

## SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra-ordinary meeting of Sutton Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in The Glebe Hall, High Street, Sutton.

**PRESENT:** Mr M Inskip (Chair) Mr B Browne Mr B Collard Mr A Newton Mrs S Partington  
Mr B Watson Mr B Goodjohn Miss B Skelham Mr L Jordan Mr M Butler

**PUBLIC:** Cllr L Dupre, Mr D Harding (Sutton PPG) 5 members of public.

### 193/23 To receive and note apologies for absence.

All members present.

### 194/23 To receive declarations of interest.

Agenda item: 196/23	Personal Interest.	Mr A Newton	Declaration No: 367/23
		Mr M Butler	Declaration No: 368/23
		Mr B Watson	Declaration No: 369/23
		Mr B Goodjohn	Declaration No: 370/23
		Mr B Collard	Declaration No: 371/23
		Mr M Inskip	Declaration No: 372/23
		Miss B Skelham	Declaration No: 373/23
		Mrs S Partington	Declaration No: 374/23
		Mr L Jordan	Declaration No: 375/23

### 195/23 Public Participation

It was proposed by the Chairman Mr Inskip, seconded by Mr Newton, and **resolved unanimously to suspend Standing Order No 3f to allow members of the public to speak for longer than 3 minutes.**

The Chairman invited Mr D Harding to speak on behalf of Sutton Patient Participation Group (PPG).

Mr Harding gave some background to the lack of communication given to the village on the proposed closure of PriorsField surgery on the 31<sup>st</sup> March. Between day 1 of the news breaking and day 12 a meeting was held with the surgery representatives, the secretary of state and MP Steven Barclay has met with board members of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System, CEO Jan Thomas, and Dr Gary Howsam. Three public meetings are being held this week, 2 face-to-face and one online.

Mr Harding informed the meeting that the PPG has confidence in the ICS board and feels that if anything can be done these will be the people who will make it happen. It is noted that:

- There are difficulties with the surgery building, it is not a good state of repair, and it required maintenance.
- Sutton Pharmacy has indicated that it can expand and make space for some services and staff, and it is important that the pharmacy is supported by the village.
- We need to move forward and look to providing better care for the community.
- This is an opportunity to design a proto-type and a lot of work is going on in the background.
- The PPG has met with Dr Young at St Mary's Surgery, Ely and we are very impressed with their model, we would be happy if this could be replicated for Sutton.

Cllr Dupre who is also a member of the PPG added:

- NHS England have been taken aback by the community response and they are now running to catch up which is where they need to be.
- I have been impressed by the actions and level of engagement by Jan Thomas and Dr Howsam, they now need to be creative in finding a solution.
- We are feeling optimistic that they can find a building and a configuration of people, and are going out nationally in their search of doctors.

- The managed dispersal is a very last resort, and they are still hoping to try to find something, so we are not dispersed to other surgeries.
- Mr Harding is gathering all village organisation that keep people informed and bringing them all together to ensure we all get regular factual updates and information.
- A representative from Sutton Feast Committee said that they would be happy to deliver leaflets when they deliver their information on the Coronation.
- Mr Harding said they have encouraged the NHS communications team to work with the PPG and to give a weekly factual bulletin that can go out to the village and outline villages.

## 196/23 Priors Field Surgery

1. Council to consider the implications of the closure of Priors Field Surgery on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, and to discuss and approve actions it wishes to take.
  - Mr Watson said he felt that using the feast to deliver would be too late, the information is required via NHS communications.
  - It was noted that all the villages that are either effected by the closure or are likely to be taking on additional patients due to the closure should be encouraged to sign the petition.
  - Mrs Partington suggested using the Pepperpot as they deliver the annual newsletter to all properties.
  - Mr Newton asked Mr Harding what he felt was required from the Parish Council in the way of resources, for example money, councillor help.
  - Mr Jordan added that the Parish Council can help, we need to work with the community to understand what the need is for the services, by engaging with the village. A newsletter needs to show a level of reassurance on a plan to move forward.
  - Mr Inskip added that it is important to get paper information out to people, not just those who use Facebook.

It was agreed that the council needs to record the importance of Primary Health Care being retained in the village with access to a GP. There is not much that can be done with planning, as any change of use on the surgery falls within permitted development, which means it can change to residential. The Council can consider registering the surgery as an Asset of Community Value.

Mr Collard suggested making contact with the local developers, as this could have an impact on the selling of their houses, they may wish to get involved.

It is noted that ECDC are willing to contribute financially if the building can be saved. This was confirmed by the Leader of ECDC at the public meeting this morning. It was felt that this would still be the case after the May election. However, the building needs staff and GP's for it to run.

It was agreed that it needs to be left to the NHS people to come up with a list of what is possible, and a what is not possible and to communicate that with the PPG.

It was proposed by Mr Goodjohn, seconded by Mr Inskip, and **resolved unanimously that the Parish Council will invite the PPG to update at their council meetings.**

It was proposed by Mr Inskip, seconded by Mr Goodjohn, and **resolved unanimously that the Parish Council will make an application to ECDC to register the surgery as an asset of community value.**

It was proposed by Mr Newton, seconded by Mr Inskip and **resolved unanimously that a letter will be sent to the parish councils either affected by the closure or those who will be taking on additional patients, to express that Sutton Parish Council is concerned of the loss of Primary Health Care in the village and that a long-term solution is essential. Also, that the council is supportive of provision in the village, and that we encourage them to sign the petition.**

It was proposed by Mr Inskip, seconded by Mr Butler and **resolved unanimously that the parish council will also write to Mr S Barclay MP and the NHS to express our concern at the loss of Primary Health Care in Sutton, and state that a long term solutions needs to be found within the village.**

It was proposed by Mr Inskip, seconded by Mr Collard and **resolved unanimously to offer resources to support the PPG in assisting with copying of leaflets for the village.**

Mr Jordan asked the PPG when the first formal notification will be made to the whole village, Mr Harding indicated that it would be next week.

**197/23 Date of Next Meeting(s)**

Full Council – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

The meeting closed at 8.24pm

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....