



# Sutton Cheney Parish Council

## Draft Minutes of Sutton Cheney Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at Dadlington Village Hall, The Green, Dadlington

### Parish Councillors Present:

Andrew Copson (Chair)  
Val Pritchard  
John Plant

Julia Jarvis (Vice Chair)  
Peter Dyde  
Lynda Spencer

### In Attendance

7 Members of the Public  
County Councillor Bertie Harrison-Rushton

27/22	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b></p> <p>A member of the public was concerned about items being back on the agenda after the Council signed the minutes as a true and accurate record. The member of the public also had several queries regarding the Neighbourhood Plan Committee's Term of Reference and the draft minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting in January.</p> <p>A member of the public had a query regarding the item to discuss a formal process to use the Council's public open space was addressing. Cllr Copson invited this member of the public to speak during the agenda item.</p> <p>A member of the public had a concern regarding a formal process to use the Council's public open space, in particular Dadlington Village Green and that Dadlington residents are entitled to use the green and want to be consulted regarding its use.</p>
28/22	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>The Council unanimously approved apologies received by Cllr Long.</p>
29/22	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY</b></p> <p>None received</p>
30/22	<p><b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b></p> <p>The Council unanimously resolved to adopt the draft minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January with no amendments made.</p>

31/22	<p><b>BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS</b></p> <p>The Council noted an update from Borough Councillor Jonathan Collett:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The draft HBBC Local Plan has now been passed by Full Council and will go to consultation.</li> <li>2. There remains concerns about speculative development in the absence of a 5-year land supply or an up-to-date local plan - an application has gone in for 19 bungalows off Higham Lane, Stoke Golding.</li> <li>3. Reserved matters relating to land east of Roseway in Stoke Golding remain a concern - I organised a site visit for the senior planning officer to see the risk of flooding.</li> <li>4. HBBC are inviting applications for projects for its Environmental Improvement Programme 2022/23 - eg heritage trail information boards - there must be a conservation/heritage relevance to the application.</li> <li>5. There is still not a Medium-Term Financial Strategy for HBBC and a risk remains at recent losses from leisure centre, increasing cost of homelessness in the Borough and stalling in the building of the Crematorium</li> </ol>
32/22	<p>The Council noted an update from County Councillor Harrison-Rushton. In addition to the report that had been circulated, Cllr Harrison-Rushton noted the successful meeting with LCC Highways and how his LCC Members grant of £5000 awarded to the Parish Council will be spent on speed calming measures across the Parish following outcomes from the rural speeding meeting.</p>
33/22	<p><b>PARISH COUNCIL PROCEDURES</b></p> <p>The Council unanimously resolved to amend Item 7a in Sutton Cheney Parish Council's Standing Orders to require at least 4 Councillors to reverse a Council decision</p>
34/22	<p>The Council unanimously resolved to adopt the draft Scheme of Delegation</p>
35/22	<p>The Council unanimously resolved to introduce a formal process to use council-owned public open space, particularly to make sure that we meet the requirements of our insurance for current and any future spaces and asked the Clerk to investigate equivalent processes from elsewhere to draft a model for consideration.</p>
36/22	<p><b>COUNCIL UPDATES</b></p> <p>The Council noted the following points from the meeting with LCC Highways regarding speed calming in Sutton Cheney:</p>

	<p>1. Clear advice from LCC that a reduction of speed can be achieved by enhancing gateway entrances that give more stronger signals to drivers to slow down. Gateways will be provided at the Royal Arms end of Sutton Cheney and on Shenton Lane (just over bridge) in Dadlington</p> <p>2. The request was raised to reduce the speed limit in light of resident's concerns on Wharf Lane however LCC follow DFT national guidance and any changes are unlikely unless there is further development in that area to warrant a change in the speed limit. This decision lies with County Council and residents are encouraged to lobby their CC.</p> <p>3. The intention to put dragon's teeth markings on Hinckley Road Dadlington to enhance the 30mph limit</p>
37/22	The Council noted the meeting with Support Staffordshire regarding the feasibility study at Sutton Cheney Community Space. It was felt it was progressing well and should be completed in 12 weeks.
38/22	The Council noted the minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee held on 24th January 2022
39/22	<p><b>DADLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</b></p> <p>The Council resolved to defer (4 for, 1 against and 1 abstain) consideration of the adoption of the Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan until the next Parish Council meeting.</p>
40/22	<p><b>DADLINGTON DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT</b></p> <p>The Council unanimously resolved a donation of £126 towards the cost of the battery for the Dadlington defibrillator</p>
41/22	The Council noted an update following the request for Sutton Cheney Parish Council to take over the maintenance of Dadlington defibrillator
42/22	<p><b>FINANCE</b></p> <p>The Council unanimously resolved to approve the financial statement for January 2022</p>
43/22	The Council unanimously resolved to approve payments totalling £1976.02
44/22	The Council noted the approved payments totalling £215.00
45/22	The Council unanimously resolved to switch the Parish Council account to Natwest Community Account

