SUTTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Methodist Community Centre on Tuesday, 12th November 2024 at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillor M Allen
Councillor B Blanchard
Councillor S Hadley
Councillor P Hibberd (Chair)
Councillor J Keeton
Councillor M Moody
Councillor P Marshall
Councillor S Sloan
Councillor A Smith
Councillor S Tyers
Councillor Walker

In Attendance 5 members of the public together with County Councillor Laughton and District Councillor Mrs Michael

24/088 Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest
There were none.

24/089 Public 10 Minute Forum
The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.31pm for the public session.

A resident thanked Members for putting up the lamp post poppies in the village in advance of Remembrance Sunday.

A resident raised two questions for the District and County Councillors present.

For District Councillor Mrs Michael, the resident asked if there was any information on the waste that appeared to be being tipped on a field on Ingram Lane. The Clerk advised that this had been reported to Planning Enforcement.

For County Councillor Laughton, the resident asked if there was any update on the installation of double yellow lines at Strawberry Fields and the work to FP5.

Councillor Laughton advised he would try and establish a definitive date for the work, rather than the generic timescale he had been given.

In terms of FP5, the Clerk advised that was with the Rights of Way team. A request for an update would be sent.

A resident referred to overgrown hedges which were growing into the road on Carlton Lane and Main Street.

The Chair thanked residents for their participation and reconvened the meeting at 7.44pm.

24/090 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th October 2024
Subject to an amendment to include the attendance of Councillor Moody and the removal of County Councillor Laughton as an attendee, the minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2024 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

24/091 District Councillor Report
(a) The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.45pm for District Councillor Mrs Michael's report.

Cllr Mrs Michael advised that the District Council were losing a number of experienced Planning Officers. The District Council's housing stock was currently under pressure for a variety of reasons.

Councillor Mrs Michael referred to a meeting held with the IDB and Parish Councillors on 11th November. The IDB had confirmed that they were looking to make a number of improvements over a three phases.

The first phase would see some modifications to the Bulham Lane drain along both sides of the Great North Road, to include some measures into the dyke to smooth flow of the water. The IDB were also looking at using a 'burm' which would act as a water storage area.

The second phase would look at installing a similar system on the Cuckstool Dyke.

The third phase would be consideration of a water storage area upstream of the Cuckstool Dyke to hold 225,000 cubic meters of water which was below the Reservoir Act threshold.

The IDB had clarified that, during Storm Babet, the pumps were not working in an optimal manner which was now rectified.

The IDB had support of land owners to implement the first phase, with final calculations awaited for the second phase. Plans will be shared with the Parish Council once finalised.

Discussion took place regarding the perceived importance of the Cuckstool Dyke over the Bulham Lane drain. Councillor Smith did not agree that the Cuckstool Dyke was more important than Bulham Lane drain.

The Chair considered that eCuckstool and Bulham were as important as each other as they both presented an impact to the village when in flood.

Members noted that the IDB were the experts in their field and the Parish Council needed to give them a chance to undertake the work they considered would be beneficial to the village.

The Chair thanked Cllr Mrs Michael for her report and reconvened the meeting.

24/092 Newark & Sherwood District Council

(a) Consultation on the Review of Statement of Gambling Principles for the Gambling Act 2005
Members noted the consultation but did not consider it necessary to make any comment.

24/093 County Councillor Report
The Chair suspended the meeting at 8.10pm for Councillor Laughton's report.

Councillor Laughton that the County Council's budget would be impacted by the changes outlined in the recent National Budget relating to National Insurance the Minimum Wage. It was estimated the changes would add an additional £30m to the County Council's budget.

The Leader of the County Council, Councillor Bradley, had recently resigned from the post. Councillor Laughton was in the process of arranging a leadership campaign, with the new Leader scheduled to be in place by the beginning of December.

Councillor Laughton advised that the Environment Agency had instructed a contractor to repair the flood wall off Ingram Lane. It was expected that the work would begin imminently.

The Chair thanked Cllr Laughton for his report and reconvened the meeting at 8.15pm.

24/094 Nottinghamshire County Council
There were no matters to receive.

24/095 Planning

Applications

(a) **24/01730/HOUSE – Poachers Cottage, 2 Barrel Hill Road, Sutton-on-Trent - Proposed single storey rear extension**
After consideration, no objection was raised to this application.

Decision Notices

(b) **24/01143/FUL – Land off Old Great North Road, Sutton-on-Trent – New Cottage and Detached Garage. Remove section of hedge to create new vehicular access and remove trees.**
Members noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the development as outlined.

(c) **24/01174/HOUSE – 4A Hemplands Lane, Sutton-on-Trent – Removal of existing conservatory with single storey rear extension**
Members noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the development as outlined.

(d) **24/01459/HOUSE – 3 Floral Villas, Sutton-on-Trent – Demolishing a flat roof garage. Building a single storey side extension that will then form a new garage.**
Members noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the development as outlined.

(e) **24/01422/S73 – Spikomat, South Side House, Old Great North Road, Sutton-on-Trent – Application for variation of condition 02 to substitute approved plans with amended drawings showing change the roof from cross gabled to hipped attached to planning permission 21/01418/FUL; proposed extension to existing commercial premises.**
Members noted the decision notice granting planning permission for the development as outlined.

(f) Tree Works
24/01757/TWCA – 3 Trafalgar Square, Sutton-on-Trent - Crown lift to approx.. 2m, reduce back from property to give approx. 3m clearance, crown thin to a max 10%
Members received and noted the application for tree works.

