

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

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Present	Cllr Brian Starkey -Chair (BS) Cllr Jacky Hancock – Vice Chair (JH) Cllr Tony Spencer (TS) Cllr Simon Richards (SR) Cllr Rob Hancock (RH) 6 Members of the Public (MOP) Clerk-T Whitlow (TW)	
23/157	Apologies for Absence were received from: Cllr Gerry Jemitus (GJ) Cllr Hannah Bullock (HB) Ward Cllr's Phil Marshall (PM)	
23/158	Declarations of Members' Interests: None	
23/159	Minutes: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 3 January 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the chair.	
23/160	Police update: None present the PCSO has sent the January monthly update for the area. PC Steve Harrison has been conducting speed checks in the area, he had been invited to attend.	
23/161	Ward Councillor Update: No ward councillors present – no report received.	
23/162	Matters arising / Actions from Previous Minutes -if not covered by an agenda item: None	
23/163	Public Participation: Items noted: MOP advised that PC Harrison has continued his speed checks on Chester Road.	
23/164	Playground Re-development: 1. TW advised that she had contacted the CWAC architect regarding the turfing – it is too wet and cold to consider this until March, as the turf will not grow. TW was requested to gather quotes from local turf/landscapers as this would be a better option than the playground company. 2. As the playground is currently still very wet and muddy it was resolved to defer an opening date until towards the end of March – to be discussed again at the next PC meeting. 3. Moles are back again on the playground – TW has already instructed the mole catcher to investigate. 4. TW to contact MOP who has done repair work at the playground to obtain a quote for repairs identified on the toddler playground equipment.	TW TW
23/165	Community Grit: Following a short period of freezing weather, there have been calls for the PC to supply grit for use by the community. This poses several implications for the PC i.e. cost, insurance, risk assessments, storage. The PC will look further into this before next winter. TW to contact Frodsham Town Council who have a volunteer group in place to gather more information. TW to add to July agenda to allow adequate time to implement any agreed actions.	TW

23/166	<p>Members Budgets: Following the last meeting where members budgets were discussed with Cllr PM, TW confirmed she has applied for 3 members budgets:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £248 for speed watch equipment 2. £375 to replace the burnt-out bin in the playground. 3. £1006 for a new wheelchair/mobility aid friendly bench for the playground. <p>TW has not heard yet whether any of these applications have been successful.</p>	
23/167	<p>Speed Watch:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hand Held Speed Devie: Deferred until the next meeting as no confirmation of the members budget application to date. 2. Speed through the village: This was discussed, and will be the subject of SWPC input in the coming meeting that has been arranged for all the parish councils in the Marbury ward at the end of the month. It was resolved for the PC to organise a petition within the village to ascertain the level of agreement from MOP to take a speed reduction project further with Highways – to reduce the speed limit at both ends of the village to 30mph. TW to send out the petition to Cllrs and the volunteer group. 	TW
23/168	<p>Volunteering Groups: Sutton Weaver Residents community Group: Acting chair of the group gave the PC details of planned events for this year.</p> <p>Playground gate volunteers: PC to inform the volunteers of the re-opening date of the playground as soon as this is decided.</p>	SR
23/169	<p>Neighbourhood (Development)Plan. TW explained the difference between a NP and a NDP. The last time the PC initiated a NP there was limited response from the parish. NDP – takes into account housing needs, business needs, transport networks – It is an extensive project, with costs up to £10K, although there are grants available, TW has more information on the NDP that she will forward to all Cllrs – defer until next month.</p>	
23/170	<p>Website/Email: Email: account has been moved over to another provider (host) with no issues. Website: Following issues with the website and those identified last month TW has looked at new providers who do bespoke parish council websites – Resolved for TW to forward all information to council so as to make an informed decision on which company to appoint to carry this forward – based on initial cost and ongoing hosting costs and usability.</p>	TW
23/171	<p>Correspondence: Nothing that has not been sent out to council, other than to confirm numbers of councillors attending the CWAC CEO meeting on 29th February, arranged by the Ward Councillors. (see 23/167)</p>	
23/172	<p>Planning: No planning applications received.</p>	
23/173	<p>Accounts/Financial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash book and bank reconciliation approved and signed by the chair. • Bank reconciliation approved & signed. • VAT claim submitted at 31.01.24 • Payments authorised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground invoice ratified £42,771.70 • Refund clerk £21.60 for old email storage • Refund clerk £71.86 Linux – new hosting • CWAC architect/project management fee £4800 • Clerks salary February 	

23/174	Audit 2023-24 Resolved to ask Blanchfield accountants to carry out the 23-24 audit.	TW
23/175	Items for Next Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground update • Volunteering Groups • Neighbourhood Development Plan/Neighbourhood Plan • Members budget • A56 speed 	
23/176	Date of Next meeting: Wednesday 6th March 2024 7. p.m.	

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed:

Date