



Sutton Cheney Parish Council

Minutes of Sutton Cheney Parish Council meeting held remotely on Thursday 21st January 2021 starting at 7:30pm.

Parish Councillors Present:

Ambrose Long (Chair)
Richard Kitchen
Pamela Tebbett Mills
Stephen Shephard

Linda Mayne (Vice Chair)
Julia Jarvis
Lynda Spencer

In Attendance

6 Members of the Public
Borough Councillor Jonathan Collett
County Councillor Ivan Ould
Joanne Lowe (Parish Clerk)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 1/21 A member of the public commented on the proposal for Sutton Cheney Village Green (SCVG). They stated that it was not a lease as per the Clerks report but an occupational agreement. There is also a small grant pending from a local charity that will contribute towards set up costs. They also commented that the space will compliment existing assets and work well for the whole community.
- 2/21 A member of the public commented on the proposal for SCVG. They live in close proximity of the proposal and have been consulted on progress. They welcomed the proposed buffer zone to screen their property from this proposed public amenity.
- 3/21 A member of the public raised a point regarding the Chair's conduct during the recent discussion on the proposed Solar Farm in Sutton Cheney and they asked whether the Chair could give other Councillors the full opportunity to speak and contribute to the debate in future.

- 4/21 **APOLOGIES**
None received

- 5/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY**
None received

- 6/21 **PREVIOUS MINUTES**
It was unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held in November 2020 with no amendments made.

BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- 7/21 Councillor Collett gave an update to the Council. He was disappointed with the decision on the Roseway development as well being very concerned about how HBBC are only just within the criteria for a 5 year land supply. Many public houses are currently under threat including Oddfellows and the Royal Arms. HBBC finance is also very uncertain with ongoing concerns regarding the leisure centre and cinema. Cllr Collett also highlighted the Rural Strategy which he considered more of a survey of priorities.
- 8/21 Councillor Ould gave an update to the Council. He is currently dealing with a large amount of casework centred around planning - including objections to Roseway, Wykin Lane and Oddfellows – as well as Covid-19 issues. This has mainly been vulnerable elderly people who are struggling to access their vaccine appointments, both in terms of being accepted for one and access to a suitable vaccination centre.
- 9/21 **DADLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
Mr Whitehead gave an update to the group. The DNP questionnaire has now been circulated to 117 households within the Dadlington electorate, with the deadline to return the questionnaires by 29th January. The group are hoping for a reasonable return in order to get comprehensive feedback. Following the decision on Roseway, Mr Whitehead is also scheduled to have a meeting with HBBC planners to discuss how to stop the encroachment of development and protect the identity between settlements.
- 10/21 **MATTERS CONCERNING DADLINGTON VILLAGE GREEN**
The Council noted the update on legal action taken by a resident against the Chairman concerning matters following remedial work on Rose Bank, Dadlington Village Green. A member of the public submitted two duplicate claims. The Council's insurance has instigated a full response to one of the claims, highlighting that no claim for damages can be made towards an individual Parish Councillor as they have no decision-making powers. However, the other claim has been omitted and is going to hearing in February 2021 with the anticipated outcome of it being dismissed.
- 11/21 It was unanimously resolved to approve retrospective emergency works by the Council to remove a stump on Dadlington Village Green following an unauthorised removal of a damson tree
- 12/21 It was unanimously resolved to draft a letter to a local resident asking to cover the cost of stump removal due to the unauthorised removal of a tree on Dadlington Village Green and that he must seek prior authorisation in future.
- SUTTON CHENEY VILLAGE GREEN**
- 13/21 It was resolved (5 for, 2 against) to defer the proposal to lease Sutton Cheney Village Green on a 5 year agreement as outlined in the attached Clerk's report, pending further information.
- 14/21 In line with the resolution of agenda item 8(a), it was not resolved to use Section 106 monies to contribute towards the cost of capital costs and/or long term maintenance of the site

DRAFT BUDGET

- 15/21 It was unanimously resolved to adopt the draft budget and precept proposal for 2021/2022
- 16/21 It was unanimously resolved to demand a precept of £14577.74 for the financial year 2021/2022

COUNCILLOR TRAINING

- 17/21 It was unanimously agreed to set a date for the Councillor group training “The framework for councillors’ conduct and interests”
- 18/21 It was unanimously agreed to approve the request from Councillor Mayne to attend the Village Green training
- 19/21 It was unanimously agreed to approve the request from Councillor Mayne to attend the Finance training, pending that the training is significantly different from the previous course Cllr Mayne attended in 2018.
- 20/21 The Council noted the approval for Cllr Spencer to attend the Councillor Training session on 20th January as per the adopted Development and Training Policy.

FINANCE

- 21/21 It was unanimously resolved to approve the financial statement for November – December 2020
- 22/21 It was unanimously resolved to approve the budget monitoring sheet for end of Q3 for 2020-2021
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- 23/21 It was unanimously resolved to approve Screatons to undertake payroll services for 2021 – 2022
- 24/21 It was unanimously resolved to approve Screatons to undertake the internal audit for 2020 – 2021
- 25/21 It was unanimously resolved to approve Thompson Contractors for the re-painting of the BT Kiosks in Sutton Cheney and Shenton following the withdraw of the appointed contractor in November 2020.

PLANNING

- 26/21 It was unanimously resolved to apply to HBBC for Dadlington Village Hall in Dadlington to be given Asset of Community Value Status
- 27/21 It was unanimously resolved to apply to HBBC for Sutton Cheney Village Hall in Sutton Cheney to be given Asset of Community Value Status
- 28/21 **21/00032/TCA** – Crown raise to Lime and two Beeches, remove limb from T2 (Beech) The Almshouse Bosworth Road Sutton Cheney Nuneaton Leicestershire - No comment

CLERKS REPORT

- 29/21 The Clerk gave an update report on various matters

MEMBER’S REPORTS

30/21 Cllr Mayne noted that complaints have been made to her about people residing in a horsebox in Dadlington and she advised them to notify planning enforcement. Cllr Mayne also voiced concern from residents about an unauthorised car park which residents are raising to planning authorisation.

The meeting finished at 9:40pm.

Chair

Date