SUTTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Methodist Community Centre on Tuesday, 9th December 2025 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillor B Blanchard
Councillor M Grayson
Councillor S Hadley
Councillor P Hibberd (Chair)
Councillor J Keeton
Councillor S Tyers
Councillor K Walker

In Attendance 1 member of the public, County Councillor Laughton and District Councillor Mrs Michael

25/091 Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen and Moody.

25/092 To receive and note any declarations of interest
There were none made.

25/093 Public 10 Minute Forum
The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.31pm for the public session.

A resident asked whether the Feasibility Study from Via could be published on the website. The Chair explained that this was still the subject of discussion with Via.

The Chair thanked members of the public for their questions and reconvened the meeting at 7.33pm.

25/094 To receive and approve the Minutes from the meeting held on 11th November 2025
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th November 2025 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

25/095 District Councillor Report
The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.33pm for Councillor Mrs Michael's report.

Councillor Mrs Michael advised that a meeting had been held between the IDB and landowners, but further discussions were required before a conclusion could be reached. However, the IDB were hoping to make a start prior to Christmas. Councillor Mrs Michael would keep the Chair updated. A meeting would be arranged with the Parish Council when a final agreement was in place.

In response to a question from the Chair, Councillor Mrs Michael confirmed this was in relation to works in Phase 2 and the Cuckstool.

Councillor Laughton observed that it had been good to see the works completed under Phase 1 working well during the recent spate of wet weather.

The Chair thanked Councillor Mrs Michael for her report and reconvened the meeting at 7.35pm.

25/096 Newark & Sherwood District Council
There were no items to consider.

25/097 County Councillor Report
The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.36pm for Councillor Laughton's report.

Councillor Laughton noted the continuing degradation of the road network and was pushing for repairs where required.

The Examination Hearing for the GNR Solar Park had been well attended by organisations. Site visits had been made by the Inspectors prior to the Hearings.

A £45m saving over the next three years had been raised by the Reform Administration but no details were available. A decision had been made to stay in County Hall.

The Chair referred to a report logged with Via in October relating to drains on Main Street and had still not been rectified. Councillor Laughton advised he would take this up direct with Officers.

The Chair thanked Cllr Laughton for his report and reconvened the meeting at 7.40pm.

25/098 Nottinghamshire County Council

To receive an update on the position with the Hogarth Paths on Strawberry Fields

The Clerk advised that the Rights of Way Officer had confirmed that quotations for the areas not currently included within the specification had been requested.

To note the publication of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire
Members noted publication of the Strategy, a copy of which had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

25/099 Planning

(a) **Applications**

FOR NOTING: 25/01855/S73 – Rowan Cottage, 7-9 High Street, Sutton-on-Trent - Variation of condition 2 attached to planning permission 23/00856/HOUSE to state the correct drawing numbers on the decision notice
Members noted the variation of condition 2 as outlined.

Decision Notices

25/01465/HOUSE – Holly House Farm, 8 Main Street, Sutton-on-Trent – Demolition of existing outbuild and open-fronted shelter and erection of replacement new outbuilding.
Members noted the decision notice granting permission for the development as outlined.

Tree Works

25/02015/TWCA – Lyric Cottages, Palmer Road, Sutton-on-Trent - Pollard 2 Ash trees and stems to 2 metres in height recommendations based as per supplied report

25/01968/TWCA – 11 Hounsfield Way, Sutton-on-Trent - T1 - Conifer - fell

25/01867/TWCA – Woodbine Farmhouse, Ingram Lane, Sutton-on-Trent - T1 - Ash - Remove part of a large branch that is dying off. See supplied image Tree 1 - Ash and Tree 1 - Ash 2 for the branch in question. wire and outbuildings without a reduction in size. Tree 2 - Holly supplied. T3 - Cherry Reduce its height by 6-8 feet.

Members received and noted the applications for tree works as outlined.

25/100 Financials

- To record receipts:
  There were none.

