

Sutton Parish Council

Minutes of the Sutton Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday,
9 April 2024 at Sutton Village Hall

Present Cllr D Curtis, Cllr L Daulby(chairperson),
Cllr C Makepeace, L Nash (Clerk) and 12 members of the public



1. **Apologies** were received and approved for Cllr J Hunt Cllr J Daulby
2. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr C Makepeace
3. **The minutes of the Council meeting in March 2024** were approved as an accurate reflection of the meeting and signed by the chairperson.

4. Reports

County Councillor N Dixon asked the Chairperson the outcome of the meeting of 7 March 2024. The chairperson advised it was not well attended and comprehensive minutes were not available. Sutton Parish Clerk had to take on the role of Chair but was in the process of compiling some notes. Julian Fonseca Highways Officer provided a lot of technical data to support what the group felt to be the limitations of the report. The attendees remained adamant that the data did not reflect what the current situation. Accidents were only recorded if reported to or by the emergency services. Therefore, likely only the most extreme cases included. The Highways officer agreed with this difficulty however they are unable to get data from insurance companies. Near misses or unreported accidents have no bearing on the data. The meeting went on to discuss what could be achieved locally by either funding more precise data recording and traffic calming measures. Cllr Dixon suggested the group look at local funding and funding he had available. He also suggested the group look further at the recommendations that were included in the report. Cllr Curtis advised the meeting that the recommendation often referred to visibility because of overgrown hedges. This did not consider these junctions were difficult because of the amount of time drivers had to wait to pull out. This also means the traffic builds up behind leaving drivers in an impossible position.

District Cllrs M Taylor reported 1. Dog Fouling in Neville Road had been reported. District Dog Wardens would be making themselves visible in the area. 2. Sutton residents who are long term victims of flooding issues have been contacted and a meeting has been set up with NNDC to resolve the problems. 3. Cllr Taylor advised the meeting that he and Cllr Bayes would be leading a new monthly Community Action Day initiative. They hope to tackle local problems with a hands-on approach. Cllr Dixon advised the meeting of Highways Rangers who could be called upon to deal with some of these local problems.

5. Public Participation Session

Several of the Sutton Hall action group attended the meeting and John Knowlden read allowed a statement. Cllr Taylor had contacted the Planning officer about the pre planning application for Sutton Hall and made his comments. Cllr Taylor reassured the meeting that this application is not a planning application only the start of what could be a very long process. Cllr Dixon advised the action group to concentrate on the issues that directly evidence the Planning policy. The meeting also asked both Cllr Dixon and Cllr Taylor why the Hall was able to advertise and accept bookings when the change of use application had not been applied for therefore not agreed. The group does have evidence.

Cllr C Makepeace asked Cllr Taylor what was being done about the current excessively high water table. The Northern Broads network is backed up it cannot cope with local surface water. It would appear the biggest problem to overcome is the Environment Agency. Cllr Taylor recognised the problem. It is hoped the follow up meeting promised to Duncan Bakers Flooding Meeting at Hickling will go some way to address the problems.

6. Update by the Chairperson on Flooding Drainage and Sewerage

6.1 IDB- The Chairperson has communicated with Matthew Philpot at the IDB concerning the dyke at the rear of residents on the Street. Matthew Philpot appears confident he can resolve the difficulties.

6.2 Meeting with NNDC following the Public Flooding meeting. The Chairperson confirmed that she would be attending this meeting with Cllr Taylor.

7. Planning Matters

7.1 Sutton Hall, Hall Road Sutton Norwich Norfolk NR12 9RX ref. No: IS2/24/0219 | Proposed change of use to holiday let and wedding/events venue. The Council is usually not asked to comment on pre-planning applications.

Council approached the planning officer because of several issues relating to the development of the Sutton Hall site and issues relating to the public portal. We were pleased to be provided with the opportunity to comment and advised them this would include comments of Sutton residents. The clerk provided to council a letter of response for Council to approve for dispatch.

8. The Staithe

8.1 New Litter bins for the Staithe are soon to arrive. NNDC continue to have difficulty removing the old ones.

8.2 Tree Maintenance at the Staithe will begin shortly. It's been 20 years since they received attention.

11. Administration & Clerks report

The clerk advised that she had given comments for the Stalham Safer Neighbourhood team which were meeting tonight. Council brought to their attention problems at the Staithe of live-aboard boat owners and fly tipping and recent vandalism in the village.

12. **Finance** the following payments were presented to and approved by Council.

12.1 Payments for Approval	Amount
Millerwest Filing Cabinet	£162.00
L Nash reimbursement stationary	£32.30
Stalham Property Services	
Grass cutting	£150
Staithe	£258.50
Sutton Building Supplies	£262.76
NALC Subscription	£437.37
Westcotec	£9.00

12.2 Any other financial matters

12.2.1 Parish Council bank statements were made available for inspection.

12.2.2 Council approved the appointment of Sarah Hunt as Internal Auditor for the 22/23 AGAR

13. Any Other Business –none

14. **Date of Next meeting** - Annual Parish Meeting scheduled for 14 May 2024 at 6.30pm followed at 7.00pm by the May Parish Council meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.40pm