

Cllrs Lorna Dupré and Mark Inskip

MONTHLY REPORT APRIL 2023

Priors Field surgery

We were delighted with the outcome of the concerted community campaign to save GP services in Sutton for residents of Sutton and surrounding villages. Malling Health, who now hold the contract for twelve months with an option to extend, opened their doors in the Priors Field building at the beginning of this month, and so far the feedback from local residents has been very positive.

The search goes on for a site for a permanent NHS primary care facility in Sutton, and we are supporting NHS Cambridgeshire in that piece of work.

Full Council

This month's full council meeting has been cancelled by the ruling group.

Operational Services Committee

Mark welcomed the decision to purchase ten new waste vehicles which will run on hydro-treated vegetable oil. He also supported plans for digital technology in the cabs of the vehicles. Both of these are things we have been calling for for some time.

We are concerned that answers to questions from Mark revealed that the council does not track street sweeping.

Audit Committee

The council's final accounts were not available for sign-off at the Audit Committee. The council delegated to the Director of Finance and the Committee chair to sign off the accounts by 31 March but that deadline was also missed.

Planning updates

Garden Close (reserved matters)

Lorna met the case officer recently to discuss this application. At the time of writing it is not clear whether this will go to the late April meeting of the Planning Committee. We will continue to object on grounds including the proportion of single storey dwellings, plot sizes, housing mix, drainage and flood risk.

Elections

Local elections take place on Thursday 4 May. Voters will need to remember to bring approved forms of photo ID to the polling station if they do not have a postal vote or a Voter Authority Certificate (available free of charge from the council).

In the meantime, residents can continue to contact us by email, Facebook, or phone.

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District Councillors for the Sutton ward