**MINUTES OF THE SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD AT 7.30 pm on 18th March 2025**

**in ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS’ CHURCH, NENE WAY, SUTTON**

**Members of the Council Present:-**

Councillors Anne Bodily, Mick Grange, Peter Lee (Chair) and Deirdre McCumiskey (Clerk)

**In Attendance:-**

Simon Scriven (Neighbourhood Plan) and three Member of the Publics

1. **Apologies**

There were apologies for absence Antony Eager, Michael Caskey and Gavin Elsey (PCC Ward Councillor).

1. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

1. **Approval of the Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st January 2025 were approved.

1. **Updates on Items**
2. **Recreation Field and Parish Habitat**

Cllr Lee said that John Hardy has caught four moles on the Recreation Field but has indicated that there will be several more in the ground. The cost of his work thus far is £200. Cllr Lee will snip off the long branches on the north hedge. The Chair and Cllr Grange had attended a parish cluster meeting at the Nene Park Trust. The John Clare Countryside Project has linked parishes in clusters so that they can work together. All the parishes have on-going active work which is relevant to the Local Plan.

1. **Lovers’ Lane Reading Room and Village Storage**

Cllr Grange said he had made a grant application for £54,000 to Locality to fund the required work.

1. **A47 Update**

Cllr Grange said that Skanska has completed its boring work along by the river edge. There may still be some further archaeological work to be undertaken. Skanska will review the information that it has collected and decide as to whether it wishes to take on the project.

1. **Peterborough Cycle West**

Cllr Grange said he had no further information on this.

1. **Sutton Neighbourhood Plan**

Simon Scriven gave an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. The group had met twice since the last Parish Council Meeting. The Group has concentrated on improving the website and supporting the Parsh Council in its opposition to the proposed Muslim Burial Site on the agricultural land adjacent to Nene Way. The public facing part of the website has been updated and can be visited on [www.suttonnp.com](http://www.suttonnp.com). The application for the proposed Muslim Burial Site has been referred to PCC’s Planning & Environmental Protection Committee. The Group, with the approval of Sutton Parish Council, has instructed Kate Wood of Eddisons to assist and represent the Parish Council at the Committee Hearing.

Since the Group’s last meeting, it has been provided with sight of the Draft Local Plan and will be considering it at its next meeting on 19th March 2025. The Draft Local Plan covers the period from 2024 – 2044. There will be a public consultation from 11th April – 29th May 2025, with an anticipated date of adoption of October 2025. There is a meeting to discuss the Draft Local Plan to be held on 24th March 2025 at Castor Primary School

The Group has been asked by both Thornhaugh and Wansford for assistance in the preparation of their Neighbourhood Plans. Some assistance has been provided by supplying copies of the Questionnaire and the Report on its results, and both Mick Grance and Simon Scriven have offered to attend meetings.

Thanks were expressed to Simon Scriven for all his hard work.

1. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Bodily had not received any recent reports of any crimes in the village.

1. **Sale of Garden Extension Allotment Land**

The Chair had contacted the National Allotment Society in early February 2025 as its view is paramount in making an application to sell the land. He had received an email stating that the NAS will provide support for this. Once the Chair has received the confirmation letter, he will submit it as part of the formal application to the Secretary of State.

1. **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**

Cllr Grange had requested a meeting with the Planning Department, the applicants and the Parish Council but this had been refused. The applicants have stated that they have held a Public Consultation Meeting which had shown that there was support for their Planning Application. Cllr Grange has refuted this as no feedback forms had been distributed at the Public Consultation Meeting. It was confirmed that Kate Wood of Eddisons is working on behalf of the Parish Council, and her fees are being funded by a local resident. Gavin Elsey will refer to the Planning Application at the PCC Scrutiny Meeting on 20th March 2025 as PCC has no policy for dealing with burial grounds.

1. **To Consider the Following Planning Applications:-**
2. 25/00047/LBC Proposed fibre optic wall box installation at The Grange, 15 Nene Way, Sutton – No Objection. Awaiting Decision
3. 25/00275/WCPP - Variation of condition C2 (plans) pursuant to planning permission at 5 Graeme Road, Sutton – No Objection. Awaiting Decision.

To Note the Following Planning Application:

1. 25/00043/CTRT1 and T2 - Targeted limb prune back from neighbours’ tree overhanging property at 15 Manor Road, Sutton – Permitted
2. 25/00095/CTR T1 - copper beech - crown raise to 8ft at 15 Manor Road, Sutton – Permitted
3. **Finance**

Accounts for Payment:

Clerk’s Salary & HMRC (January and February) (£420.00)

Bank Charges (January and February) (£16.50)

Vision ICT (£134.38 net, £161.26 gross)

Newflame (£37.00 net, £44.40 gross)

Eon (January and February) (£34.75 net, £36.49 gross)

Sutton PCC (£1,282.30)

Grants: Spreadsheet (already circulated)

Cllr Grange asked the Clerk to check if HSBC has a tool for wealth monitoring **(Action: Clerk)**

1. **Correspondence**
2. Various CAPALC Bulletins
3. Neil Boyce – Household Recycling Permits now required
4. **Village Events**

Cllr Bodily said she had no further information on this.

1. **Matters for Consideration**

Review of Rent Paid by Mr Sharpley

The Clerk will inform Mr Sharpley to advise him that a rent review will be undertaken with a view to implementing this from 1st April 2025 **(Action: Clerk)**

Assessing Land Rental Values

Cllr Grange will produce a written report on this to be discussed at the next meeting **(Action: Cllr Grange)**

Cllr Grange had spoken to Mark Bishop regarding Planning Application 24/01353/CTR and had suggested to him that if he submits a more detailed proposal, the Parish Council may be willing to reconsider his proposal. He asked the Clerk to contact Stephen Chesney-Beales, PCC Tree Officer for an update **(Action: Clerk)**

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

The Members of the Public had no points to raise.

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

**7.00 pm** on 20th May 2025 in St Michael & All Angels’ Church. This is the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting