SUTTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Methodist Community Centre on Tuesday, 11th November 2025 at 7.30 pm.

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

In Attendance 3 members of the public, County Councillor Laughton and District Councillor Mrs Michael

25/076 Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Marshall.

25/077 To receive and note any declarations of interest
There were none made.

25/078 Public 10 Minute Forum
The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.31pm for the public session.

Questions were asked in relation to the Parish Council's response to the GNR Solar Park, particularly in relation to the flood risk.

The Chair thanked members of the public for their questions and reconvened the meeting at 7.38pm.

25/079 To receive and approve the Minutes from the meeting held on 14th October 2025
Subject to a change to Minute No 25/072 to change 'Saxton' to 'Saxon' the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th October 2025 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

25/080 District Councillor Report
The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.39pm for Councillor Mrs Michael's report.

Councillor Mrs Michael advised that a meeting of the IDB and landowners would be held next week. Following that a meeting with the Chair of the Parish Council and IDB would be arranged.

The proposed food waste collection service had been put on hold to ensure that all Council's had the same coloured bin.

The District Council were considering their options following the dismissal of an appeal by the Planning Inspectorate in relation to a site at Egmanton.

The District Council were considering the purchase of a drone which could be deployed in a number of situations.

The Chair thanked Councillor Mrs Michael for her report and reconvened the meeting at 7.42pm.

25/081 Newark & Sherwood District Council

There were no items to consider.

25/082 County Councillor Report

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.42pm for Councillor Laughton's report.

25/083 Nottinghamshire County Council

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

The Clerk referred to a site meeting held with the Rights of Way Officer, together with Councillors Allen and Moody.

It had been confirmed that the Hoggin paths around the development would be replaced with asphalt, as would FP5. There were two areas not currently in scope, but the Rights of Way officer had confirmed that efforts would be made to try and include one of those areas (the path through the middle of the development). The remaining path that connects to the play area was the responsibility of the Management Company. A request would be made to replace this surface so all paths in and around the development were asphalt.

The suggested timescale was February/March 2026.

25/084 Planning

(a) **Applications**

25/01783/LDCP – 25 Great North Road, Sutton-on-Trent - Application for lawful development certificate for proposed works and repairs to an outbuilding

Members noted the application for a Lawful Development Certificate as outlined.

25/01520/FUL – Holiday Lodges, Lindens Farm, Great North Road, Sutton-on-Trent - Erection of Four Dwellings

After consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Keeton, seconded by the Chair, that the application be supported. This was unanimously AGREED.

Decision Notices

There were none at the time of setting the agenda.

Tree Works

25/01698/TWCA – The Manor House, 45 Main Street, Sutton-on-Trent - T32 - removal of dead tree (species unknown)

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

25/085 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 – October - £327.15
- HRMC – October PAYE - £81.60
- NSDC – First half of dog waste bin collection (Apr to Sept) - £1,004.64
- Community Heartbeat Trust – Defib Pads - £77.94
- Cloudflare – Registrar Renewal Fee - $5.21

- Financial Report as at 31st October 2025
  Members noted that the balance of the current account as at 31st October 2025 was £61,668.71 and £106,023.61 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 they wished to put forward to be considered as part of the budget setting for the 2026-27 financial year

25/086 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 Hearings that would be held on the 26th and 27th November 2025 at Newark Showground.

b) To receive an update on the WI map and display case
The Clerk advised that a quotation had been received but a query had been raised over the content. The matter would be brought back to the December meeting.

25/087 To receive updates and agree actions:

a) Playing Field
The Clerk advised that no quotation had yet been received for repairs to the play equipment. The Chair outlined four matters that needed addressing on the playing field:
- Works to the equipment
- Repairs to fencing
- Cutting of the hedge adjacent to the allotment
- Installation of goal posts

The Clerk was asked to progress.

b) Cemetery
There was no report to make.

c) Highways
To receive a verbal update report regarding the request for a feasibility study
Councillor Moody advised that the Study had been received from Via. The project proposal is a wide footpath from the end of Bulham Lane to the Sports Club at a 2m width.

Further surveys are needed to understand the boundary lines of the highways, and a request has been made for Via to cover the full scope requested. The costs included will be challenged as they are considered excessive.

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

e) Public Footpaths
There was no report to make.

f) Churchyard
To receive a report in relation to a rewilding project in the Churchyard
Members noted Councillor Tyers report circulated in advance of the meeting. Reverend

David will discuss the project with the Parochial Church Council at their next meeting, and was checking with the Diocese on whether a Faculty would be required.

Reports will be brought back to future meetings of the Council.

g) Village Hall

To receive a verbal update in relation to any progress

The Chair advised that a meeting would be arranged with the District Council and representatives from Persimmon to determine progress on the request to uncouple the Section 106 Agreement.

h) Sports Club

There was no report to make.

i) Library Support Group

There was no report to make.

j) War Memorial

To note receipt of an updated quotation in relation to the proposed War Memorial and plan a way forward to deliver the project

Members noted the updated quotation in relation to the Parish Council's chosen material, Honed Avon Dary Grey Granite, at an increased height of 1.8m. The costs for the inscription and fixing remained the same, but the cost of the material had increased to £5,826 from £4,080, making the total cost of £14,252.16 including VAT.

The Clerk advised that a sum of £7,662 was held in reserves for Village Project, leaving an additional sum of £4,214.80 from reserves to meet the cost of the material. There would be additional costs for planning permission.

Members noted an anomaly on the quotation that outlined that the plinth would be Yorkshire Stone, which the Clerk was asked to seek clarification on as Members considered that all materials for the memorial should be the same.

After discussion, it was proposed by the Chair that the project be supported at a maximum cost of £12,500, subject to all materials matching, this was seconded by Councillor Tyers and unanimously AGREED.

k) Allotments

To receive a report on the present position with the allotments

Members considered the report from the Clerk updating on the present position with the allotments. Confirmation had been received that one tenant would not be renewing their tenancy next year, two had not responded and one had acknowledged the correspondence but not confirmed their intentions.

After discussion, it was AGREED that the Clerk seek to contact the two tenants that had not responded to any correspondence with a view to considering further action at the December meeting.

The Chair thanked Members for their reports.

25/088 Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils

(a) November Newsletter

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

25/089 **Correspondence**
There was no correspondence to receive.

25/090 **To receive items for notification**
There were none.

Close: There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37pm

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 9th December 2025 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.