

**SUTTON WEAVER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Sutton Weaver Parish Council meeting held on**  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026**  
**at St Peter's Church Hall, Sutton Weaver**

**Start time 7 pm**

	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllr Brian Starkey (Chair) (BS), Cllr Jacky Hancock, (Vice Chair) (JH), Rob Hancock (RH), Cllr Simon Richards (SR) Cllr Tony Spencer (TS)</p> <p>X Members of the Public (MOP)</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Ward Councillor Phil Marshall (PM)</p>	<b>By:</b>
<b>Note</b>	Minutes taken by JH in the absence of the clerk.	
<b>26/28</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence were received from:</b> Cllr Gerry Jemitus (GJ),	
<b>26/29</b>	<b>Declarations of Members' Interests:</b> Church Hall – JH & RH	
<b>26/30</b>	<b>Minutes:</b> Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting on 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2026, were <b>approved</b> as a true and accurate record and signed by the chair.	
<b>26/31</b>	<b>Police Update:</b> None present.	
<b>26/32</b>	<p><b>Ward Councillor Update:</b> Cllr Lynn Gibbon – update circulated and added to website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation in July on Devolution for anyone interested in attending</li> <li>• Challenges on meeting housing target shared. If local councils turn down developments, the projects are referred to Secretary of State and likely to be passed. Agreed planning apps do not guarantee that houses will actually be built, which can lead to no funds being available for infrastructure improvements.</li> <li>• Report IT app now withdrawn but issues can still be reported through the website.</li> <li>• Relative to other Wards, Marbury has been the most proactive on road repairs, potholes etc. Encourage people to continue to report problems.</li> <li>• Members Budget open again for 2026</li> <li>• Data available on website re Gully Management, but caution needed regarding interpreting the information.</li> </ul>	
<b>26/33</b>	<b>Matters arising / Actions from Previous Minutes:</b> None	
<b>26/34</b>	<b>Public Participation:</b> See Village Groups (26/36) & Playground update (26/39)	
<b>26/35</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> (of consequence unless an agenda item): None not circulated or actioned.	

26/36	<b>Village Groups:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speed watch group - Still trying to carry out a speed check every month, but no feedback from PCSO due to absence from work.</li> <li>Coach trip to Llandudno planned for next week, including 3 wheelchair users. A further trip in the autumn to Blackpool Lights is being organised. Lunch Club now has 33 members – successful community project.</li> </ul>	
26/37	<b>Accounts/Financial:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Receipts &amp; Payments:</b> Not circulated due to clerks absence</li> <li><b>Bank Reconciliation:</b> Not circulated due to clerks absence</li> </ol>	
26/38	<b>Clerks Report:</b> Clerk absent – nothing to report.	
26/39	<b>Playground Review:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair explained more damage &amp; minimal police support. Recent response blamed inadequate / wrong fencing used, although this was installed as recommended by previous Crime Prevention Officer site visit. Options from the police were again reviewed reiterated amount spent on Park, the fact the damage is caused by youths outside of the village and the issues caused by being a crime scene sited on the police authority border. Recent increased policing support of Castle Park, Frodsham was discussed.</li> <li>Clerk to action letters of complaint to the police to be copied into Esther McVey, MP &amp; Ward Councillors. Letters to also include an expected timeline for response and action. In addition, a separate letter to go to Esther, stressing the cost to community, lack of support and contradictory advice from Police and where youths are coming from. Letter to seek her support in addressing this issue with request for actions.</li> <li>Discussion on whether short term security company support would break the pattern of vandalism. Dismissed due to lack of budget and it was felt the police should be held to account, along with community intervention to reclaim the park.</li> <li>Clerk to contact playground maintenance contractor and agree urgent timeline for removal of items and follow up fence repairs. Report to PC prior to next meeting so that agreement to park being left open can be made before start of school summer holiday.</li> </ul>	<p>TW</p> <p>TW</p>
26/40	<b>Planning:</b> <b>Applications received since the last meeting.</b> None <b>Planning decisions notified since the last meeting.</b> None.	
26/41	<b>Grant application:</b> The PC have received a grant application for £350 towards the coach cost for the planned September Blackpool trip. <b>Resolved</b> to approve. Clerk to make the payment.	TW
26/42	<b>Pedestrian Crossing:</b> Enquiry about pedestrian crossing unlikely to meet minimum criteria for implementation, therefore PC agreed to drop the application.	
25/185	<b>Items for Next Agenda:</b> Playground.	
25/186	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2026 at St Peters Church Hall.	

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The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed:

Date:

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