

SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on 6th October 2021 at 7pm

In the Sutton Memorial Hall ((small hall))

Present: George Franks (Chairman), David Gunson, Alan McManus, Sue Collins, Mary-Jane King, Nigel Albertini, Peter Youngs, Jacki Schafer, Ingrid Franks.

In attendance: Linda Gunson (Clerk), James Mallinder, District Councillor

1. Welcome by the Chairman.
2. Apologies – None
3. Declarations of Interest – None

Before moving on through the Agenda, James Mallinder gave his report and was pleased to see everyone at the meeting.

- A. Planning issues – enforcement – to make sure this is always updated. JM had spoken to Strutt and Parker regarding the Ramsholt parking issue. The outcome was not very productive. The parking charges will remain; however, the actual parking signs do not meet ESC regulations and a planning application will have to be made with respect to regulation signage. Question: if signs illegal, can residents park for free for the time being? Answer: no, parking charges will be enforced. JM knows of a couple who have been fined £60. GF thanking JM for taking this issue up. JS said that if you visit the Ramsholt Arms, advise them of your registration number, they will give you two hours parking.
- B. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Green Canopy. ESC will donate an oak tree to Sutton, it will be around two feet tall. The village will need to plant it and be involved in its aftercare. JM will advise when it will be available.
The Weeds Campaign was successful, and signs have been removed.
- C. Discussing green waste bins and problem with contamination. JM confirming no kitchen food waste, nor shop bought flowers should be placed in green waste bins. Regulations introduced to prevent the spread of diseases such as Foot and Mouth limit the type of waste that can be collected and composted. Waste that cannot be placed in green bins should either be composted at home or placed in general waste bins. JM confirming general waste does not go to landfill. In 2022, possible changes will be made with regards to a weekly food waste collection, glass and possibly tetra packs.
- D. Plum Tree Hall – JM - up to date position. During Covid 19 planning laws were loosened. The application for a permanent site has been rejected however, in six months' time, the Applicant can put in another application. PY is it costly? JM - around £200 each one. JM explaining the Applicant could address various objections at each application. Eventually, Planning at ESC could run out of reasons to refuse any further applications.
- E. MK – raised the issue of heavy traffic in and around Melton, especially when

travelling from Sutton towards Melton, can start queuing at Sutton Hoo. JM is mindful it is getting worse. MK - have traffic lights had their timings altered? Do the school hours affect the sequence of the lights? DG more traffic is exiting off the Peninsula especially around 3.30pm – 4pm onwards, some of this coming from the Bentwaters Base. Traffic has also been heavier especially through Sutton, whilst filming was taking place at East Lane. This has now finished. NA understands that there will at some point, be further yellow line parking restrictions along Melton Road in Melton. PY- there is still many large yellow vehicle road signs alongside several roads re: roadworks etc. They have been in place for several months. Can we complain and have these removed? GF – requesting Clerk write to Andrew Reid regarding PC concerns over traffic and speeding issues.
JM – General traffic problems will be discussed at the Deben Parishes Council meeting on 25th November.

- F. Good Neighbourhood Scheme, JM can help to get this up and running should we decide to get involved.
4. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 21st July 2021. Slight amendment made, as NA was omitted from apologies. Rectified. Agreed as a true record, proposed IF, seconded JS.
5. Matters Arising – **Village sign** – PY and NA advising that the old wooden base still needs to be removed from the ground. NA, a new wooden post is on order and the owner of Pink Cottage has paid for the new post. **Pliocene Forest** – AM – Barry has contacted him with up-to-date position. The plot has been marked out and will be fenced. In two weeks, he will plot position for the trees. He is looking for volunteers to assist with the fencing. **Middle Barn**, JS walked this footpath today and spoke to a resident, who said a closed sign was in place. However, it appeared that work was being carried out on the barn, and the diversion was temporary as it could be a health and safety issue. On the return walk, JS said closed sign had been taken down. This resident also brought up his concerns as to the speed of traffic travelling through the village. **Speed Gun** – has been added to the insurance. **Textile Bin** – Clerk had investigated this but said several textile bins are placed in the area and it was felt not to pursue this any further. **Memorial Hall** – picnic area looks good and has been used by some families. AM – **Orchid meadow** – as it was dug up, we will never know if it was a protected species.
6. Planning Applications:

Hare House – this application was refused. Not known if the Applicant will appeal.

Rockhall Barn, - application now appears to be in the name of Richard Scott who has signed off as the owner. MK had looked at the barn today, its appearance is somewhat different. The new building arrangement replaces an open stock yard with enclosed walling on the southern side. Walls have been erected within the building to make small rooms. It would seem the barn now has no connection to Paul Clarke? Foskett Farms deal with the agricultural side of the Estate. AM - could it still be used as a shooting lodge? GF – PC will object – it's not a repair but a complete replacement/rebuild. This building has never been anything other than what it is, an open stock



yard. There are two issues of concern – firstly the building appears to be radically different to that claimed to be “repaired” and secondly, could there be a future breach as to a change of use? This would require planning permission. The PC has been informed that the barn is now connected to a water supply but not to electricity. There may also be an environmental protection issue. JM commented that the PC could always seek ESC advice by contacting him. GF asked Clerk to investigate the up-to-date position.

