

SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 23rd January 2024(1900hrs)

In the Bowls Pavilion, Sutton.

Present: Mary-Jane King, Alan McManus (Chair), Jacki Schafer, Ingrid Franks, George Franks, Sue Collins, David Gunson

In attendance: Mike Peates (Clerk), Councillor James Mallinder, two members of the public.

1. Welcome by the Chairman,
2. Apologies – Nigel Albertini
3. Public Session;

Mrs Gilson raised the subject of the new security light on the Memorial Hall shining into her property and asked if it could be adjusted. DG explained the light had only just been fitted and would make sure an adjustment was made.

Linda Gunson mentioned that following her comments at the last parish council meeting she had seen a motorcycle policeman with a speed gun in the village and noticed he pulled over two motorists. AM stated the ANPR speed camera will be returning in March.

4. Declaration Of Interest – Mary-Jane King re Hare House Planning Application.
5. Report Councillor Reid – Received and circulated prior to the meeting. Topics covered;

SeaLink and LionLink schemes where it is thought National Grid should be taking a more collective responsibility for it's projects.

Local Government Settlement – The funding package has been announced by central government and will present Suffolk council with more challenges than they expected.

More funds to be made available to protect the county's most vulnerable and the council needs to find £64.7m of savings which will result in a reduction in it's workforce and services.

6. Report from district Cllr James Mallinder – James attended the meeting in person and reported on improvements being made to prevent future flooding of local roads. He was impressed how quickly the Highways Department cleared the debris following the recent storms which cut off Shingle Street.

James has been pushing for the owners of Holistic Wood to apply for 'change of use' now that the land has caravans moving on to it for residential purposes.

He also reported he has been opposing a planning application for 9 houses at Coronation Avenue, Hollesley in view of the extra pressure on utility resources which are already stretched.

7. Minutes of Meeting 28th November 2023 agreed as a true record. Proposed DA, Seconded IF.

8. Matters Arising;

CIL Balance – the current balance is £108.79 and a suggestion was put forward to purchase a further dog poo bin. The location of this could be put to the local dog walkers by way of a survey to ascertain the best position. JS has suggested that it could be sited by the bus shelter near Methersgate Drive, if agreed by Paul Clarke, as we believe he owns the ground around the bus shelter.

Flooding – AM spoke with Andrew Reid following the last meeting and noted a tanker had appeared in the village and cleared the drains.

Love Woodbridge – Active England are reassessing their proposal, and a new plan is due to be issued in February.

9. Planning-

1. DC/23/4810/LBC | Listed Building Consent – Replacement front windows | Ferry Farmhouse Ferry Farm Drive Sutton Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 3DR

DC/23/3512/FUL | Erection of pillars and iron gate. Erection of footpath gate | Methersgate Hall Methersgate Hall Drive Sutton Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 3JL

No objections were raised

10. Finance-DG gave an overview, please see below.

Review of Accounts as at 23rd January 2024 (previously circulated)

Current Account	£653.82
Business Premium Account	£4993.42
Common Rights Account	£1326.99
Total Funds	£6974.23

Comprises.	
General Fund	£5,538.45
Common Rights Fund	£1,326.99
CIL Fund	£108.79

Accounts were approved: proposed MK seconded GF

Bank transactions 29th November – 23rd January 2024

4th December Interest received Business Saver Account
 4th December Interest received Common Rights Account
 28th December M Peates Clerks Wages for November

Review of actual against budget for year 2022/23

No material differences recorded against that budgeted in accounts.

Cheques and Invoices outstanding for payment

No cheques have been issued following the meeting of 28th November 2023.

Cheque number 100535 has been mislaid by the payee who has requested a duplicate be produced.

Two invoices received both for £60 from Sutton Memorial Hall and Sutton Bowls Club.

The Parish Clerk will undertake the RFO responsibilities with effect from 27th January 2024.

11. Correspondence – None

12. AOB –

Litter Pick – SC raised the need to set a date for this year’s annual litter pick. Saturday 16th March 2024 was chosen, starting at Sutton Memorial Hall at 9.30am. The Parish Clerk will arrange for the necessary equipment to be available.

DG raised the question of whether the village needs another defibrillator, the Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC) Community Defibrillator Scheme is still ongoing with more than half of the 1900 match funded units having been allocated as at 12th January 2024. The Common Rights Trustees have been approached with a view to purchasing a second defibrillator for the village to be sited at The Plough public house, as suggested by JS, as this would be closer for residents of Methersgate.

AM informed the rest of the council that following Peter Young’s retirement from the Parish Council there were no applicants from the advertised vacancy and therefore

Helen Cook has agreed to be co-opted onto the council and is in the process of completing the paperwork.

MK mentioned there was a tree precariously balanced at the side of the road approaching Wilford Bridge roundabout. MK advised Rendlesham Dentists have lost one NHS dentist which means that some patients have lost access to NHS care. This causes concern at the lack of NHS dentists in the area. AM then commented that this was a national problem.

13. Date of next meeting 27th March 2024, 7pm Sutton Bowls Pavilion.

Signed
Chairman Sutton Parish Council

Dated