



Sutton Cheney Parish Council

MINUTES OF SUTTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2019 AT DADLINGTON VILLAGE HALL, THE GREEN, DADLINGTON

Parish Councillors Present:

Sarah Roberts	Suzanne Clarke
Linda Mayne	Julia Jarvis
Ambrose Long	

In Attendance

34 Members of the Public; Joanne Lowe (Parish Clerk)
John Preston, Delivery Officer, Leicestershire and Rutland RCC

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive representation from John Preston at Leicestershire and RCC regarding Neighbourhood Plans

- 27/19 The Chair introduced John Preston from Leicestershire and Rutland RCC to the meeting to talk about Neighbourhood Plans (NP's). Mr Preston highlighted how NP empower communities to shape the development and growth of a local area by determining the most appropriate locations for development, the type of development and what it will look like. NP's hold statutory weight within the planning system and must be considered as part of a planning application being considered by the Borough Council. The process in which to adopt a NP takes around 18 – 24 months over a clear 7 stage process which results in an independent examination and a formal referendum. It therefore must be backed up by a robust evidence base that requires significant community consultation to reflect the needs and priorities of local people.
- 28/19 Support is currently being offered through LCC and HBBC, together with RCC offering support to communities in which to get started. Locality offers funding of up to £9000 although this is currently under review. A variety of useful resources can be found at mycommunity.org.uk as well as contacting neighbouring groups who are also undertaking NP's themselves.
- 29/19 A question was raised regarding how volunteers work alongside the Parish Council. Mr Preston highlighted that NP's are led by the Parish Council and a sub-committee must be formed which often consists of both Cllrs and volunteers. This then often progresses into the formation of various sub-committees with volunteers keen to lead on particular themes.
- 30/19 A question was raised regarding how much notice the Borough Council takes of a NP. Mr Preston reiterated that NP's are statutory planning documents and when considering any planning application, the Borough Council must acknowledge it, otherwise only the Local Plan is used. Where developers have challenged NP's, most rulings fall in favour of the NP.
- 31/19 A final concern was raised about Dadlington being encroached by Stoke Golding and it was confirmed that NP's can help to address this.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 32/19 A member of the public commented on the encouraging issue of delivering a NP and raised the issue of the local petition brought about by local residents. This petition covered Neighbourhood Plans, maintenance of Dadlington Village Green and the use of Dadlington Village Green. Residents were unhappy and felt that some comments were inappropriate and left the meeting.

APOLOGIES

- 33/19 None received

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY

- 34/19 None

PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 35/19 The Council unanimously resolved to adopt the draft minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th January 2019 following one amendment to minute that Cllrs unanimously voted not to resolve the item under minute 10/19 regarding Rose Bank.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- 36/19 It was unanimously resolved to defer the decision to undertake a neighbourhood plan for the parish of Sutton Cheney until local support from the community can be gauged. Adverts will be circulated on the PC website, social media and local press, with the Clerk offered as the point of contact.

BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- 37/19 The Parish Council noted the report circulated by County Councillor Ivan Ould.

SUTTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL SECTION 137 GRANT SCHEME

- 38/19 It was unanimously resolved to award £300 of Section 137 monies to Dadlington Village Hall Committee for their Outdoor Storage Facility Project.
- 39/19 It was not resolved to consider budget virements in line with the resolution of previous agenda item

ADOPTION OF BT TELEPHONE KIOSKS

- 40/19 It was unanimously resolved to request BT to begin a public consultation to allow Sutton Cheney Parish Council to adopt the telephone kiosks in the villages of Sutton Cheney and Shenton. This is to begin work towards installing defibrillators in all villages across the Parish. Issues surrounding maintenance and funding were discussed and the Clerk will provide further details after the consultation has been completed.

UPDATES IN LOCAL PRESS

- 41/19 It was unanimously resolved to defer the decision to publish regular updates in the Graphic magazine in order to assess the cost implication of this. Cllrs highlighted the need to improve dialogue with local residents and to regularly update them on Parish news.

FINANCE

- 42/19 It was unanimously resolved to approve the financial statement for January– February 2019 and the Chair signed it as a true and accurate record.
- 43/19 It was unanimously resolved to approve the budget monitoring statement at the end of Q4 and the Chair signed it as a true and accurate record.
- 44/19 It was unanimously resolved to approve and sign the cheques totalling £1012.61.

PLANNING

- 45/19 19/00141/CONDIT – No comments
- 46/19 19/00204/HOU – No comments
- 47/19 16/00277/UNUSES – The Council unanimously resolved to submit objections which still stand from the initial planning application. Further questions were requested, including what the accommodation was being used for and why hasn't the work been completed.

CLERKS REPORT

- 48/19 The Clerk provided an update on recent correspondence with the Council, recent tree maintenance work and upcoming events of local interest.

MEMBER'S REPORTS

- 49/19 Cllr Roberts gave an overview of her training course on Village Greens.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS (PUBLIC BODIES ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT 1960)

- 50/19 It was unanimously resolved to exclude the public and press to discuss the following items containing confidential information.
- 51/19 The Council noted the draft minutes from the HR Committee meeting on 27th February 2019
- 52/19 The Council noted the adopted recruitment policy
- 53/19 The Council noted the adopted grievance and disciplinary procedure
- 54/19 The Council unanimously resolved the recommendation of the Clerks' salary in accordance with job contract and NALC/SLCC national salary awards

The meeting closed at 21:25.

Chair Date