46/22	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p><b>21/01407/TCA-</b> Poplar (T1) - Fell Poplar tree to ground level. Damson (T2) - Prune back south/westerly branches away from Walnut by 1 meter. Walnut (T3) - Prune back north/easterly branches away from Damson by 1 meter. The Cottage The Square Sutton Cheney Nuneaton Leicestershire</p> <p><b>No comment</b></p>
47/22	The Council agreed to submit comments during the statutory consultation for the Hinckley Rail Freight Terminal
48/22	<p><b>CLERKS REPORT</b></p> <p>The Clerk gave an overview of recent correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The precept for 2022-2023 has been demanded</li> <li>• Handyman has now increased his visits to 10 days between VAS charges to prevent the batteries from running flat</li> <li>• Groundworks have confirmed that staff costs can't be covered by the Neighbourhood Plan grant, however items associated with printing, working from home etc can be claimed</li> <li>• An informal meeting to discuss a 3 year forward plan meeting has been arranged for 16th Feb starting at 7pm</li> <li>• Dates to view the Bosworth 1485 Sculpture Trail maquettes have been circulated to Councillors</li> <li>• All outstanding information has been received by PCIF grant officers at HBBC. The licence from the Canal &amp; Rivers Trust is currently being finalised for the Sutton Wharf defibrillator</li> <li>• Details on this year's Rural Conference have been circulated to Councillors with Cllr Pritchard and Cllr Dyde being invited as guest speakers</li> <li>• The new procedure authorising the Clerk to make payments under £100 using new delegated powers in collaboration with the Finance Chair or Chair is working well</li> <li>• The three bins (two for Sutton Cheney, one for Shenton aqueduct entrance) have been ordered by HBBC and they should be installed over the next couple of weeks. HBBC have agreed to pay and install the bins free of charge as part of the 1485 sculpture trail</li> <li>• HBBC Cultural services have published latest newsletter</li> <li>• There is an upcoming road closure on Bosworth Road, Shenton on 21st April 2022 for one 1 day</li> <li>• Latest guidance on avian flu has been published on PC website</li> <li>• Various funding streams have been launched to pay for events and activities that celebrate the Queen Platinum Jubilee.</li> <li>• The Environmental Improvement Programme 2022/23 administered by HBBC has been relaunched as a rolling programme</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HBBC's Making a Difference Volunteer Awards 2022 that recognise and celebrate local Volunteers are looking for nominations before 13th May 2022</li> <li>• Clerk has received an email from insurers warning that our Council insurance premium is likely to rise dramatically this year</li> <li>• Contract has been signed with JP Grounds Maintenance for the next 3 years for ground maintenance work</li> <li>• All comments to LCC's Bus Strategy Bus Service Improvement Plan consultation were submitted.</li> </ul>
49/22	<b>MEMBERS REPORTS</b> Cllr Pritchard received a letter of support from tenants at Sutton Cheney Wharf for a new defibrillator on their building.
50/22	Cllr Dyde commented that the VAS is now operating continuously following the change in handyman hours. He has also approached some residents regarding how the Dog and Hedgehog pub could be used as a community asset if it was close however it is felt that more evidence is needed before the proposal becomes viable and that nothing more could be done at this time. He also noted his upcoming presentation regarding rural speeding at the Rural Conference.

Meeting closed at 8:20

Chair .....

Date .....