SUTTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Methodist Community Centre on Tuesday, 10th February 2026 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Councillor M Allen
Councillor B Blanchard
Councillor M Grayson
Councillor S Hadley
Councillor J Keeton (Chair)
Councillor M Moody
Councillor P Marshall
Councillor S Sloan
Councillor S Tyers

In Attendance 21 members of the public and County Councillor Laughton.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. In relation to the planning applications, the Chair advised that he would suspend standing orders during consideration of those items to enable members of the public to participate.

25/121 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hibberd and Walker and District Councillor Mrs Michael.

25/122 To receive and note any declarations of interest

There were none.

25/123 Public 10 Minute Forum

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.31pm for the public session.

A resident referred to the publication of the Feasibility Study on the website and asked when the Parish Council envisaged taking this proposal any further. The Chair advised this would be considered at the March meeting.

A question was asked in relation to the GNR Solar Park and flooding in respect of correspondence forwarded to the Clerk. The Chair advised this would be considered at Agenda Item 13.

No further questions were raised and the meeting was reconvened.

25/124 To receive and approve the Minutes from the meeting held on 13th January 2026

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th January 2026 were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

25/125 District Councillor Report

While Councillor Mrs Michael had given her apologies, she had reported that negotiations were ongoing with the landowner and Internal Drainage Board in relation to the next phase of works.

25/126 Newark & Sherwood District Council

<u>To note correspondence received in relation to the Collingham Neighbourhood Plan</u>

Members received and noted the correspondence in relation to the Collingham Neighbourhood Plan.

<u>To note further briefing sessions arranged in relation to Local Government Re-Organisation</u>

The Clerk advised that the District Council had arranged further briefing sessions in relation to Local Government Re-Organisation. These would be held virtually at 6pm on Thursday, 26th October and Monday, 2nd March. Members were asked to advise the Clerk should they wish to be booked on any of the sessions.

25/127 County Councillor Report

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.36pm for Councillor Laughton's report.

Councillor Laughton referred to the deterioration of the road network. Meetings were being held with the highways inspector on a regular basis. Residents were encouraged to continue to report potholes on the MyNottsApp.

The budget setting process was underway with the administration proposing an increase of 3.99%. This would be their first budget since taking office as they had been running the budget set by the old administration.

Councillor Laughton confirmed a sum of £300 from his Divisional Fund towards the Council's biodiversity works.

25/128 Nottinghamshire County Council

To receive correspondence outlining a Review of Nottinghamshire County Council's Guidance Note on the Validation of Planning Applications – consultation open to 20th February 2026

Members noted the correspondence outlining a review of the County Council's validation of planning applications.

25/129 Planning

(a) **Applications**

Prior to consideration of applications 25/02125/FULM and 25/02126/FUL, the Chair referred to consideration of 25/02126/FUL at the January meeting. At that time, notification of the second application had not been received so was considered in isolation. With the submission of the warehouse application under 25/02125/FULM, it was only right that both be considered together.

25/02125/FULM – Mercia Garden Products Ltd, Old Great North Road, Sutton-on-Trent - Construct a Warehouse with integral office and showroom accommodation

25/02126/FUL – Mercia Garden Products Ltd, Old Great North Road, Sutton-on-Trent - Change of use of land from sales display area to staff car park

The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.42pm to allow the public to raise any concerns.

The main concerns raised by residents were in relation to noise, light pollution and highways impact. The proposals for the car park brought traffic further down the road, which exposed pedestrians to risk as there were no footpaths along the road.

This area had flooded significantly in 2018 and there was a concern that introducing more hard surfacing would impact on that.

The current display area was aesthetically pleasing and provided a buffer between the industrial area and residential properties.

The Chair noted that there were no comments on the portal from residents in relation to 25/02125/FULM, the warehouse application. Residents confirmed that they would be formulating objections to this application too.

The Chair thanked residents for their input and reconvened the meeting at 7.49pm.

Councillor Tyers summarised the objections from comments submitted by residents in relation to the car park application. After consideration it was proposed that objection be raised to both

applications on the grounds that:

- The development of the car park on the current sales display area would have a detrimental impact upon the highway by bringing 95 extra vehicles further into Old Great North Road. There would be an increase risk to pedestrians, especially as there was no footpath available.

- With operating hours starting at 4am, there would be increased noise nuisance to adjoining residential properties and an intrusion into their privacy with light pollution from vehicles using the car park.

- The change of use would lead to a detrimental visual impact for adjoining residential properties.

- The lack of a robust Transport Statement was noted. Members considered that this was vital to enable a full examination of the impact of the proposals on the highway.

This was unanimously AGREED. The Chair advised Members that an objection to both applications would be formulated based on the above and circulated to Members for consideration prior to submission on the portal.

26/00041/FUL – The Rhymes, Carlton Lane, Sutton-on-Trent - Proposed temporary use of agricultural buildings and land as a pop up venue for weddings and private events
The Chair suspended the meeting at 7.54pm to allow for any questions to be raised by the public.

A resident noted that Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council had raised concerns due to noise and use of the lane by vehicles trying to access the property by following incorrect satellite navigation devices.

