



Minutes of a meeting of Sutton on the Forest Parish Council held on Wednesday 8 November 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillor Barry  
Councillor Knighton  
Councillor McMeekin  
Councillor Prowde  
Councillor Rankin(Chair)  
Councillor Shearman

In Attendance: Sue Bracewell (clerk)

One member of the public.

### **Apologies**

No apologies had been received

### **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **23.56 Minutes of the meeting held 13 September 2023**

56.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2023 were agreed as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Prowde seconded Cllr Shearman.

### **23.57 Matters arising**

**57.1.1** Update on the Rose and Crown: still no decision has been made on the planning application, we are not able to move forward without that decision. Cllr Taylor to chase the planning officer for an update.

**57.1.2** Update on overhanging pyracanthus: Cllr McMeekin had spoken to NYC and they were to speak to owners. It has now been cut back.

**57.1.3** Update on noise disturbance at Miss Daisys: Cllr McMeekin suggested a word with the Administrator at Sutton Park. There is not much the PC can do. Complainant could complain to Environmental Health.

**57.1.4** Update on contractors vehicles on Carr Lane: vehicles are on the road and also in The Gowans. If it is a planning condition then it can be enforced. Write again to the developer **Action: Cllr Rankin.**

23.58 **Public Participation**

58.1.1 There was no public participation

23.59 **Report from North Yorkshire Council**

59.1 Cllr Taylor reported the grant for village hall has been approved but may need paperwork returned before it is paid. Local Plan consultation has gone out. Review of polling stations has also been circulated, but there is no change for our area. Let's Talk money consultation has been circulated. Cllr Taylor reported that the changes to bus services were causing concern in the villages. Each journey was already subsidised by around £15 and the Council would not subsidise Sunday travel.

59.2 Cllr McMeekin pointed out that we were still awaiting figures from Highways on the project to improve the verges on the Main Street. Cllr Taylor to chase.

23.60 **Finance**

60.1 The financial update was received.

60.2 Precept for 2024/25: it was agreed that the precept should remain at £20,000. Proposed Cllr Prowde, seconded Cllr Knighton.

23.61 **Planning**

61.1 The planning update had been circulated.

61.2 Councillors commented on the large steel frame being erected in Jaggers yard. Cllr Rankin to investigate. **Action: Cllr Rankin**

23.62 **Correspondence**

62.1 Cllr Rankin raised the issue of keeping track of correspondence and reminded everyone that all correspondence should go through the clerk.

23.63 **Reports from village organisations**

63.1 Village Hall: Cllr McMeekin reported that the repairs to the Gents loo were finished. Rob Delaney has installed the new side gate which was required by PreSchool but is also the fire exit. The village hall and Parish Council are covering most of the cost. The Quiz planned for Saturday 11 December may have to be cancelled or postponed as, to date, only six tables had been sold. There is also a pantomime planned before Christmas.

63.2 Newsletter: the new rota for writing the PC contribution has been circulated. Cllr Shearman is writing the December contribution and an update on Rose and Crown should be included. Cllr Barry would send over a paragraph on the tree work in the village.

63.3 Playing Field: Cllr Barry reported that one of the picnic tables had been broken and would need replacing.

23.64 **2024 Meeting dates**

64.1 These had been circulated, Councillors were asked to note them in their diaries.

23.65 **Moor End:** Cllr Shearman reported that the land drainage installed in the wet areas of the footpath at the Manor Court end appears to be working. Cllr Shearman suggested using up the woodchip to surface the wet areas of path between the wheel ruts in those areas. However, there is still an issue with the truck driving over the path and the edge of a section of the track close to the chicken farm is giving way. However, this does not affect walkers. It was agreed that the cost of any remedial work should not be borne by the Parish Council. The large pond has a severe algae growth problem. Cllr Shearman will investigate how to deal with it. It was agreed that Cllr Shearman would ask Rob Delaney to quote for laying the woodchips. **Action: Cllr Shearman**

23.66 **Facebook Sutton Community Page** It was agreed that the job of posting on this page would be delegated to Cllr Knighton.

23.67 **Date of next meeting**

Next meeting would be held on Wednesday 10 January 2024

Chair for next meeting would be Cllr Barry

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed:

Date: