



SYWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman Cllr John Amos

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sywell Parish Council
held on **Thursday 12th September 2024 at 7:30pm** at Sywell Village Hall,

- 139/24 PUBLIC SESSION:** Andy Robbins and his colleague Corin representing the local Plymouth Brethren community attended the meeting to ask if there were ways that their local organisation could help the local community, either in terms of financial support or from volunteering. Councillors warmly thank them for their offer of help and resolved to get back to them with thoughts of how they might be able to help the parish.
- 140/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were accepted from Cllrs E Brown and J Shenfield.
- 141/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATION REQUESTS** – Councillors are reminded that if they have either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or other interest in any of the agenda items then they should declare the interest and withdraw from the debate or meeting as appropriate. None
- 142/24 RECEIVE CHANGES TO REGISTRABLE INTERESTS (if any)**
Request for the Completion of Register of Interests: Periodic reminder that under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-34 and regulations made thereunder), the monitoring officer of North Northamptonshire Council is required to establish and maintain a register of interests of elected and co-opted members. None
- 143/24 RESOLVED TO SIGN & APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING** Thursday 11th July 2024 and signed by the Chairman
- 144/24 NORTH NORTHANTS COUNCILLORS – No reports**
- 145/24 CHAIRMAN, CLERK and COUNCILLOR REPORT** on items not on the agenda (verbal).
- 146/24 RESOURCES: Resolved** to approve the following (a to g)
Documents in Meeting Papers.
- a) **Bank Balances at 2 Sept 2024:** Current Account: £4,129.96
(Traffic Calming Funding) Reserve Account: £80,624.17
 - b) **Income received since last meeting:** Nil
 - c) **Receipts & Payments: Budget Summary, Bank Rec for year to 2 Sept 2024.**
 - d) **To approve payments made at and between meetings Appendix 1 and II**
 - e) **Approve and Adopt New Financial Regulations.**
 - f) **Approve and Accept External Audit Report.** Council noted receipt the external auditor's report and certificate. There are no matters arising. Notice of the conclusion of audit is displayed on the website
 - g) **Update on new Gov.uk website and mailbox.** The Government Digital Service (GDS) advises that central government departments, local authorities, and other public sector entities should use gov.uk domain names to clearly signal their legitimacy as government bodies and for purposes of trust, authenticity, and security. This domain is reserved specifically for government and public sector organizations, making it easily recognisable. The new Sywell Parish Council website is: <https://sywell-pc.gov.uk> and the Parish Clerk contact address: clerk@sywell-pc.gov.uk
The Clerk was thanked for the hard work she had put in to transitioning the SPC web site to the new gov.uk site.
- 147/24 PLANNING: Resolved** to agree responses and actions.
- a) **New Applications:**
NW/24/00468/FUL Land Rear And Adjacent To 204 Holcot Lane Sywell. Redevelopment of Disused Menage site to Two Paddle Tennis Courts and Associated Areas of Hardstanding surround by black mesh steel and glass panels with a maximum height of 4 metres **No Objections**
 - b) **Awaiting Decision:**
NW/24/00435/FUL 42 Ecton Lane Sywell First floor front extension
NW/23/00863/LBC 18 Sywell Village Sywell Listed Building Consent for alterations to outbuildings to form a one bed annex. No observations but the path should be reinstated.
NW/24/00240/FUL 7 Holcot Lane Sywell Proposed part single and part two storey extensions to rear and single storey porch extension to front.

NW/24/00346/OUT 41 Ecton Lane Sywell. Outline planning application for a proposed Self-Build Dwelling with All Matters Reserved Aside from Access.

c) Applications Decided:

NW/24/00193/FUL 120 Overstone Road Sywell Proposed side single and rear extension habitable accommodation in new and existing loft and the changing of the roof from a hip to a gable. Rear dormer window and velux roof light in front. **Permitted**

NW/24/00188/FUL 42 Ecton Lane Sywell Proposed extension to existing garage, removal of existing flat roof and proposed hipped roof across existing and proposed garages and new low level retaining wall. **Permitted**

NW/24/00315/FUL 48 Ecton Lane Sywell Single storey side extension. Demolition of existing detached garage. **Withdrawn**

NW/24/00323/FUL 56 Overstone Road Sywell, Single storey side extension. Demolition of existing detached garage. **Refused**

d) Planning applications and matters since publication of the agenda (applications notified by BCW received prior to the meeting will be considered)

e) Other Planning Matters:

NW/24/00448/EXT, Green Hill Solar Farm, Consultation on the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) for a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) (solar farm).

This application was briefly discussed. SPC agreed that any observations should be co-ordinated with other local parish councils. It was noted that there had been very little in the way of local opposition to the proposal.

NW/24/00425/EXT Green Hill Solar Farm, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Notification and Consultation from the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) for a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) (solar farm). Council to note correspondence submitted by Sywell Aerodrome. (circulated)

148/24 HIGHWAYS, MOWING AND MAINTENANCE: Resolution to approve items (i to iv) further action or response.

