

SUTTON UPON TERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sutton upon Tern Parish Council Annual Parish and Annual Meetings held at 7.30pm on Wednesday the 24th July 2024, at the Festival Drayton Centre.

Present: Cllr Michael Dams (Chair), Cllr Terry Hodge, Cllr Lauren Carey, Cllr John Tomkinson, Cllr Deborah Sambrook and Cllr John Lugg.

Clerk: Graham Bould.

Chairman Market Drayton Golf Club: Steve Fulcher.

47/24. Welcome, Public and Partner Session.

Steve Fulcher raised the planning for the surgery event and refreshments for the 1st August 2024 which would be dealt with later on the agenda. An additional point raised related to the hedges on Sutton Lane in terms of the approach to the Golf Club and any cutting rotas. Members agreed that it would be sensible to request the details of all cutting rotas and planned maintenance across the parish that relates to both hedges and verges. Then to come to a judgement on potentially tackling the 'worst first' in terms of additional actions and interventions by the Parish Council once a base line has been established. The Chairman thanked the partner present for their updates and moved onto the next item of business as no other Partners or Parishioners were present. An email update from the RAF would be circulated to members in due course.

48/24. Apologies:

Cllr James Danks (holidays), Cllr Catherine Morgan (work commitments), Cllr Esta Jane Middling (members agreed a six month leave of absence due to family commitments), Cllr Allison Jackson (members excepted the resignation and the Chairman placed on record the Parish Councils thanks for a contribution stretching over many years) PCSO Tara Carruthers (shift patterns) Shropshire Councillor Rob Gittins (illness) and Louise Wallace from the RAF (holidays).

49/24. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other Interests and Dispensations: None

50/24. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 29th May 2024.

Cllr Terry Hodge proposed and Cllr John Lugg seconded the minutes of the 29th May 2024 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.

51/24. Clerks Report:

The Clerk highlighted a number of items from their report. In particular members attention was drawn to an additional £500 from Tesco's for the Sutton Lane Project and after a visit to the Whitchurch Tesco Store at the invitation of the Manager additional offers were also made in terms of raffle prizes, plants and garden tools required for any future projects. Cllr Deborah Sambrook also report back on discussions with senior management at the Prison about community engagement. The next steps needed to be agreed and reported back as it would all depend on availability of staff. The Clerk attended Shropshire Councils planning committee on the 13/8/24 at the request of Councillor Rob Gittins as he'd called in an application 24/01290/FUL which was down for refusal to give verbal support for the Colehurst application for disabled holiday accommodation.

51/24. Additional bins: c/f as this is an item Cllr James Danks would like to raise.

52/24. Parish Council Surgery: The Chairman agreed refreshments for between 15 to 20 people at the surgery event and would call at the Golf Club on 30th July 2024 to meet with officials about the lay out for the event. Cllr Terry Hodge and Cllr John Lugg agreed to join the Chairman at the event on the 1st August 2024 to be present for part or all of the time between 11am and 2pm and to report back at the next meeting. An email had already been received by the Clerk from Parishioners on Buntingsdale highlighting a number of concerns. These concerns included fly tipping, rubbish bins on Buntingsdale, motocross noise, change of use to bio-farm fuels and helicopter noise. Members agreed that the Parishioners be invited to a future meeting and that the Clerk looks to address some of the concerns highlighted through email dialogue.

53/24. Defibrillator A41: The Clerk updated the Parish Council on progress with the desired defibrillator to be located on the A41 after a recent medical episode at the Cadastral. The Adastra Store have agreed to pay for the fitting, connection and mains supply for any new defibrillator serving the A41. All the 100% grant aid support for kits nationally has been used up, there are only subsidised units available at a cost of £1100 (+VAT). Stoke upon Tern Parish Council have agreed to a grant contribution of sixty percent support of the cost of the unit, leaving the Parish Council to pay the difference, purchase, claim any VAT back and manage the unit through online bi-monthly reports. Some members requested further assurances in terms of progressing the project and enquired to the existing arrangements for the defibrillator at the Four Alls on the A529. After some debate members agreed to keep under review the defibrillator on the A41 at the Adastra pending a review of the reporting systems for the defibrillator on the A529 at the Four Alls and any outcome of subsidised grants for units nationally. Cllr John Lugg agreed to meet with the Clerk at the Four Alls on Friday 26th July 2024 to review the systems in place and report back to the next meeting .

54/24. Web site/social media updates: No further updates.

43/24. Planning Applications:

24/02251/CPL – Lawful Development Certificate for proposed 3 bay garage: 2, Water Tower, Pell Wall, information only

44/24. Finance and Audit Matters.

1. Members agreed the 24/25 Risk Assessment and Asset Register as presented and also agreed that the bus shelter on Buntingdsdale be cleaned in Autumn 2024 after the asset inspections undertaken by Cllr John Lugg.

2. The following payments were agreed and cheques signed for the following Parish Council commitments.

Number	Name	Amount
100488	Festival Drayton (room hire)	£22.50
100489	DM Payroll Services Ltd (payroll)	£50.00
DD	SWALEC (June)	£22.10
DD	SWALEC (July)	£22.82

45/24. Highways & Footpaths.

1. Community Speed Watch: Members requested any available data available from Shropshire Council and the Police from the existing units on the A529 at Woods eaves to access both the amount of traffic and speed variations.

2. Public Transport campaign: Members agreed that could be a question at the surgery on the 1st August 2024 and agreed to carry the item forward to the next meeting.

3. A41 joint working group: Members agreed to ask Councillor Rob Gittins on an update on the grant from the PCC on equipment for number plate recognition.

4. Rights of Way Working Groups report back: still awaiting potential date/s from Shropshire Council, paths that need attention Pell Wall and Sandy Lane plus bridle ways across the golf course. Cllr Terry Hodge raised concerns about the bridle way being blocked by vegetation growth at Colehurst and agreed to talk to the land owner about clearance and secure a price for a machine to cut the vegetation on the bridle way if the owner is not able to undertake the works which the Parish Council would fund.

5. Fly tipping campaigns: The fly tipping signs seem to be having the desired effect an additional sign is required in the lay by on the Crickmerry road from the junction with the A529, Cllr John Tomkinson agreed to carry out the task and trim around the existing signs.

6. Roads needing 'Not Suitable for HGV's status: Although Shropshire Council agreed with the idea for signs the locations have join the long list for schemes when funds become available. Members agreed to produce a set of their own signs for the Parish Council and to place at already agreed locations on Sutton Lane/Sutton Road and Colehurst . Cllr John Tomkinson agreed to carry out the task and to invoice the Parish Council for the costs.

46/24. Items for inclusion on future agendas: None

The meeting then closed at 20.50pm

Signed:

Chairman.

Date: 24th July 2024