

SUTTON UPON TERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sutton upon Tern Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday the 22nd January 2025, at the Festival Drayton Centre.

Present: Cllr Michael Dams (Chair), Cllr Terry Hodge, Cllr James Danks and Cllr John Tomkinson.

Clerk: Graham Bould.

West Mercia Police: PCSO's Tara Carruthers and Richard Parker.

RAF Shawbury: Louise Wallace.

01/25. Welcome, Public and Partner Session.

The Chairman welcomed Members and Partners to the meeting and invited Louise Wallace from RAF Shawbury to address the Parish Council. Night flying would operate over the next seven weeks from dusk till 2.30am, details of which can be found on the Station's Facebook, Twitter and website; the latter can also be used for any noise complaints. Hi-vis kits are being re-ordered at present for horse riders, and any community project ideas can be forwarded in the normal way to be assessed. The use of drones and model aircraft is strictly controlled in military airspace; details can be found on the Civil Aviation Authority's website. An additional project is also being developed with Combat Stress undertaking metal detecting events to raise awareness and funds for the organisation. Members agreed to signpost any landowners who maybe interesting in letting their land be used for the project. In terms of community projects trainees are available for a day of activity if tools, the Parish Council would forward the draft dates available for environmental projects across the parish to Louise Wallace.

PCSO Tara Carruthers introduced the teams new PCSO Richard Parker to the Parish Council and indicated that the Safer Neighbourhood Team are still awaiting the three month list of Parish Policing Priorities to measure the service responses against. Members indicated that they remained the same as before and would be firmed following this meeting. In terms of updates random breath tests have been conducted across the teams area including Woodseaves with no prosecutions to-date.

The Chairman thanked the Partners present for their updates and then moved onto the next item of business as no Parishioners were present.

02/25. Apologies: Cllr Lauren Carey and Cllr Deborah Sambrook (illness) and Cllr John Lugg (holidays).

03/25. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other Interests and Dispensations: None

04/25. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 27th November 2024.: Cllr Terry Hodge proposed and Cllr James Danks seconded the minutes of the 27th November 2024 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.

05/25. Co-options: Carry forward.

06/25. Clerks Report: The Clerk updated members on the current situation in terms of workload and health which were noted

07/25. Additional bins: The potential suggested location by the new bench on Sutton Lane for a new bin has not been agreed, members are to consider other potential sites at a future meeting.

08/25. Monitoring the bench at Sutton Lane: Members indicated that people had been observed using the Victorian bench at the bottom end of Sutton Lane. It was agreed that once the weather has improved a small working group would be formed to keep the area clear of any debris regularly. Cllr James Danks also agreed to report the repairs required on the roadway opposite through fix my street.

09/25. Community Resilience updates: Community Resilience remains an active project area under development and updates will be made at future meetings.

10/25. Defibrillators update: This item is carried forward to a future meeting.

11/25. Web site/social media updates: This item is carried forward to a future meeting.

12/25. Planning Applications:

24/04745/PMBPA: Sutton Grange, Sutton: Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use from agricultural to form a dwelling. **No Objections.**

24/04782/FUL: Colehurst Lake, Gorsty Lane, Colehurst: Regularisation of 4no. glamping pitches (retrospective). **No Objections** with strong support also highlighting concerns of the condition of local highways.

13/25. Outside bodies and any courses attended – reports: Nothing to report.

14/25. Finance and Audit Matters.

1. Members unanimously agreed a 2025/26 precept of £9,778.00 (LGA 1972 S150).
2. The payments set out below were agreed and cheques signed for the following Parish Council commitments.

Number	Name	Amount	Acts
100505	Festival Drayton (room hire)	£18.75	LGA 1972
100506	David Probert (footpath clearance)	£570.00	HA 1980
DD	HSBC (November charges)	£13.00	LGA 1972
DD	HugeFox (November subscription web site)	£11.99	LGA 1972
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DD	SSE (November)	£22.10	LGA 1972

15/25. Highways & Footpaths.

1. The November to December 2024 VAS data for Woodseaves has been received, members agreed that it be circulated within the Parish Council and the Police for future comments including the request to develop a community speed monitoring across the parish. Any further data sets would cost £75 from Shropshire Council.
2. A41 joint working group: No further updates have been received.
3. Crickmerry: Concern from local Parishioners has been raised in terms of speeding between the A41 and A529. Some correspondence has in the past been received from Shropshire Council in terms of the issue which will be circulated to the Chairman and Vice Chairman in due course.
4. Colehurst: There remains no firm dates for the capital works to be undertaken on the highway.
5. Rights of Way Working Group: Awaiting better weather for activity to recommence.
6. Fly tipping campaigns: Additional signs will be located across the parish at the end of March 2025.
7. Signs 'Not Suitable for HGV's: Members will continue to monitor the sites which have signs.
8. Additional Bench: Members confirmed the Chairman and Clerks actions of the submission of an expression of interest for a subsidised wooden bench from SALC at the cost of £100.

16/25. Items for inclusion on future agendas: Bottle/rubbish clean up on the A529. 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 20.08pm

Signed:

Chairman.

Date: 26th March 2025