

# Sutton Parish Council

## Minutes of Sutton Parish Council meeting held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14 February 2023 at Sutton Village Hall

**Present** Cllr R Cator Cllr D Curtis Cllr J Daulby(Chairman) Cllr L Daulby Cllr J Hunt & Cllr C Makepeace  
L Nash (Clerk) and 3 members of the public

**1. Apologies** were received(by email) and approved from Cllr R Frearson

**2. Declarations of Interest** None appropriate to the agenda

**3. The minutes and amendments of the February 2023** meeting of the council were **approved, agreed,** and signed by the Chairman as true and accurate.

### **4. Reports**

**4.1 PC M Pritty-apologies received.**

**4.2 Cllr N Dixon reported two items.**

1. The agreed review of traffic on the A149 by the Planning Committee had now been completed and the first draft finalised. Cllr N Dixon and Duncan Baker MP will have a preview w/c 20 February 2023

2. Cllr Dixon provided a summary, and comments of the recent consultation paper from NNC on A “County Deal” for Norfolk.

Central Government offer several forms of County Deals to devolve extra responsibilities, powers, and funding to County Councils; each has differing governance arrangements, responsibilities, and funding options, for example: adult education and skills training, regeneration of brownfield sites and major housing and development schemes. It includes annual base funding of £20m over 30 years and project specific funds as they are rolled out. NCC recently agreed a Deal ‘in principle’, the final decision on a Deal isn’t required from NCC until Dec 23

1. The other Deal options available haven’t been fully explored or presented so that comparisons can be made to ensure the current Deal offered is the best for Norfolk. That’s a basic flaw in the process!

2. The current Deal would introduce a directly elected Council Leader, in May 2024, separate from the County Councillor election process and this new governance model will introduce significant hidden governance stability risks with possible harm to the long-term best interests of Norfolk residents.

3. The new governance model will require an Act of Parliament to introduce it; there’s no guarantee such an Act will be passed – in which case there should be a plan B Deal option available, but there isn’t!

4. The £20m over 30 years (equating to £600m) plus other funding streams sound very attractive but, when you take account of the cost of extra services to be delivered and the impact of inflation, it isn’t nearly so attractive, and we need to do better.

5. Lastly, the County MPs do not support the current deal – they state there’s much more to be negotiated and wider benefits to be had; they also have concern over the governance model.

NCC needs to justify why the “in principle” Deal has been signed so soon but to date has no credible answers to 1 – 5 above. You will hear much more as this matter rumbles on and you are able to express your own views in the public consultation, which closes on 20 Mar 23, on email [haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk) or 03448008020 or [www.norfolk.gov.uk/norfolkcountydeal](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/norfolkcountydeal) . Cllr Dixon is also happy to be contacted Tel 01603 783885 or e mail: [nigel.dixon@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:nigel.dixon@norfolk.gov.uk) or [nigel.dixon@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:nigel.dixon@north-norfolk.gov.uk).

**4.3 Cllr M Taylor** reported that following D Baker MP recent trip to Ukraine he had returned wishing to source and supply 100 generators that were very much in need. Cllr Taylor was delighted to report that the 100<sup>th</sup> generator was recently picked up from Sutton and on its way to Ukraine.

Cllr Taylor highlighted the second job fair to be held at Stalham Town Hall on 17 March 2023 10-30am-14.30pm. The last fair had hosted 30 providers and the event had been successful. This job fair already had 17 providers signed up and likely to meet the success of the first fair.

**4.4 Cllr P Grove-Jones** sent apologies and provided the following report in her absence.

Signed.....Dated.....

I can report on the bungalow in Moor Rd . The vegetation has been cleared by NNDC as the enforcement notice served last year asking them to clear the site, had not been complied with. NNDC carried out the work and the cost, as far as I am aware, will be charged to the estate. I am, not aware at this time what is happening about the bungalow, but I do know that complaints are being made to environmental health, about the state of it and its future.

No more news on the Medcentres site . The original plan for 103 residential units is still in place, and we are waiting for the mitigation proposals from Natural England. This is likely to be a request for a wetland drainage area on nearby land, but again, nothing has been confirmed. There will also be an extra financial cost of approx. £5000 per unit because of the nutrient neutrality demands.

