need to consult with all the people who had donated to the Fund. The Clerk will send him a list of donors (**Action: Clerk**).

7. Correspondence

- a) Various CAPALC Bulletins – the Chair encouraged all Parish Councillors to take advantage of any free training that is on offer.
- b) Neil Boyce - Funding and Climate Action Forum – the Chair said there would be no further action on this.
- c) Neil Boyce – Parish Charter (need to appoint PC Representative and Substitute). The Chair reported that in the past he and Cllr Lee had attended alternate meetings. Cllr Caskey said he would be interested in attending depending on when the meetings were held and how much post-meeting work would he have to undertake. The Clerk will ask Neil Boyce. (**Action: Clerk**)

8. Village Events

Cllr Bodily said that over £600 had been raised for charity at the Christmas Carol Singing. The Annual Quiz (Castor) will be held on 31st January 2025 and is a fund-raising event for the church. The possibility of holding a Barn Dance later in the year was mooted.

9. Matters for Consideration

- a) Review of Rent paid by Mr Sharpley – the rent has not been reviewed for some time. Simon Scriven said that neither had the rent been reviewed for some time for the land that Mr Sharpley rents from the Townlands' Trust. It was mooted that Eddisons could be approached for some advice on the rental value for both areas of land.
- b) PS Andy Gladders' email – the Clerk will re-send this to Cllr Bodily. (**Action: Clerk**)

10. Public Forum - Opportunity for public questions or presentations to the Parish Council

The Members of the Public had no points to raise.

11. Date of Next Meeting

7.30 pm on 18th March 2025 in St Michael & All Angels' Church. Cllr Caskey gave his apologies in advance.