

SUTTON UPON TERN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sutton upon Tern Parish Council Annual Meetings held at 7.30pm on Wednesday the 29th July 2026, at the Festival Drayton Centre.

Present: Cllr Michael Dams, Cllr Terry Hodge, Cllr Lauren Carey, Cllr John Lugg, Cllr James Danks, Cllr John Tomkinson and Cllr Iana Jacobson.

Clerk: Graham Bould.

Partners: Steve Fulcher - Market Drayton Golf Club.

One Parishioner.

48/26. Welcome, Public and Partner Session: The Chairman welcomed Members, Partners and Parishioners to the meeting and in doing so invited comments. Steve Fulcher from the Golf Club wanted to put on record the clubs thanks to Councillor Neil Bentley for helping to resolve in some part the problems with the highway on the approach to the site. The offer still remained from the club to engage their staff and members in practical actions as Volunteer Highway Wardens to undertake other works related to the lane. The Golf Club remains in a 'buoyant' position in terms of both activity and membership. There will be a power upgrade to the site in the next few days and direct neighbours have been notified of the works. There being no further items the Chairman thanked Steve Fulcher for his feedback and moved onto the next item of business.

49/26. Apologies: Cllr Sambrook (work commitments) Cllr Kilgallon (family commitments), Shropshire Councillor Bentley (holidays), RAF Shawbury- Flying Officer S Pickett (training course) and Market Drayton Town Councillor Manton (previous engagement). Steve Fulcher agreed to follow up contact again for the Parish Council with the Bill Bailey from the Royal Irish Regiment based at Tern Hill.

50/26. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary or any other Interests and Dispensations: None declared

51/26. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 27th May 2026: Cllr Hodge proposed and Cllr Carey seconded the minutes of the 27th May 2026 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.

52/26. Potential 'village green' Woodseaves: Members agreed to follow a two strands approach in terms of the 'triangle' piece of land in Woodseaves on the junction of the A529 and Hayward Lane. The first would be to organise a working party with skip to tidy up the site. The second to approach Shropshire Council about either the transfer of ownership of the site on a peppercorn to the Parish Council. A long term lease at a peppercorn to the Parish Council, or a private purchase of the site to then be donated to the Parish Council.

53/26. Clerks Report: The Clerk updated members on the contents of their report as there remains a number of carry forward items related to actions by others.

54/26. Local Plan – Strategic Development Site Tern Hill: The Chairman updated the Parish Council on the documents that have now been submitted to Shropshire Council for the 'scoping' process of the local plan. Members of the Community Partnership Group have held an online teams meeting with representatives of the MOD/DIO and their

consultants for the site. Their thinking has also evolved with the potential of leisure/sports provision and re-looking at the bio-diversity and net gain across the site. This could also feed into any additional sites that have been submitted along the A41 as part of the call for sites for the local plan. The next set of engagements will focus around May 2027 which will also be opportune to engage with local Parishioners.

55/26. Devolved Services: Members have received a copy of the collaborative meeting notes on devolved services with surrounding parishes. The next meeting is scheduled for the 6th October 2026 7.30pm at Stoke on Tern Parish Hall. It is planned to have feedback from Market Drayton Town Council about their progress on devolved services at the meeting. The main recommendation from the last meeting revolved around individual councils completing an on line Expression of Interest (EOI) form for Shropshire Council. Cllr Lugg proposed and Cllr Hodge seconded that the Parish Council completed the online form.

56/26. Nature Recovery Booklet: Cllr Danks agreed to forward information on uniformed groups they have contact with to the Chairman to allow a parish project to be development and circulated to potential partners around nature recovery in the area.

57/26. Web site/social media updates - including updates on emails: Cllr Carey indicated that there are no concerns at present , the remaining member is processing their gov.uk email address. The new IT amended policy has been circulated and Cllr Hodge proposed and Cllr Dams seconded that the policy be adopted.

58/25. Planning Applications.

26/02377/CPL: Single storey/two storey rear extensions: 9 Ottley Way, Buntingsdale. **Information Only.**

26/02502/HHE: Erection of a single storey rear extension to a detached dwelling, 7.99 metres beyond the rear wall, 3.81 metres maximum height and 2.81 metres high to eaves. Wardale Farm, Crickmerry. **No Objections.**

26/02694/AG1: Lodge Farm, Colehurst: erection of a general purpose agricultural building. **No Objections.**

59/26: Community Speed Watch: Some 'heavy' speeding has been witnessed during the speed watch sessions at various locations on the A529. Members involved agreed to provide Cllr Carey some 'copy' so a feature can be developed and loaded onto social media.

60/26. Finance and Audit Matters.

The payments set out below were agreed and cheques signed for the following Parish Council commitments. The bank statement stands at £11,914.84 prior to the commitments set out below. The setting up of internet banking is still being pursued by the Chairman with HSBC.

Number	Name	Amount	Acts
100546	Festival Drayton (room hire)	£60.00	LGA 1972
100547	Shropshire Council (energy costs)	£147.89	LGA 1972
100548	SALC (training)	£45.00	LGA 1972
100549	DM Payroll Services Ltd (payroll)	£62.40	LGA 1972
100550	Clerks expenses (expenses)	£6.96	LGA 1972
DD	HugoFox (May charges)	£23.99	LGA 1972
DD	HugoFox (10 emails account May)	£20.99	LGA 1972
DD	HugoFox (June charges)	£23.99	LGA 1972

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DD	HSBC (March charges)	£2.00	LGA 1972

61/26. Highways & Footpaths.

1. Rights of Way (ROW) Working Group updates. Two areas in need of clearance.
2. Bottle/rubbish clean up A529 update: Await for further 'die back' and then set a date for October 26 for a clean up.
3. Fly-tipping campaign – updates: Cllr Tomkinson to investigate/action any clearances around the Sandy Lane/A529.

62/26. Items for inclusion on future agendas: Joint meeting with Stoke upon Tern PC the 19th August 2026, 7.30pm Stoke on Tern Parish Hall. Fire Risks, Cllr Danks and Defibrillator updates Cllr Lugg.

The meeting then closed at 20.45pm

Signed:

Chairman.

Date: 30th September 2026