



Sutton Cheney Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES OF SUTTON CHENEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2019 AT DADLINGTON VILLAGE HALL, THE GREEN, DADLINGTON

Parish Councillors Present:

Ambrose Long
Julia Jarvis
Pamela Tebbett-Mills

Charles Wollaston
Sarah Roberts
Linda Mayne

In Attendance

Joanne Lowe (Parish Clerk)
Cllr Ivan Ould (Leicestershire County Council)
6 members of the public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 195/19 A member of the public gave feedback from the PCC regarding the handyman proposal. The PCC are happy with current hedge cutting/grass cutting arrangements and there is a concern that a handyman will take away community spirit. Active volunteers in Dadlington already look after the VH, defibrillators, noticeboards and undertake annual litter pick.
- 196/19 A member of the public asked why the handyman proposal was needed as most roles are already undertaken by contracted staff and Dadlington volunteers and it will destroy community involvement. The member of the public thought that the proposed VAS were solar powered but was informed by Cllr Long that they are battery powered and need to be rotated around villages.
- 197/19 A member of the public commented that people in the community already volunteer to undertake these duties and they do not want community spirit to be lost.
- 198/19 A member of the public asked what the additional on-costs would be in terms of insurance, management and admin. Councillor Jarvis commented that the handyman would only be on an ad hoc basis and the main requirement to charge and rotate the VAS as they are extremely heavy.
- 199/19 A member of the public argued that neighbouring VAS are managed by volunteers. Councillor Roberts explained that volunteers would be required to undertake training and relevant Health and Safety procedures if they were to volunteer on behalf of Sutton Cheney Parish Council.
- 200/19 Cllr Tebbett-Mills commented that Sutton Cheney and Shenton do not currently have the community spirit to volunteer for these roles and it falls to paid individuals.

APOLOGIES

- 201/19 None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY

- 202/19 Councillor Wollaston declared an interest in the proposed telecommunications development in Shenton

PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 203/19 The Council unanimously resolved to adopt the draft minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th September 2019 with no amendments.

BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- 204/19 The Council noted the report from Cllr Collett. The Council asked the Clerk to voice support for the repair and re-instatement of the X-ray machine in Hinckley.
- 205/19 The Council noted the report from Cllr Ould, including HBBC's likely failure to provide a 5 year land supply and the consequence for future planning applications such as the one proposed in Stoke Golding. He highlighted the importance of NP's. Ambion Lane is being dealt with following recent flooding and the Bosworth 1485 trial is in limbo due to issues with permissions and funding.

DADLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- 206/19 John Whitehead gave an update as chair of the Neighbourhood Plan group. There have been 3 monthly meetings so far with 18 volunteers engaged. All households have been approached informing them of the plan and its importance. As soon as designation is formally approved, the group are keen to progress quickly including the appointment of a consultant. Funding will remain with the Parish Council.

BROKEN STREETLIGHT IN DADLINGTON

- 207/19 The Council unanimously resolved not to source quotations for the repair of the broken streetlight off The Green, Dadlington owing to the progress of the streetlight improvement project.

COUNCILLOR TRAINING

- 208/19 The Council unanimously resolved to commission LRALC to deliver a group training session to Councillors on Framework for Councillors Conduct and Interests

FORMAL REPRESENTATION FOR LOCAL GROUPS

- 209/19 Nominations were received and Cllr Jarvis was elected as formal representation of Sutton Cheney Parish Council onto Dadlington Village Hall Committee following 2 votes for Cllr Jarvis and 0 votes for Cllr Mayne and 1 abstention.
- 210/19 The Council unanimously resolved to nominate Cllr Tebbett Mills and Cllr Mayne as formal representation of Sutton Cheney Parish Council on Bosworth 1485 Project Steering Group.

VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS

- 211/19 The Council unanimously resolved to defer the final locations for the posts that will be used to display the Vehicle Activated Signs for Dadlington, Sutton Cheney and Shenton until further locations can be identified.

PROJECTS FOR NEXT YEAR

- 212/19 The Council discussed potential projects for next year which included:
- Two defibrillators for the BT Kiosks in Sutton Cheney and Shenton
 - Village entrance signs
 - The creation of a new village green in Sutton Cheney
 - Raised planters in Sutton Cheney
 - Concave mirrors on the highway when accessing Sutton Cheney allotments.

HANDYMAN SERVICES

- 213/19 The Council unanimously resolved to award the handyman service to Geoffrey Cantwell. Councillors agreed that the VAS maintenance would be his main role although he would be available to undertake any other work where necessary. Community volunteering also to be encouraged where appropriate.

PARISH PRIORITIES

- 214/19 The Council unanimously resolved to submit the following list of top 10 priority issues for the Parish which will be inputted into the revised HBBC Rural Strategy:
- Social health, especially combatting social isolation
 - Speeding and traffic management, especially parking on double yellow lines
 - Better access to public transport, specifically Sutton Cheney
 - More litter bins.
 - More public events as well as better notification about events.
 - More interest from police when crimes are committed.
 - Restriction of expansion and to preserve Dadlington as a separate entity from Stoke Golding
 - Heritage and tourism features need to be protected from development
 - Better action on fly tipping
 - Improvements needed on road near Canal Wharf – no lights, pavements and poor visibility on bend.

WILDFLOWER MEADOW ON ROSE BANK

- 215/19 The Council unanimously resolved to purchase wildflower seeds to be sown onto Rose Bank following the installation of the topsoil layer
- 216/19 The Council unanimously resolved to manage the area on the re-landscaped bank as a wildflower meadow. The Council recognised the support from the local community and the opportunity to work with them.
- 217/19 The Council noted the financial contribution of £60 from Dadlington resident and passed on their best wishes

FINANCE

- 218/19 The Council unanimously resolved to approve the financial statement for September 2019
- 219/19 The Council unanimously resolved to approve and sign cheques totalling £443.50

PLANNING

- 220/19 The Council unanimously resolved to write a letter of objection to Leicestershire County Council and BT Pole Objections Team regarding the Proposed Telecommunications Development in Shenton.

CLERKS REPORT

- 221/19 The Clerk gave the Clerks Report:
- Reports of Rogue Traders offering tool sharpening services
 - Older Voices Forum to be held 21st OCTOBER 2019 at Markfield Community Centre

- No planned Bosworth 1485 group meetings until funding applications have been made. Any updates are available at www.bosworth1485.com
- Market Bosworth Police newsletter now available on Sutton Cheney Parish Council website
- Temporary restriction of Shenton Lane / Main Street / Hinckley Road / Sutton Lane and The Green, Dadlington – information will be posted on the noticeboards.
- Tree and hedgerow initiatives - In partnership with the Woodland Trust, Leicestershire County Council have a range of tree and hedgerow initiatives available to farmers and landowners across Leicestershire.

MEMBER'S REPORTS

222/19

None received

The meeting closed at 10:15

Chair Date