24/096 Financial Issues

(a) To record Receipts -

- Cemetery Fees - £1,016
- Cemetery Fees - £408

(b) The following invoices were approved for payment:

- Clerk's Wages – October - £304.25
- HMRC – October PAYE - £76
- Future Farming Ltd – Inv SI-491 - £1,060.80
- Sage - £12
- Newark & Sherwood D C – 1st Half Dog Bin Emptying - £1,004.64
- Cloudfare - £4.02

(c) **Financial Report as at 31st October 2024**
Members noted the financial report which showed a balance on the current account of £83,629.03 and £104,783.07 in the deposit account.

(d) **To receive details of the National Pay Award**
Members received and noted the details of the National Pay Award which was backdated to 1st April 2024

24/097 Parish Council Matters

(a) To note information received regarding the Second Phase of Community Consultation

Members noted that the second phase of the Community Consultation had been put back to early 2025.

With permission of the Chair, Councillor Hopkins, Chair of Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council suggested that the Parish Council might like to request the construction traffic summary contractors for Elements Green will have produced. Matters that perhaps needed to be considered were site access, suitability of bridges, crossing of the East Coast Mainline and the impact on Grade II Listed Buildings and Heritage Assets. There was a cumulative impact to consider.

The Chair thanked Cllr Hopkins for her input.

(b) To receive the notes of the Safer Neighbourhood Group – July 2024

Members received the notes of the Safer Neighbourhood Group from the July 2024 meeting. Cllr Hadley attended the group meetings on behalf of the Parish Council.

(c) To receive details of the Community Flood Plan

Councillor Sloan advised that the Community Flood Plan had now been signed off by Nottinghamshire County Council and was in place. Signage had been delivered and was currently stored at Marshalls Coaches on Main Street. Consideration would need to be given to a permanent storage facility for the signs. Delivery of PPE was awaited.

The Chair suspended the meeting at 8.24pm for a flood warden from Grassthorpe to speak. A request was made for the two village schemes to liaise, particularly in relation to the closure of Grassthorpe Road from the Sutton-on-Trent side. It was AGREED that Councillor Sloan would liaise with Grassthorpe on contact details and storage of signage which Councillor Walker had offered to host.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 8.30pm.

24/098 To receive updates and agree actions on the following matters:

- **Playing Field**
  - To receive an update on the works at Sternthorpe Close Play Area

    Cllr Allen advised that the work was complete and the area was looking much improved. Members noted a complaint received regarding the positioning of the gate which Cllr Allen was looking to resolve with the contractor.

    It was noted that new signage would be required which the Clerk would progress with Cllr Allen.
- **Cemetery**
  - To consider the introduction of Cemetery Regulations

    Delegated authority was given to Councillors Marshall and Sloan to progress a robust set of Cemetery Regulations for presentation at the December meeting.
- **Highways**

  Councillor Keeton referred to the A1 slip road which had been reported to National Highways. The Clerk advised nothing further had been received since it had been logged in October. Correspondence would be forwarded to the MPs office as the original report had been made two years ago.
- **Community Speed Watch**

  There were no matters to report.
- **Public Footpaths**

  There were no matters to report.
- **Churchyard**

  There were no matters to report.

- **Village Hall**
  The Chair gave an update on a meeting held with representatives from Newark & Sherwood District Council and Persimmon regarding a potential amendment to the Section 106 Agreement to decouple the contribution from the Strawberry Fields site. From a technical perspective, the Parish Council is not a party to the Section 106 Agreement which sits between the District Council and the developer.

  The District Council and Persimmon had indicated they would be willing to look at options to use the Section 106 contribution in an alternative way. Persimmon had indicated that they would want to retain the land originally identified as a site for the village hall.

  The onus would be on the Parish Council to produce a business plan for an alternative use of the contribution.

- **Sports Club**
  The Chair referred to correspondence circulated to members regarding the current position of the Charity. The Treasurer had resigned with a leaving date of 31st March 2025. The Charity urgently needed volunteers to come forward to serve as Trustees, with one to serve as Treasurer, and to assist with the day to day running of the Club.

  The Trustees had met recently and had formulated a plan to move forward. However, if this was not successful by February then the Trustees would have no option but to look to disband the Charity and seek legal advice to break the lease with the Parish Council. This would then lead to the facility being handed back to the Parish Council.

  The Chair noted the importance of the facility to the community and the exemplary work undertaken by the current Trustees in securing grant funding to enhance the facilities the Club has to offer. It was hoped that volunteers would come forward to ensure the Charity could continue.

- **Library Support Group**
  There were no matters to report.
- **War Memorial**
  Councilllor Smith advised that the two sites had been reviewed with the Chair, in order that the pre-application could be progressed. After consideration of the two sites it was considered that Sternthorpe Close playing field should be discounted as it was not considered appropriate, due to its closeness to Grassthorpe Road.

  The verges at Strawberry Fields had been reviewed and the verge to the right hand side of the Drs surgery was considered most appropriate and free from service infrastructure.

  After discussion, it was proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Smith, that the Strawberry Fields verge be pursued as the location for the War Memorial. This was AGREED with 10 votes for and one abstention.

- **Allotments**
  The Chair advised that a site meeting was still in the process of being arranged.
- **Any other reports**
  There were none.

24/099 Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils

(a) November Newsletter

A copy of the November Newsletter had been circulated to Members for information.

24/100 Correspondence

(a) There was none to consider.

24/101 Items for Notification

(a) Bio-Diversity Policy

Cllr Tyers asked that consideration of a Bio-Diversity Policy be included for consideration on the December agenda.

Close: There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 10th December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Community Centre. Councillor Keeton offered his apologies in advance of the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPROVED.