

SUTTON WEAVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Sutton Weaver Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 2nd October 2024
at St Peter's Church Hall, Sutton Weaver

2024/

Start time 7pm

Present	Cllr Brian Starkey -Chair (BS) Cllr Jacky Hancock – Vice Chair (JH), Cllr Tony Spencer (TS) Cllr Gerry Jemitus (GJ) Cllr Rob Hancock (RH) 2 Members of the Public (MOP) Clerk-T Whitlow (TW)	
24/75	Apologies for Absence were received from: Cllr Hannah Bullock (HB), Ward Cllr's Lynn Gibbon & Phil Marshall. PCSO Niel Flanagan	
24/76	Declarations of Members' Interests: None	
24/77	Minutes: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 4 September 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the chair.	
24/78	Police Update: No report received. To monitor information coming from the police.	
24/79	Ward Councillor Update: No ward councillors present.	
24/80	Matters arising / Actions from Previous Minutes: None	
24/81	Public Participation: No comments	
24/82	Correspondence: (unless an agenda item) Complaints received regarding 2 hedges in the village, considered overgrown. TW has asked the complainants to report via the CWAC report it app, and to send her the reference numbers. TW to also write to the occupier's.	TW
24/83	Playground Update: 1. Update: Quote received for the fencing of £1645 +VAT, for supply, installation & removal of redundant fence. Quote discussed as more than anticipated but does include removal of old fence and concrete posts. Resolved to accept the quote. TW instructed to action the new fence. 2. Grass cutting: The grass cutting contract is up for renewal next year, TW had contacted 3 local companies for quotes for both a 1-year and 3-year contract, although only 2 had responded. Both quotes were reviewed. Resolved to award the contract to Bizzi Bee on a 3-year contract. TW to contact both contractors.	TW TW
24/84	Speed A56 (Chester Road): 1. Update – Speed Reduction A56: TW had contacted highways regarding the speed reduction and has been advised that this should be completed before the end of the financial year (31.03.25). CWAC also confirmed that HBC have advertised the stretch of road in HBC, and they have received no objections.	

	<p>2. Handheld Speed camera – Discussed with a volunteer MOP they have 3 volunteers, although the PC would like to see more. RH raised the issue of Health & Safety of the volunteers. TW to prepare a risk assessment for the volunteers to sign. Money for the camera has come from a members budget. Resolved for TW to order the camera & Hi-vis vests and to organise training for the volunteers.</p> <p>3. Speed Indicator Display signs (SID’s) These were discussed as an option for within the 30-mph area of Chester Road, following the implementation of average speed camera in Helsby – SW being a small village is not in a position to contemplate these, but the PC feel SID’s would have some benefit, particularly for those residents living on Chester Road. The SID’s will record data which can, if required, be submitted to the police to back up requests for more policing of the speed. Resolved to include £5500 in the budget (including using already EM reserves). TW to make further enquiries with CWAC as to the placement of the SID’s and next steps required.</p>	<p>TW</p> <p>TW</p>
24/85	<p>Murdishaw Crossing: TW has written to Mike Amesbury’s PA to ask him to follow this up with HBC</p>	
24/86	<p>Volunteer Groups: No comment from SWRG when asked.</p>	
24/87	<p>Budget setting 2025-26: 1st pass budget had been circulated; a number of changes were recommended. TW to update and re-circulate.</p>	<p>TW</p>
24/88	<p>Planning: 24/02684/FUL – 1 Sycamore Drive Sutton Weaver – Single storey rear extension. Reviewed Resolved – no comments.</p>	
24/89	<p>Accounts/Financial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cash book 30.09.24 approved and signed by the chair.• Bank reconciliation 30.09.24 approved & signed by the chair.• Receipts up to 30.09.24 Bank interest £123.31 Refund of grant from SWRG £100.00• Payments ratified/authorised: Bizzi Bee playground grass cutting £300.00 Bizzi bee playground maintenance £133.00 PKF External Audit £378.00 Payroll Refund Cllr plants for planter £20.00 Refund MOP for Sunflower competition prizes £83.40	
24/90	<p>Clerks Report: Nothing not already discussed as an agenda item</p>	
24/91	<p>Items for Next Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy update/review including new financial Regs.• New email/domain address• Budget• SID’s	
24/92	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th November 2024</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed:

Date