

SUTTON WEAVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Sutton Weaver Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 5th March 2025
at St Peter's Church Hall, Sutton Weaver

Start time 7pm

	<p>Present : Cllr Brian Starkey (Chair) (BS), Cllr Tony Spencer (TS), Cllr Gerry Jemitus (GJ), Hannah Bullock (HB) 0 Members of the Public (MOP) Clerk-T Whitlow (TW) PCSO Neil Flanagan Ward Councillor Phil Marshall</p>	
24/150	<p>Apologies for Absence were received from: Cllr Jacky Hancock, Rob Hancock</p>	
24/151	<p>Declarations of Members' Interests: None</p>	
24/152	<p>Minutes: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 8 January & 5 February were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the chair.</p>	
24/153	<p>Police Update: Reported that he had attended the playground on 27/02/25 following reports of ASB & fireworks. He has continued to monitor the playground when on evening duty. He has carried out speed checks on Chester Road last week where 6 people were caught on camera over the speed limit, and will be receiving fines/ notifications. TW asked PCSO to check the grass bank area on the approach into Sutton Weaver by the railway bridge following correspondence from a MOP.</p>	
24/154	<p>Ward Councillor Update: Cllr PM reported on: CWAC have set their budget at a 4.99% uplift on last year. Marbury Ward councillors got amendments to the budget of £25k for the borough. There will be an increase in the number of 20mph zones by schools not currently in a 20 zone. Money has been ear marked in the budget for flooding issues in the ward, but this will be over a number of years. Hot spot policing was discussed, whereby PC's can pay for extra policing.</p>	
24/155	<p>Matters arising / Actions from Previous Minutes: Members budget has been received for: Tommy's £325.00 – to be ordered. Bench painting £450.00 – painter to be instructed.</p>	<p>TW TW</p>
24/156	<p>Public Participation: No members of the public present.</p>	
24/157	<p>Correspondence: (unless an agenda item) Broken fence by the railway line on the HBC side. Reported to CWAC to send on to HBC Hedge cuttings littering the footpath on Chester Road from Aston Lane down towards the swing bridge. Reported to CWAC. Flooding on Chester Road, near the swing bridge – reported to CWAC</p>	

24/158	<p>Village Groups: No members present to give any updates</p>	
24/159	<p>Accounts/Financial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash book 26.02.24 approved and signed by councillors. • Bank reconciliation 26.02.24 approved & signed by councillors. • Receipts up to 26.02.24 Members budget £775.00 • Payments ratified/authorised: Web builder £21.60 Microsoft £79.99 Refund TW flowers for Cllr £35.00 (from Chairs allowance) R Gleaves plants £16.17 Linux domain name £20.39 Linux hosting £71.86 Playground retention payment £1844.54 Fencing for rear of playground £372.12 ICO £47.00 Jan Payroll Feb payroll 	
24/160	<p>Clerks Report: Defib pads expire end of April, TW to order mid-April. The speed gun has arrived for the Speed watch group. Clerk has completed ILCA training course on the recommendation from SLCC, prior to commencing CiLCA, invoice to be split between all the PC's she clerks for.</p>	TW
24/161	<p>Asset Maintenance: Playground:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invoice received from playground contractors for the final retention fee £1844.54 2. Rear fence had been broken down, late January. Fence repaired with new panels £372.12 carried out on H&S grounds. TW has applied for lottery funding to re-fence the whole of the rear boundary. Can take up to 12 weeks to hear back. 3. Gate locking – TW has had reports of the playground being locked through the day. Volunteer group contacted. The group is very low on numbers and it is not always possible for them to lock/unlock the gates. The group are looking for new volunteers. If any members of the public wish to volunteer, please contact the clerk. 4. Playground account balance £3544 	
24/162	<p>Planning: No planning applications received since the last meeting. No planning decisions notified since the last meeting</p>	
24/163	<p>Speed A56 (Chester Road):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Speed Reduction A56: This has now been completed. Invoice received £1425.00, representing 25%, a further 25% was paid via members budgets and CWAC covered 50%. 2. Speed gun for the volunteer group has arrived. To be handed over to the group. 	BS
24/164	<p>Murdishaw Crossing: Further information received from HBC via the MP Ester McVey, that National Highways have not given them the funding, they cannot go ahead without it. MP is to follow up with National Highways.</p>	

24/165	Training & Development Policy: Policy reviewed. Resolved to adopt. TW to add to the website and policy schedule.	TW
24/166	2024 (updated) Financial Regulations: Reviewed. Resolved to adopt. TW to add to the website and policy schedule	TW
24/167	Meeting Dates 2025-26: Deferred until next meeting.	
24/168	Items for Next Agenda: Appoint auditor.	
24/169	Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 2 nd April 2025	

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed:

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