

# SUTTON UPON TERN PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Sutton upon Tern Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at the Festival Drayton Centre.**

**Present:** Cllr Michael Dams (Chair), Cllr James Danks, Cllr Lauren Carey, Cllr John Lugg and Cllr John Tomkinson.

**Clerk:** Graham Bould.

**Shropshire Council:** Shropshire Councillor Rob Gittins

**West Mercia Police:** PC Andy King and Iain McIntosh

**RAF Shawbury:** Louise Wallace.

One Parishioner

## **17/25. Welcome, Public and Partner Session.**

The Chairman welcomed Members, Partners and Parishioners to the meeting and invited comments from the floor. The Police representatives indicated that there was no particular issues of concern that they are aware of.

Members raised the continuing concern of speeding along the A529 and what the disposing from moving vehicles of bottles along this road, Sutton Lane and Colehurst.

Louise Wallace from RAF Shawbury addressed the Parish Council covering areas of night flying operating over the next seven weeks from dusk till 2.30am between the 31/3/25 and the 15/5/25. The details of which can be found on the Station's Facebook, Twitter and website; the latter can also be used for any noise complaints on line. Hi-vis kits can also be for horse riders. In terms of community project the Parish Council agreed to contact the Officer at the Station directly with and activities for trainees to undertake. The use of drones and model aircraft is strictly controlled in military airspace; details can be found on the Civil Aviation Authority's website.

Shropshire Councillor Rob Gittins highlighted to members that this was his last meeting as he was not seeking re-election at the May 2025 local elections. Members placed on record their thanks for all the help he had provided over the last eight years as a Shropshire Councillor and prior to that time since 2012 as a Parish Councillor for the area. Councillor Gittins responded and said although financially it has been a very difficult time some significant local improvements had been made particularly the improvements to road safety on the A529.

The Chairman thanked the Partners present for their updates and then moved onto the next item of business.

**18/25. Apologies:** Cllr Terry Hodge, Cllr Deborah Saybrook and Steve Fulcher (Market Drayton Golf Club) (work commitments)

**19/25. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other Interests and Dispensations:** None

**20/25. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025.:** Cllr James Danks proposed and Cllr Michael Dams seconded the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Members agreed the minutes unanimously and the Chair signed the minutes in the presents of Councillors.

**21/25. Clerks Report:** The Clerk updated members on the current situation in terms of workload and health which were noted.

**22/25. Additional bins:** The Chairman agreed to meet with Steve Fulcher at the Golf Club to agree a location for a bin and any associated costs.

**23/25. Monitoring the bench at Sutton Lane:** Litter and debris are 'pooling' around the bench on Sutton Lane. Members agree that the site would be added to the litter picking rounds now that they are due to start again.

**24/25. Community Resilience updates:** As Shropshire Council uses the generic West Mercia risk assessments and the Parish Council has through its community update leaflet conducted itself in the correct manner members agreed that the subject is now resolved.

**25/25. Defibrillators update:** The new defibrillator has been installed at the Adastra on the A41 and has been registered, with a follow article through a local press release. Members agreed to the purchase of a replacement

battery for the defibrillator at the Four Alls on the A529 as this has been highlighted through the recent inspection at the site.

**26/25. Web site/social media updates:** The only item for report related to an update in terms of broadband likely to be upgraded during 2026..

**27/25. Planning Applications.**

**25/00495/FUL: Four winds**, 16, Sandy Lane, Pell Wall. Retrospective application – domestic workshop. **No Objections.**

**25/00323/FUL:** Hall Farm, Tern Hill. Replacement of existing steel frame building/new build – storage of machinery, equipment for contracting business. **No Objections.**

**25/00854/FUL:** Sutton Grange Sutton. Proposed Residential Barn Conversion to agricultural workers dwelling. **No Objections.**

**28/25. Outside bodies and any courses attended – reports:** Nothing to report.

**29/25. Finance and Audit Matters.**

1. The payments set out below were agreed and cheques signed for the following Parish Council commitments. The account stands at 7k prior to the commitments below.

Number	Name	Amount	Acts
100507	Festival Drayton (room hire)	£18.75	LGA 1972
100508	HMRC (PAYE)	£222.60	LGA 1972
100509	Q4 Clerks Salary (salary)	£1,240.68	LGA 1972
DD	HugeFox (January subscription web site)	£11.99	LGA 1972
DD	HSBC (January charges)	£10.00	LGA 1972
DD	HugeFox (February charges)	£11.99	LGA 1972
DD	HSBC (February charges)	£8.00	LGA 1972
DD	SSE (December)	£22.82	LGA 1972
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DD	SSE (February)	£22.60	LGA 1972

**30/25. Highways & Footpaths.**

1. VAS update A529: No further updates
2. A41 joint working group: The scoping works have been completed in terms of safety infrastructure across the A41 by Telford and Wrekin Council and shared with Shropshire Council. However, the information has not been shared with members of the joint working group. The Parish Council may therefore need to consider a Freedom of Information Request from Shropshire Council.
3. Colehurst: The capital improvement works have been scheduled.
4. Crickmerry: Cllr Terry Hodge held a recent site visit with Highway Engineers from Shropshire Council and will report back on progress.
5. Rights of Way (ROW) Working Group: The Chairman will contact the ROW Officer at Shropshire Council about potential dates for on site activity.
6. Fly tipping campaigns: The additional signs will be erected this coming month.
7. Bottles/rubbish clean up A4529: The bottles will be cleared up this coming weekend.

**31/25. Items for inclusion on future agendas:** Sutton Lane water erosion by Warner's Farm. Members are also able to contact the Clerk a fortnight before the next meeting with any items for the agenda prior to circulation.

The meeting then closed at 20.15pm

**Signed:**

**Chairman.**