The Chair thanked the resident for their input and reconvened the meeting at 7.57pm.

Councillor Tyers summarised the comments on the portal both in support of and objecting to the proposals.

After discussion, it was proposed that objection be raised to this application reflecting concerns in relation to the impact on the highways and the potential for noise nuisance.

This was unanimously AGREED. The Chair advised Members that an objection to the application would be formulated and circulated to Members for consideration prior to submission on the portal. This would take into account any reference required to policy.

Decision Notices
Holly House Farm, 8 Main Street, Sutton-on-Trent - Request for confirmation of discharge of condition 04 (Bat/Bird boxes) attached to planning permission 25/01465/HOUSE; Demolition of existing outbuilding and open-fronted shelter and erection of replacement new outbuilding
Members noted the decision notice confirming the discharge of condition 04.

Tree Works
26/00135/TWCA – Manor Farm, 37 Main Street, Sutton-on-Trent - T1 - Yew - Reduce the overall crown by 0.5m clearing 0.5m over road (5.2m) and footway (2.5m) Therefore, from height of 10m down to 9.5m and width from 9m to 8.5m

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

25/130 Financials
To record receipts:

- Cemetery Fees – Memorial - £100

- Cemetery Fees – Interment - £405
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To approve invoices for payment:
The following invoices were approved for payment:

- Future Farming - £1,136.50
- Clerk's Wages - January - £327.15
- HRMC – January PAYE - £81.60
- Sutton Methodist – Falls Group Room Hire - £375
- Sutton Methodist – Parish Council Room Hire - £80
- Hugo Fox – Website - £143.86

Financial Report as at 31st January 2026
Members noted that the balance of the current account as at 31st January 2026 was £57,173.76 and £106,274.93 in the deposit account.

25/131 Parish Council Matters

To note a date set to highlight the Rural Watch Initiative – Wednesday, 11th March 2026
The Clerk advised that, as agreed at the January meeting, an offer had been made to Nottinghamshire Police to fund the room hire to enable the Rural Watch initiative to be highlighted in the community. A date of Wednesday, 11th March 2026 had been agreed.

To receive the notes of the Safer Neighbourhood Group – 30th October 2025
Members received the notes of the Safer Neighbourhood Group held on 30th October 2025. The last meeting had been on Thursday, 5th February, attended by Councillor Hadley.

To receive a Community Update in relation to the North Humber to High Marnham Project
Members received and noted the Community Update newsletter in relation to the North Humber to High Marnham Project.

To receive the minutes of the Trentside Parishes Meeting held on 19th November 2025
Members received the minutes of the Trentside Parishes Meeting held on 19th November 2025.

25/132 To receive updates and agree actions:

a) Playing Field
The Clerk referred to work undertaken by BT contractors, which had seen chippings dumped into the hedge. The Council's contractor had been asked to review. Councillor Allen referred to the installation of the goal posts that still needed to be actioned.

b) Cemetery
Councillor Sloan advised that work had been undertaken to the hedges as agreed at the last meeting. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the contractor to make good repairs to the grass.

c) Highways
Councillor Moody encouraged Members to continue to log potholes on the MyNotts App.

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

e) Public Footpaths
Councillor Allen confirmed that work had started to replace the footpaths at Strawberry Fields that were public rights of way.

f) Churchyard
Councillor Blanchard asked whether a date had been confirmed for the annual clock service. The Clerk confirmed this had been booked for 19th January 2026.

g) Village Hall
To receive a verbal update in relation to any progress
The Chair advised that it was hoped an update report would be available for the March meeting.

h) Sports Club
The Chair expressed thanks to J G Pears for their support in providing funding for portable floodlights. These had enabled football training during the week in Winter.

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

j) War Memorial
To consider the updated quotation in relation to the chosen material for the War Memorial
The Clerk confirmed that an updated quotation had now been received outlining costs for the whole of the memorial to be in

Confirmed costs were £13,678.50 excluding VAT, with a further sum required for planning permission. After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Marshall that a sum of £14,000 be approved to take the project forward. This was seconded by Councillor Tyers and AGREED with one abstention.

k) Allotments
To receive a report on the present position
Members noted that no change had, as yet, been made to the three plots that had been given Notice to Quit. A date of 28th February had been given to the plotholders and their families to remove any items they wished to retain. No extension would be given to that deadline.

l) Biodiversity
Councillor Tyers advised that the bug houses had been completed by the school. They would be sited at the Sports Club over the next couple of weeks.

The Chair thanked Members for their reports.

25/133 Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils
The Clerk confirmed that a new CEO had been appointed. Details had been circulated to Members for information.

25/134 Correspondence
Members noted the correspondence from Carlton-on-Trent Parish Council in response to concerns raised during the GNR Solar Examination Hearing in relation to flooding. After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Marshall and AGREED that delegated authority be given to the Clerk and Chair to review and respond if necessary prior to the deadline of 18th February 2026.

25/135 To receive items for notification
Councillor Marshall asked that an item be included on the March agenda in respect of the Internal Drainage Board and the pumps not working.

Close: There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.34pm

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 10th March 2026 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.