

Sutton Parish Council

The Sutton Parish Council Meeting was held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11 June 2024 at Sutton Village Hall

Present Cllr L Daulby (chairperson) Cllr D Curtis, Cllr J Daulby, Cllr J Hunt Cllr C Makepeace, Cllr M Stimpson, L Nash(clerk) and 11 members of the public.



Minutes

1. **Apologies** and Approval of absences **None**
2. **Co-option** It was proposed by Cllr D Curtis and Seconded by Cllr J Hunt that Simon Jackson be Co-opted onto the Council, it was unanimously agreed by council, and he was asked to sign a declaration of acceptance of office and join the meeting.
3. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Makepeace Sutton Building Supplies
4. **Council was asked to approve as accurate the minutes of the May 2024** meeting of the Parish council It was unanimously agreed they were an accurate reflection of the meeting and signed by the Chairperson.
5. **Reports** No County or District Councillors were present. CC Nigel Dixon sent his apologies and would raise the outstanding Issue of the A149 Safety Review report. The Parish Clerk had now contacted those who had attended the last meeting. When the notes are agreed she will contact the whole of the participating group.
6. **Public Participation Session 1.** Two members of the public raised the on-going issue with rats in Laxfield Road linked to the feeding of birds. In the absence of D Cllr M Taylor Council agreed to request further details from him. **2.** One member of the public asked if there had been any further contact from Mr Slater concerning the Gravel Hole. Council advised no further contact had been made. Council made it clear that as no residents had approached Council with a wish for change it would now be the Landowner to approach Council with any proposal he wished to put forward. **3.** Several residents had approached Council about a box of items left anonymously near the pond. It was not thought to be fly tipping more likely offered to anyone who could make use. It has now been left for too long. Council agreed to leave a notice with the goods for removal.
7. **The footpath to Broads Authority Moorings** at the Staithe and boat waste from the moorings. The Chairperson, the landowner representative and the clerk met with the Broads Authority. The Broads Authority had incorrectly asserted that the footpath from the free moorings belonged to the Parish. The meeting also raised the question of overhanging trees and an opportunity for SPC to re-assert BA boats could not leave their boat waste for SPC to remove. At the outcome of the meeting the Chairperson requested funding towards the work needed to make the area safe for BA visitors. Otherwise, she would have to close the footpath. SPC is awaiting a response no later than July this year.
8. **Update on the Parish Moorings.** We now have two vacant moorings and potential applicants. We now need to wait until the BA respond on item 7 to carry out the maintenance that affects the SPC moorings.
9. **St Michaels Church Sutton Past and Present Weekend 13th & 14th July 2024.** The Chairperson asked members of the Council to volunteer for the SPC stand.
10. **Sutton WI additional request for £10.00 towards the Bench at the Pond.** Council approved unanimously a further £10.
11. **Update on works on the Staithe.** The Chairperson advised the litter bin installation had been delayed because of weather. Signage will now start to be installed.
12. **Planning Matters** To consider planning applications received from North Norfolk District Council/Broads Authority for consultation prior to, or at the meeting **None**
12.1 Advice published for pre planning application IS2/24/0219 Sutton Hall. Copies were available at the meeting. Council advised that they can only respond further when and if planning applications are made.
13. **Memorial Bench request** Council discussed possible ways forward but agreed a planned approach to memorials would be better considered to ensure the best way forward. The principle was agreed but the approach needed to be considered. The Clerk will gather some further information for Council.

14. Flooding and Drainage Update D Cllr M Taylor arranged a further meeting on 21 May 2024 by Zoom. Unfortunately, only SPC and the IDB attended so it was not possible to go ahead. Cllr MT to re-arrange. A long discussion followed. The Clerk was asked to find out when the follow up meeting to the Stakeholders meeting at Hickling will be.

15. Finance

16.1 The following Payments were Approved		Amount
ICO Data Protection Fee re set SO	£35/£40	
N ALC payroll services subscription	£115.20	
Sutton Building Supplies	TBC	
Westcotec	£93.00	
Stalham Building Services	TBC	
16.2	Receipts	
16.3	Bank Transactions May	
16.4	Bank reconciliations/Bank Statements	
16.5	End of Year accounts The Clerk advised she had agreed an extension with PKF until 31.7.24	
16.6	Budget Update	

17 Childrens Playground fund ring fenced £3530.26 Council was asked to discuss how this money could be used. Council asked the public to participate in the discussion. The money originates from a village initiative that started approximately 40 years ago. Unfortunately, history suggests a resource for young people should have been put in place. The “Trustees” passed to the Parish Council a sum of money that with interest is now £3530.00. Lots of possibilities were discussed but mostly not practical or not specific to Sutton. Longevity was also difficult to achieve. It was agreed that something at the Staithe for young people could be a way forward i.e. goal posts. The clerk to research any negatives to this idea and get an idea of costs. All are asked to continue to discuss ideas so that the money does not sit in the bank for the next 40 years

18 Any Other Business – any items to be noted and included on the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

19 Date of Next meeting - scheduled for 9 July 2024 at 7.00pm