SUTTON WEAVER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sutton Weaver Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 3rd July

2024/

at St Peter's Church Hall, Sutton Weaver

Start time 7pm

Present	Cllr Brian Starkey -Chair (BS) Cllr Tony Spencer (TS) Cllr Gerry Jemitus (GJ) Cllr Hannah Bullock (HB) Cllr Rob Hancock (RH) 4 Members of the Public (MOP) Clerk-T Whitlow (TW) PCSO Neil Flanagan	
24/36	Apologies for Absence were received from: Cllr Jacky Hancock. All ward councillors (general election tomorrow)	
24/37	Declarations of Members' Interests: None	
24/38	Minutes: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 5 June 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the chair.	
24/39	Police Update: PCSO Neil Flanagan apologise for the lack of police presence in the village recently. He informed the PC that the CCTV unit that had been monitoring the playground has now been removed. He will arrange for one of his colleagues to contact TW with regards to crime prevention, following this the PC will discuss CCTV further. He reported that a vehicle parked on the playground car parking area has been damaged, but no action is being taken. BS moved agenda item 14 up whilst the PCSO was present.	
24/40	 Speed A56: No further updates on the change of the speed limits on the A56 have been received, Highways have advertised this. Community Speed Watch Group: MOP informed the PC that they have 4 volunteers for the speed watch group. Discussions took place with the PCSO regarding the purchase of the speed gun, he will forward details to TW. He will also forward details for training on the device. He has taken ownership of the speed watch groups in the area. Resolved to purchase the speed gun, with the grant money already provided from the members budget. 	
24/41	Ward Councillor Update: No ward councillors present.	
24/42	Matters arising / Actions from Previous Minutes: ROSPA Inspection: this has been completed, report to follow.	
24/43	Public Participation: MOP brought a letter they had received from HBC, regarding the Murdishaw roundabout, of which they allowed TW to take a copy of, in which HBC say they have not received any funding from Highways England. TW to follow up with Highways England and HBC, also to ask CWAC Highways to contact HBC to ascertain what is happening, as there is no facility for pushchair/wheelchair crossing at the junction, or alternative route as suggested by HBC.	

24/44 Correspondence:

BS had complained to the Police & Crime Commissioner following the recent vandalism at the playground, regarding lack of police presence in the village.

TW has received an email from a resident regarding a planning application close to them, but as this in HBC the PC have not been notified. The PC feel as this is in HBC and not invited to comment as consultee's HBC will not entertain any comments from the PC. TW to check this application with both CWAC & HBC Local Planning Authority.

24/45 Grant Application:

Application received from The Sutton Weaver Residents Group for funding towards the Summer Fete, to take place on Saturday 7th September, for £150. Representatives from the group answered further questions in regard to the application, as email response had not been received. **Resolved** to approve a grant of £100 to the group as the event will encompass all age groups and capabilities, it enhances health & wellbeing for all and encourages social interaction of the varying age groups of the community.

The group were asked to mention the assistance given from the PC when promoting the event. It was pointed out to the group that although the PC have a budget of £500 for the year for donations/grants it does not mean it has to be used, and any group in the parish can apply to the PC (policy & application form are on the website). They were reminded that if submitting any further applications, all queries from the clerk must be answered before a meeting, not at a meeting. Without answering all queries no grant will be approved.

24/46 Emails/Domain:

TW to circulate a email footer that needs to be added to all PC emails.

TW advised she is organising the change of domain to suttonweaverpc.org.uk as opposed to .gov.uk due to the cost.

24/47 Playground Update:

1. The vandalised piece of equipment has now been repaired and the playground is open again.

24/48 Volunteer Groups:

Now the playground has re-opened the gate locking volunteers are looking for extra volunteers. TW to put on Facebook.

24/49 CILCA Training:

TW has informed the PC that she would like to undertake the certificate in Local Council Administration, which would be advantageous to the PC. The cost of this would be met pro-rata between the PC's that TW clerks for. This was discussed and **Resolved** to use the training budget to contribute with the other PC's to the cost and towards (pro-rata) 100 hours of study, with TW putting in 100 hours unpaid.

24/50 Winter Gritting:

TW has gained information from Frodsham TC – if the PC are to supply grit to residents:

- Each resident must sign for the grit
- Each resident must complete a risk assessment
- Grit can't be used on the Highway only on the footpath, and not on residents own property. Further discussions on this will be in September.

24/51 Planning:

No planning applications received from CWAC since the last PC meeting

24/52	Accounts/Financial:	
	Cash book 26.06.24 approved and signed by the chair.	
	Bank reconciliation 26.06.24 approved & signed by the chair.	
	• Receipts up to 26.06.24	
	a. Bank interest received £111.84	
	Payments authorised:	
	a. Bizzi Bee Grass cutting June £300.00	
	b. N Greenwood playground work £30.00	
	c. Bizzi Bee playground repairs £159.59	
	d. T whitlow Expenses May- June £83.15	
24/53	Items for Next Agenda	
	Volunteering Groups	
	Speed watch	
	• Newsletter	
	Murdishaw roundabout crossing.	
24/54	Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 4 th September 2024	

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed:

Date