JM then left the meeting and was thanked for his help and assistance.

7. Finance:

Items in Accounts since the last meeting not previously noted:

5th August Standing Order £30 Suffolk Preservation Society subscription
22nd August £730 Cheque 100502 Village Sign People for refurbishment of Village sign
27th September £234.08 Cheque 100504 CAS Insurance renewal for year
Clerk’s wages £120 per month – 28th July 31st August 28th September
Cheque 28th February 2021, 100482 £60 Nancy Darke, finally presented to bank on 3rd September
Interest received 21 pence

Speed Gun is included within the overall £20,000 of assets in our Insurance Policy, albeit we have an excess of £100 on any claim.

Balances at bank as of 6th October 2021
Current Account £ 440.75
Business Premium Account £6,110.70
Common Rights Account £1,960.73
Total bank balances £8,512.18

Website annual renewal fee for Community Action Suffolk £60 due for payment.
Approved.

GF – CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) there have been a lot of planning applications recently, are we owed more than £365? DG stated that every six months the PC would receive an advisory mailing from ESC notifying CIL payments received from planning applicants, and the amount would be paid over to the PC shortly thereafter. The PC would have a period of five years in which to spend monies received, otherwise the monies would be returned.

8. Register of Interests. Clerk reminding Councillors they should check their Register of Interest (via the ESC website) to ensure all their property details are up to date.
9. Sizewell C – will re-visit this later in the meeting.
10. The Plough Public House – AM has no further up to date information. Clerk advising that about two weeks ago, the owner and tenant met up at the pub, possibly to hand



over keys if the tenancy has now ended? GF confirming that as at today's date, the pub was not listed for sale, however The Swan at Alderton is listed.

11. Correspondence - both GF and the Clerk had received a letter from a parishioner who resides within the village, requesting an interest in joining the Parish Council. After Clerk confirming with NA that we had a full quota on the Parish Council and the two ways in which she could join at a future date, Clerk discussed response with GF, who confirmed he would send a reply to her.

Clerk received email with attached documents from Judi Hallett (Clerk to Hollesley PC) re- Forestry England/Rendlesham and Tunstall Forest plan – Sandlings Forest 2021 – 2031. Judi concerned local parishes had not been informed about this consultation (ends on 26th October) with Forestry England. Tunstall PC will be having a meeting on 22nd October. Clerk and GF had read through the large amount of documentation, which didn't appear to affect Sutton village directly, nor did it seem to have anything within the document that was too controversial.

12. Good Neighbourhood Scheme – SC – Hollesley have this scheme and can call on volunteers to help the elderly and isolated. IF - could we put in next Newsletter to ring a number if residents need any help? SC has done a great deal both during lockdown and afterwards. Who pays for SC's petrol, SC herself? Councillors agreed that she should receive some recompense. DG – could there be a rota of 4-5 people operating outside the PC's remit, as a community group, and grant them a sum of money? SC should not have to continue alone. Clerk to speak with JM regarding grant and put this item back on the next PC's Agenda.
13. Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Do we want to light a beacon, yes. Discussion on where to plant oak tree that will be donated by ESC via JM. Serious consideration to be given as tree will grow very large. Memorial Hall fencing going up in two weeks' time. The committee have grant money for three additional trees. PY, on the field, several trees planted over the last few years, the perimeter hedge line could take more but not the recreation ground itself. GF could oak tree be planted on common land? Tree would need sheep/rabbit/deer protective fencing/water close by, could be too much wildlife. AM – what about the new site of the Pliocene Forest? Oak might not be right for this area. MK – oak trees were situated there before. GF – there are oak saplings everywhere.
14. Village sign – NA – as previously mentioned, have oak post paid for by owner of Pink Cottage. When the sign is erected, a letter of thanks will be sent.
15. Footpaths – DG and Brian Atkinson had been out with the wheeled strimmer, to cut various paths. This went well.
16. AOB – Speeding traffic through village is getting worse. AM – agreed – A pilot scheme has been running with a speed camera that is equipped with ANPR, however owners of vehicles caught by this camera are not prosecuted. GF - why not? AM – no idea. Discussed if County Policing Team are prepared to come out. Alderton village park cars in the road, could it work here, would owners be prepared to park their cars?



MK raised concerns about the flooding on the B1083 involving both dips Woodbridge bound, and opposite the Hollesley junction. Surface water also accumulates the Sutton side of the heath entrance. AM said the corner of Post Office Lane and Woodbridge Road is once again flooding when it has rained heavily. Clerk will mention this when contacting Andrew Reid.

Sizewell C – GF - as a PC ought we decide to support the construction of this? PC needs to consider the pros and cons. JS feels it will be built as a foregone conclusion. Chinese funding has now been rejected with the main Provider being EDF.

At next PC meeting we will review policies and standing orders.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Next meeting Wednesday 8th December at 7pm at the Memorial Hall – (small hall)

Signed 

Chairman

Dated 19th January 2022.