

SUTTON WEAVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Sutton Weaver Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 3rd April 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 Rob Hancock (RH) Cllr Gerry Jemitus (GJ) Cllr Hannah Bullock (HB) No Members of the Public (MOP) Clerk-T Whitlow (TW)	
23/197	Apologies for Absence were received from: Cllr Hannah Bullock (HB) Ward Cllr’s Phil Marshall (PM) & Lynn Gibbon (LG)	
23/198	Declarations of Members’ Interests: Cllr Brian Starkey - The Daniel Adamson.	
23/199	Minutes: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 6 March 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the chair.	
23/200	Police Update: No police or PCSO in attendance.	
23/201	Ward Councillor Update: No ward councillors present – no report received.	
23/202	Matters arising / Actions from Previous Minutes -if not covered by an agenda item: The Daniel Adams Preservation Society and the Canal &River Trust are looking at funding to re-develop the Wharf area.	
23/203	Public Participation: No members of the public present.	
23/204	Co-Option Policy: The draft co-option policy was review and Resolved to adopt the policy. TW to add to files & website.	TW
23/205	Playground Re-development: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The lock from the new gate has somehow gone missing. TW replaced over the bank holiday weekend. 2. The double gates (original gates) have been lifted off their brackets, they have been temporarily secured. GJ to send someone to rehang properly ASAP. 3. The contractors have not been able to re-seed the bare area’s due to continuous wet weather. They have promised it will be done as soon as the ground is dry enough to rotavate. 4. The repair work to the toddler area has been completed. 5. Painting work to the original equipment is almost complete, with the weather having caused delays. TW has instructed the painters to paint the toddler area too, following the repair works, both for presentation and to preserve the wood. 6. TW has not been able to order the swing seats, as proving difficult to establish if new seats will fit on the existing equipment. TW to follow this up further. 7. TW to organise the RoSPA inspection of the existing equipment, following the repairs that have been carried out. 8. The new bench (Members Budget received) has been ordered. 9. The new bin (Members Budget received) has been ordered. 	GJ TW TW TW TW

	<p>10. TW to ask a neighbour to the playground if the hedge on the car park could possibly be trimmed back.</p> <p>11. Facebook and website update for the delayed opening of the playground.</p> <p>12. The opening of the playground will be discussed on a weekly basis by the PC and will be opened as soon as possible.</p>	TW
23/206	<p>Speed A56:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Handheld Speed Device: PC Steve Harrison has confirmed that Cheshire Police will not be endorsing the new auto -speed watch item that was discussed last month. Handheld speedwatch device deferred until the next meeting due to no MOP present to agree to set up a speedwatch group. Speed through the village: Highways have come back to the PC and are still reluctant to reduce the speed limit on leaving the village towards Frodsham to 40mph but would reduce to 50mph. discussed. Resolved to ask Highways to move the existing 30mph leaving towards Murdishaw back to the bridge by Sutton Fields, thus extending the 30mph to the CWAC/HBC boundary, and the PC would then accept the 50mph limit leaving towards Frodsham. BS to follow up. 	BS
23/207	<p>Volunteering Groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sutton Weaver Residents Community Group: TW has received a grant application, for £70 towards a Luch Club event, albeit out of the timescale for receiving the application. Resolved to accept the late application in this instance, but for TW to confirm to the group that this will not be allowed again, as any grant donation's in line with the grants policy need to be an agenda item, and as such need to be received at least one week before a meeting. There also needs to be someone present at the meeting where it will be discussed to answer any queries from the PC. Resolved to approve the grant of £70 TW was requested to obtain information following the event on numbers attending and finance. Playground gate volunteers: PC to inform the volunteers of the re-opening date of the playground as soon as this is decided. 	TW
23/208	<p>Website/Email:</p> <p>Website: The new website is looking good and is nearly complete by the company engaged to do this. TW will need to upload more documents when it is ready.</p>	TW
23/209	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Simon Richards has confirmed his resignation in writing to the clerk. TW has informed the CWAC election office of the resignation, and the vacancy notice has been displayed. The PC will be able to co-opt a further councillor if no election is called during the 14-day notice period. Cllr LG – is trying to get a pedestrian crossing near the swing bridge from a 10 year fund from central government this is not likely to happen any time yet. 	
23/210	<p>Planning:</p> <p>No planning applications received.</p>	
23/211	<p>Accounts/Financial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash book 31.03.24 approved and signed by the chair. Bank reconciliation 31.03.24 approved & signed by the chair. Receipts up to 31.03.24 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bank interest £154.12 Frodsham Windows & doors – donation towards the newsletter £50 Payments authorised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CWAC architect £2400 (£2800 previously agreed payment cancelled) Glasdon new bin & bench £1653.35 (from members budget) Bizzi Bee March grass cutting £150 Bizzi Bee playground materials £250 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bizzi Bee playground repairs £435 • New padlock for the playground £15.49 • Digital Impressions – Newsletter printing £91.50 • April Payroll. • Volunteer Group grant £70.00 • Approval for clerk to pay painter for playground painting on receipt of invoice – to be ratified at next meeting. <p>Following year end, TW to prepare all year end paperwork for the Internal Auditor and submit. Following which the AGAR can be completed and all paperwork can be submitted to the External Auditor by 31.07.24.</p>	TW
23/212	<p>Items for Next Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground update • Volunteering Groups • A56 speed • Handheld speed device/speed watch 	
23/213	<p>Date of Next meeting: Wednesday 1st May 2024 7.15 p.m. following the Annual meeting of the Parish Council</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed:

Date