

SUTTON WEAVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Sutton Weaver Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 7th June 2023 at 7 p.m.
at St Peter’s Church Hall, Sutton Weaver

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Present	Cllr B Starkey -Chair (BS) Cllr J Hancock – Vice Chair (JH) Cllr R Hancock (RH) Cllr S Richards (SR) Cllr H Bullock (HB) Cllr T Spencer (TS) Clerk-T Whitlow (TW) 8 Member of the Public (MOP) Inspector Darren Griffiths – Cheshire Police	
31	Apologies for Absence were received from: PCSO Netherton, Ward Cllr’s Lynn Gibbons, Phil Marshall and Norman Wright	
32	Declarations of Members’ Interests: - none	
33	Minutes: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 11 th May 2023 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the chair.	
34	Chief Police Inspector update. – Invited by Brian Starkey following the number of incidents at the playground Chief Inspector Darren Griffiths covers Chester & surrounding areas, he has been in post since February, he stated that he is mindful that although serving a lot of areas Cheshire Police could do better. He covered the PCSO newsletter and said that his needs to be specific to the locality. He gave the PC & MOP crime statistics for the village but stated he didn’t believe they could be so low, so this could only mean crime is not being reported, he encouraged everyone to report all incidents either via 101 or online. He talked about the police involvement with the incidents at the playground, and assured all that Cheshire Police would do all they could to stop this. He opened Q&A to the MOP’s: Discussions included- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground • Antisocial behaviour • Speeding • Parking on footpaths 	
35	Ward Councillor Update. No ward councillors present – no reports received	
36	Public Participation: This is included in the Police update with Q & A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overgrown hedges – members of the public are asked to use the CWaC “Report it” app to report any highway issues. 	
37	Matters arising / Actions from Previous Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A553 Crossing, - TW to confirm with Halton Borough Council that this will be going ahead. 2. Newsletter – This is now with the printer – MOP offered to help with delivery of the newsletter. 	TW
38	Playground Update – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anti-social behaviour- There has been another vandalism incident over the past 24 hours, this has resulted in the gates being locked temporarily for H&S reasons due to damage to the equipment. 	

	<p>2. Locking of the Gates – Volunteers – A MOP has offered to head up a group of volunteers to assist the PC in the opening and closing of the gates, the PC welcomed this and thanked him. Now that the gates can be locked on a regular basis signs are needed to go on the fence stating the open/close times. TW to organise the signage.</p> <p>3. CCTV in the playground – Having looked into this it is possible to have CCTV facing onto the playground. TW to discuss with a MOP. MOP advised to put the camera's up high and, in a cage, to discourage any vandalism. TW investigate the purchase of a pole to attach camera and cage to.</p> <p>4. Playground Redevelopment – TW has been in contact with the CWaC architect, there will be a significant increase in the cost of the roundabout if the PC decide to opt for a supplier which could fasten a wheelchair onto. Architect to also check that it is possible to get this piece of equipment into location without damaging existing equipment. RH asked why this was only just being done, TW reminded the PC that nothing could have moved forward until the May meeting as the PC did not know the final figure in the redevelopment account until the date for any refunds had passed.</p>	<p>TW</p> <p>TW</p> <p>TW</p>
39	<p>Correspondence- No other correspondence received that has not been dealt with as an agenda item or forwarded to Councillors.</p>	
40	<p>Vexatious Policy - moved to next month as Police Inspector update, took up a large portion of the allotted time for the meeting.</p>	
41	<p>Volunteering Group - moved to next month as Police Inspector update, took up a large portion of the allotted time for the meeting</p>	
42	<p>Review of Communication Strategy – MOP's were happy that the PC is being more proactive in communications with the residents.</p>	
43	<p>2023 Accounts – Resolved to agree the circulated audited accounts</p>	
44	<p>2023 AGAR – Resolved to agree the 2023 AGAR – This year the PC can not apply for an exemption as with the playground funding the income for last year was over £25K, this will also apply next year, as the spend on the playground will be over £25K</p>	
45	<p>Dates for public rights and publication of AGAR – Agreed to commence on 19th June, TW to post on notice board and website at least one day before this date</p>	<p>TW</p>
46	<p>Payments for authorisation agreed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zurich Insurance – payment of £338.10 ratified 2. Bizzi Bee – grass cutting – April May £475 3. Clerk Salary June 	
47	<p>Items for Next Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground update • A533 update • Review of policies • Volunteering Groups 	
48	<p>Date of Next meeting Wednesday 5th July 2023 7. p.m.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed:

Date