**5. Public Participation Session** a member of the public raised disappointment that PC Pritty was unable to attend. The clerk agreed to contact PC Pritty to enable communication between his recent pop-up surgery in the village hall and updates to and from the Parish Council.

6. Speeding through the Village of Sutton no items for decision.

7. Road Safety Community Fund Bids no items for decision.

**8. Planning Matters**-None received at time of publication.

The clerk asked the Council to note she had been advised that future local decisions of the Planning Committee will also be communicated.

**9. Water Management Alliance and Land at Sutton Staithe and the IDB Lease**-matter on going.

Council asked the clerk to contact WMA and advise a meeting was necessary. Financial/Future decisions need to be considered. The Clerk was also asked to contact the Broads Authority.

Council also discussed the future provision of services at the Staithe and how the “The Village Green” registration may give legal responsibilities for maintenance. Cllr R Cator and Cllr J Daulby have and continue to research the legislation that has impacted on the Inclosure Acts to best meet the needs of Sutton. Council agreed to review the situation when a decision of change is to be made.

10. Persistent Flooding Problem Staithe Road Sutton no items for decision.

11. Footpaths Verges and open spaces no items for decision.

**12. Sutton Staithe West Dyke Moorings**

**12.1** The Broads Authority will be dredging a portion of the West Dyke on 20 February 2023. Cllr J Daulby had made the necessary arrangements with Boatowners to complete the task.

**12.2** No further dredging of the Dyke will be considered at this stage.

**13. Sutton Staithe Slipway-License Fee**

**13.1 Resubmission for approval of January 2023 minute no 100123-** **13.1** Council is asked to review and confirm its final decision. Council reviewed and discussed this decision. Cllr J Daulby proposed an annual amount of £5800 the proposal was unanimously agreed.

**14. The shingled area at the edge of the Staithe, to the right of the Boatyard and behind the Hotel car park.** This area is currently referred to as the “car park” and used without invite and without any restrictions.

**14.1** The clerk reported she has 1. searched and purchased for information land registry documents of the surrounding area for information. 2. Contacted Norfolk District Council for details of the easements, covenants, and confirmation of the registered and unregistered common lands. When the enquiries are complete or exhausted the clerk will present an information pack to council to make informed decisions on a way forward.

**15. Correspondence shared and Noted by Council**

Correspondence sent via email to Councilors EC/resident enquiries not for publication RE/communication council decisions CD	Date Sent/Rcd + code
.1 POLICE ENGAGEMENT -PC Matt Pritty will be at Sutton Village hall on Monday 23rd January between 11:00-13:00hrs.	14.1.23 EC
.2 New Police Priorities for the Stalham SNT area	19.1.23 “
.3 Serco Kerbside small battery collection start on January 30th.	19.1.23 “
.4 Warm Baby Bag Project North Norfolk	19.1.23 “
.5 Temporary closure Stalham high street car park	24.1.23”

.6 Draft January minutes for comment	27.1.23 "
.7 Sutton Parish Precept Payment	24.1.23 CD
.8 Consultation on Coastal Adaptation Supplementary Planning Document	27.1.23 EC
.9 Resident enquiry Fly tipping	29.1.23 RE
.10 Parish Council Elections, Thursday 4th May 2023 - Information on Voter ID and the nominations process	31.1.23 EC
.11 Allotment enquiry	31.1.23 RE

**16. Chairmans report** no further items to report

**17. Clerks report**

The Clerk has written to URM regarding the current provision of bottle bank services.

**18. Finance**

18.1 Payments for Approval	Amount
L Nash 28 Addl Hours	£557.20
L Nash land registry enquiries	£ 18.00

18.2 Regular Payment Out	Date
Clerks Salary January	30.1.23

18.3 Receipts	Date
Slipway License	15.1.23

**18.4 Bank reconciliations** for November, December 2022 and January2023 were presented.

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

Clerk to contact the Broads Authority concerning the provision and collection of waste services at Sutton Staithe

**20. Date of Next meeting** - scheduled for 14 March 2023 at 7.00pm