

**SUTTON WEAVER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Sutton Weaver Parish Council meeting held on**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at 7 p.m.**  
**at St Peter's Church Hall, Sutton Weaver**

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<b>Present</b>	Cllr Brian Starkey -Chair (BS) Cllr Jackie Hancock (JH) Cllr Rob Hancock (RH) Cllr Tony Spencer (TS) Cllr Gerry Jemitus (GJ) Cllr Simon Richards (SR) 11 Members of the Public (MOP) Ward Cllr Phil Marshall Clerk-T Whitlow (TW)	
<b>23/101</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence were received from:</b> Cllr Hannah Bullock (HB) Ward Cllrs Norman Wright & Lynn Gibbon PCSO Deborah Netherton	
<b>23/102</b>	Declarations of Members' Interests: - JH & RH - St Peters Church.	
<b>23/103</b>	<b>Minutes:</b> Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the chair.	
<b>23/104</b>	<b>Police update:</b> None present	
<b>23/105</b>	<b>Ward Councillor Update:</b> Cllr Norman Wright gave an update – please see appendix 1	
<b>23/106</b>	<b>Matters arising / Actions from Previous Minutes -if not covered by an agenda item:</b> Christmas Tree: TW advised that she has ordered the Christmas tree. TW to contact KDE regarding the lights. TW to contact Mike Pusey for delivery of the picket fence to go round the tree.	<b>TW</b> <b>TW</b>
<b>23/107</b>	<b>Public Participation:</b> <b>Items noted:</b> 1. Speed watch discussed TW to gather more information for the next meeting. 2. Defib – MOP advised that the heater is not working, he has removed the defib, so that it does not show as active until the problem can be addressed. TW to contact KDE. 3. Query over the bus stop shelter mentioned at the last meeting not being recorded in the minutes. TW apologised for this oversight and will gather information for the next meeting.	<b>TW</b> <b>TW</b> <b>TW</b>
<b>23/108</b>	<b>Playground Re-development:</b> TW advised that work on the playground will commence on 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 if not a few days earlier – weather permitting – and should be completed in early January. TW to put a closure notice on the playground fence. The contractors will need storage space on the carpark area. Land belongs to CWAC- they have agreed. The contractors will ensure access to the pathway on the railway side is kept clear. SR to liaise with the playground volunteers with this information.	<b>TW</b> <b>SR</b>

23/109	<b>St Peters Church</b> Cllr JH advised that she is stepping down as Church Warden in January. She will no longer have any influence over the use of the church hall for activities or meetings. All groups should approach the booking secretary.	
23/110	<b>Murdishaw Roundabout crossing update:</b> TW advised she had not received a reply from Halton borough council to the FOI request, but they still have another 6 working days to respond. Cllr RH proposed that TW contact to MP Mike Amesbury to ask for his assistance. <b>Resolved</b> MOP informed the PC that as her father had contacted the MP he has had a response to say that the crossing will go ahead.	TW
23/111	<b>Volunteering Groups:</b> 1. <b>Halloween:</b> A successful children’s “spooky night” was held in St Peters Church Hall. Organisers to send an update to TW for inclusion in the newsletter. 2. <b>Playground gates:</b> The volunteers confirmed this is working well.	TW
23/112	<b>Newsletter:</b> TW has started the newsletter – to be ready to go to print by 15 <sup>th</sup> November.	TW
23/113	<b>Budget:</b> TW had circulated an amended budget following the October meeting this was reviewed and will be revisited at the next meeting. Included in the budget is an amount for the external auditor – this is due to the envisaged spend being over £25K due to the playground re-development <b>Resolved</b> if there is any residue from the re-development to use this money as it is the playground redevelopment that has pushed the PC into the external audit bracket including the associated cost of approx. £400.	
23/114	<b>Correspondence:</b> Nothing received that hasn’t been circulated or actioned.	
23/115	<b>Planning:</b> No planning applications received.	
23/116	<b>Accounts/Financial</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash book and bank reconciliation accepted and signed by the chair.</li> <li>• Clerks expenses for September 7 October approved.</li> <li>• Payments authorised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bizzi Bee – grass cutting £300.00</li> <li>• St Peters Church – hall rental (Jan- Dec23) £385.00</li> <li>• Clerks expenses £84.74</li> <li>• Clerks salary October</li> </ul> </li> <li>• It was noted that the NALC revised increased pay scales have been approved, back dated to 01.04.23, the changes to be incorporated in the next payroll.</li> <li>• It was noted that clerk has had further repeat correspondence from Barclays.</li> <li>• It was noted that the clerk has completed re-declaration for the Pension Regulator.</li> </ul>	
23/117	<b>Asset Maintenance &amp; Register:</b> <b>To review the Millennium Tree pruning.</b> Noted that a gardener working at BS’s property has kindly pruned the Millennium tree free of charge. Many Thanks.	
23/118	<b>Items for Next Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playground update</li> <li>• Murdishaw roundabout crossing update</li> <li>• Volunteering Groups</li> <li>• Barclays Bank</li> </ul>	
23/119	<b>Date of Next meeting:</b> Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 <b>7. p.m.</b>	

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed:

Date

## **APPREDIX 1**

### **Sutton Weaver Parish Council Meeting 01.11.2023**

#### **Ward Councillor Report**

#### **Marbury Parish Notes - November 2023 General**

- Members Budgets - request applications/ideas
- WRAC concrete no schools in Cheshire West
- Solar Together – CWaC working with other councils on group buying scheme to make it cheaper, check the website.
- Parish Clerks Teams Channel setup for distributing information
- Digital invites requested for Cllrs to PC Meetings
- PROW 3 new officers recruited, will take a while to settle in and get to know the area
- Marbury 10-year plan for major/ other highways projects to help improve ward infrastructure submitted – will circulate for information. We now await the outcome of whether any projects will be included
- Borough Plan – in progress
- Ward Plans – in progress
- Working with MP for Investment in Marbury related to Network North
- **Speeding** contact for training residents to undertake sessions  
mailto:communityspeedmanagement@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- Schools all receiving training in web awareness and wellbeing through members grants
- Age Uk members funding for extra hours for speaking with people who are lonely
- Floods – warm hubs

#### **Crime**

- Community Police- reports now include the outcomes to incidents.
- Work with PCC on Pickmere and wider issues

#### **Consultations:**

- Participate Now -for Residents and PCs join on line

#### **Pending**

- Budget 2024
- Borough Plan

#### **Highways**

- General Road Repairs – plenty of activity across the ward/this is driven by both the regular surveys and reports through the App (encourage residents to keep reporting)
- Soot Hill – now open
- Grids and Gulley Maps available for reference and addition. PM to arrange to circulate Maps.
- Speeding Issues in Dutton / speed limit related to the sad death A533 Northwich Rd (reviewing 50mph)
- Also speeding issues in Barnton