Village Maintenance, Traffic Calming and Speeding in the Village:

i) **CIL money (Overstone Leys).** Update on the confirmation from Chris Wragg WNC who has asked NNC undertake the arrangements to put the wheels into motion and prepare a task order which was suggested to be actioned by September. It was noted with irritation that we had not received an update from Chris Wragg regarding traffic calming.

ii) **Lengthsman Report from Peter Clayton.**

1) Issue on Wellingborough Road (5890026) first reported on 23 April 24 and was scheduled for repair within 26 weeks (24Sept24).

Since that report a larger pothole developed, and I reported it as it was deep and in line with the line of travel.

The FMS reply report reads incorrectly as it fails to mention that on inspection of the report the pothole was filled and that the original work order has been put back to another 26 weeks, yet reports that the average response is 119.6 days priority 4 which would suggest that the original work could/should have been completed by week 13 August my report on the pothole was made on the 20th August 24.

2) 6399248 : Rainwater collects on both sides of the road outside **116 Ecton Lane** which could lead to flooding as one side of the road is uneven, and the other side has no water run off points. No service drains between the entrance to Plantation House until the stable entrance heading towards Ecton. The stable side drain is slow moving and retains water.

The FMS investigation reported that my report is a duplicate and a works order has already been raised under reference 477823, expected completion 13/11/24 but I'm unable to find report 477823 on the website. Following up.

Cleared a number of gullies on Holcot Lane of weeds etc to aid the flow of rainwater from the road. Swept and cut back foliage on the path opposite the new tech building, Wellingborough Road, but the foliage between the public footpath sign and Sywell House is overgrown and needs attention.

3) Street lighting (Clerk will carry out a full check of all lighting and arrange repairs and arrange clearance of foliage.)

- iii) **Bus service Stagecoach X10 Kettering/Northampton/Kettering: Peter Clayton has contacted Stagecoach on the following matter: The lack of service.** At present the Stagecoach Timetable for X 10 is showing a stop at Stratford Road (this should read Stratford Drive) but this stop is not in operation as at present Stratford Drive is not a through road to Overstone Leys. If you wish to shop at Aldi the stop is at Moulton which means crossing the A45 – which is a bit of a walk. If a stop was introduced at Stratford Drive (Overstone/Sywell side) it would be in walking distance of Aldi. If the X10 Horseshoe 0936 and the 10:22 or 11:22 ex Northampton to Kettering were used and it was re-routed via Sywell/Overstone you would have the possibility of a one/two-hour shop at Aldi and it would open up the possibility of visits to Moulton Chemist /Moulton Surgery/Co-op Moulton/Aldi Overstone Leys without the need to pay taxi fares which cost £20 return from Sywell. **Action:** Stagecoach Bus service through village was discussed. It was resolved that the Clerk, on behalf of SPC, would write to Stagecoach to explore the possibility of routing one extra bus route through the village each day to allow residents to do shopping at Aldi with a corresponding return bus about an hour later. (Chairman to discuss with Clerk - a suitable service has been identified)
- iv) **Other Highways matters to be discussed. None**

149/24 ELLIOTT PARK: Consider Report, Proposals and Actions. Discussion on outstanding issues and **Resolved** to accept reports and actions.

a) **To receive a report from the committee.**

Councillors noted that parking had not seemed to be so much of a problem this immediate past school holiday period.

Similarly, litter had not proved to be such a problem as previous years, notwithstanding that the park had been well used during the summer.

It was resolved that the tree planted to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee that died should be replaced during the winter. EB to be consulted as to the type of tree to be planted. A sum up to £500 was agreed for the replacement

150/24 TRAINING and Advice Sessions: To consider any training opportunities/requests.

Training. It was resolved to support MH request to attend the National Clerks Annual Conference in Hinkley later this year to a fee not exceeding £500.

151/24 URGENT MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY (Notified to the Chairman before the meeting)

152/24 DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING – 14th November 2024, 7:30pm, Village Hall, Sywell

Signed

Date : 14 November, 2024

Future meetings: 2024: 14 Nov.

2025: 9 Jan, 13 March, 8 May, 10 July, 11 Sept, 13 Nov

Appendix I Payments agreed at meeting

Date	Payee	Detail		£	VAT
15-Aug-24	BRITISH GAS	BGL0463847-0446002	44	-35.51	-1.69
23-Aug-24	GIGACLEAR PLC	C301522	45	-36	-6
23-Aug-24	HMRC PAYE	475PQ00822792	46	-160.43	
23-Aug-24	M HOLLIDAY	CLERK SALARY Aug	47	-654.03	
23-Aug-24	CloudyIT	TRAINING 04583	48	-42	-7
23-Aug-24	David Bletsoe-Brown	HEDGE CUTTING	49	-200	
02-Sep-24	GOCARDLESS	SECURIFIRESY-9FF7C	50	-31.86	-5.31
02-Sep-24	SSE ENERGY SUPPLY	0058534-DD00612904	51	-192.71	-13.29