- To approve invoices for payment:

  The following invoices were approved for payment:
  - Future Farming - £1,136.50
  - Clerk's Wages – November - £327.15
  - HRMC – November PAYE - £81.60
  - Dave Longden Gravedigger - £220
  - Information Commissioners Office – ICO Renewal - £47
  - NPower – Defib Electricity - £91.56

- Financial Report as at 30th November2025
  Members noted that the balance of the current account as at 30th November 2025 was £58,769.92 and £106,100.88 in the deposit account.

- To consider Budget priorities for the 2026-27 financial year
  The Clerk asked Members to consider whether they had any priorities that they wished to be included for consideration during the Budget and Precept setting at the January meeting. One item that would be raised later on the agenda was the Greener Gateway and Biodiversity project.

  Members AGREED to contact the Clerk should they wish any items to be included.

25/101 Parish Council Matters

a) To note correspondence received in relation to the GNR Solar Park Examination Hearing
Members noted correspondence received in relation to the GNR Solar Park Examination Hearing. The recordings for the two days were now available.

The Clerk advised that the Planning Inspectorate had asked the developers to come back on a number of issues that had been raised during the hearings.

b) To receive an update on the WI map and display case
The Clerk advised that a quotation had been received in the sum of £72.60 to supply a hard wearing copy of the WI map. The Clerk was asked to progress.

c) To consider a report in relation to Newark & Sherwood District Council's Greener Gateways scheme
Councillor Tyers referred to the report circulated in advance of the meeting and the initiatives outlined within it.

After discussion, it was proposed by the Chair that the Parish Council approve expenditure of up to £1,000 to cover off the 4 areas outlined in the report:

- Land at the top of Palmer Road
- Sternthorpe Close
- Land near project timber.
- The entrance of Saxon Meadows (subject to approval from the Management Company)

This was seconded by Councillor Sloan and approved with 8 votes for and one against.

d) To receive the notes from the Trentside Parishes meeting
Members received the notes from the 10th September 2025 Trentside Parishes meeting.

25/102 To receive updates and agree actions:

a) Playing Field
There was no report to make.

b) Cemetery
There was no report to make.

c) Highways
To receive a verbal update report regarding the request for a feasibility study
While Councillor Moody had given his apologies, an update had been forwarded to the Clerk.

In response to questions raised by Councillor Moody VIA ha confirmed reducing the width of the footway to 1.8m from 2.0m was acceptable. This would reduce the constructions costs should this project go ahead.

Via had also responded to the request for a quotation for the costs for designs so there was an understanding of the full costs. The study had given the Parish Council an understanding of the costs to better link the Sports and Community Centre to the village with a safe illuminated pedestrian route.

The next phase for this project would be dependent on how the Parish Council proceeded with the village hall project.

The Chair advised that Councillor Moody would be asked if the Feasibility Study could be made available on the website.

d) Community Speed Watch
There was no report to make.

e) Public Footpaths
There was no report to make other than outlined earlier on the agenda in relation to the Hogarth Paths.

f) Churchyard
There was no report to make.

g) Village Hall
To receive a verbal update in relation to any progress
The Clerk advised that dates in the New Year had been received in relation to a meeting with the District Council and Persimmon.

h) Sports Club
There was no report to make.

i) Library Support Group
There was no report to make.

j) War Memorial

To note clarification in relation to the material for the chosen War Memorial

The Clerk advised that a request had been made for clarification on the material for the plinth. A response was awaited.

k) Allotments

To receive a report on the present position

Members considered the report from the Councillor Grayson updating on the present position at the allotments and outlining a number of actions.

After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Grayson that eviction notices be served on all tenants to vacate the plots and remove any items they wanted from site by 31st January 2026. This was seconded by Councillor Tyers and AGREED unanimously.

The Chair thanked Members for their reports.

25/103 Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils

(a) December Newsletter

Members received and noted the November Newsletter a copy of which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

25/104 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to receive.

25/105 To receive items for notification

There were none.

Close: There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37pm having wished Members and residents a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 13th January 20266 at 7.30pm in the Methodist Community Centre.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT MINUTES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPROVED.