



Sutton Cheney Parish Council

Minutes of Sutton Cheney Parish Council meeting held remotely on Thursday 8th April 2021.

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Parish Councillors Present:

Ambrose Long (Chairman)	Linda Mayne (Vice Chairman)
Julia Jarvis	Stephen Shepherd
Val Pritchard	Andrew Copson

In Attendance

18 Members of the Public
Borough Councillor Jonathan Collett
Joanne Lowe (Parish Clerk)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 77/21 A member of the public commented on the Bosworth Sculpture Trail and wished to be consulted on it as the Dadlington Church Warden whenever it involves the art installation at Dadlington Church. They also commented on the Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan and asked for the contacts of the new Sutton Cheney Cllrs so they can update them with progress. They also voiced concern about how the opinions of Dadlington Cllrs at the last Parish Council meeting were not respected and that local Cllrs should be listened to when it comes to local issues.
- 78/21 Brian Mullen presented an overview on the pre-application for the Royal Arms to be converted into 14 residential dwellings. He proposed that the paddock area will be secured by legal agreement as public open space with the initial suggestion of allotments. Maintenance costs for this area will be covered by an annual service charge by the 14 dwellings in order to secure it as a public open space within the village.
- 79/21 Cllr Pritchard asked whether the dwellings were to be turned into rental or holiday lets and Brian confirmed that they would be sold as 14 private dwellings with no affordable housing offered. Cllr Pritchard asked whether the maintenance charge could be applied elsewhere in the village and Brian confirmed that the maintenance will cover the site, including the car park area and all visual areas. The front of the building will remain the same.
- 80/21 A member of the public asked whether the paddock would become Council owned land or land that people simply had access to. Brian confirmed that any piece of land within the development that wasn't private garden space would be publicly accessible. The paddock area could either be held on the titles on each dwelling and managed by a service charge or given to the Parish Council under a legal agreement so that the service charge would be kept in perpetuity. They also asked whether the cottage adjacent to the Royal Arms had been purchased by the Singh family and Brian confirmed that it had not been purchased by them.
- 81/21 Cllr Long suggested a play area and Brian suggested that a green gym or children's play equipment was possible.
- 82/21 Two members of the public had no real objection to the development but had concerns about the visual impact of an allotment, as well as the potential of the public open space near Sutton Cheney Church being created.

- 83/21 A member of the public had concerns over the development and agreed that allotments would not be suitable.
- 84/21 A member of public spoke about the appeal for up to 55 dwellings on Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding and requested that Councillors attend the appeal as an interested party. They stated that the development has direct implications to Dadlington including the school which is currently oversubscribed.

APOLOGIES

- 85/21 Apologies were given by County Councillor Ivan Ould. Cllr Mayne wished to formally thank Ivan for his work for Sutton Cheney Parish Council by means of a formal letter and card.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY

- 86/21 None received

PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 87/21 It was unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th March 2021 with no amendments made.

BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- 88/21 Councillor Collett gave an update to the Council regarding Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council. HBBC will be resuming physical meetings after 6th May. HBBC have now acknowledged that they don't have a 5 year land supply so Cllr Collett warned the Parish Council about speculative planning applications. HBBC's financial situation is still precarious with the cinema and the leisure centre not functioning fully and not receiving money from some retail units. Cllr Collett stated that he was happy to reflect views of the Parish Council regarding the Royal Arms and will be speaking at the appeal for Wykin Lane development in Stoke Golding following local opposition.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

- 89/21 One application was received for the vacant seat in Sutton Cheney ward. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Andrew Copson as Parish Councillor for Sutton Cheney ward.

DADLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- 90/21 Mr Whitehead gave an update to the Council regarding Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan. Work is proceeding to finalise the Pre-Submission Plan. The accounts for 2020/21 have been drawn up and the clerk's agreement is needed prior to submission. A new grant application will be prepared for 2021/22. Covid has slowed progress but the group hope to bring the plan to Parish Council later this year for approval before submitting it for referendum approval by the people of Dadlington.

PLANNING

- 91/21 The Council discussed the proposed residential development at the Royal Arms, Sutton Cheney. Cllr Copson had concerns that the development would result in a 20% increase in dwellings for the village and would welcome further positive engagement alongside Cllr Pritchard with the agent to consult with Parishioners and engage with the agent to attempt to secure better community provision as part of the development.
- 92/21 It was unanimously resolved for Cllr Mayne to formally represent the Council as an interested party at the public appeal against the outline permission for 55 dwellings at Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding

93/21 21/00259/HOU - No comment
94/21 No further planning applications had been received after the issuing of the agenda

LEGAL COSTS

95/21 It was unanimously resolved to agree to the proposed settlement agreement against the Claimant on Dadlington Village Green for the full and final settlement of the dispute and to pay £1 to bind the agreement.

BOSWORTH 1485 TRAIL

96/21 The Council noted the update on the Bosworth 1485 Sculpture Trail. Cllr Mayne expressed concerns over the lack of consultation and the need to highlight the Council's concerns over parking, lack of facilities and infrastructure to project officers.

COMMUNITY ASSETS

97/21 The Council unanimously resolved to instruct Cllr Copson and Cllr Pritchard to investigate costs in upgrading the plants in existing planters and to investigate whether new ones are required in Sutton Cheney

98/21 The Council unanimously resolved to source quotes to varnish all three noticeboards and to replace the green bays in Shenton and Sutton Cheney noticeboards

99/21 The Council unanimously resolved to extend the managed area on Rose Bank, Dadlington Village Green.

FINANCE

100/21 The Council unanimously resolved to accept the quote for a Lenovo V15-ILL 1035G1 for a replacement laptop for the Clerk

101/21 The Council unanimously resolved to approve the financial statement for March 2021

102/21 The Council unanimously resolved to approve upcoming payments as per Financial Statement

CLERKS REPORT

103/21 The Clerk gave the following update:

- The Council submitted an objection at the appeal re: the proposed solar farm in Hangmans Hall Farm, Sutton Cheney citing its historical importance, its visual impact within a rural area and its size relative to Sutton Cheney village.
- Both defibrillators have been activated and the Clerk has been trained in how to undertake regular checks. A small press release with before and after pictures will be published shortly.
- Applications for the Royal Arms public house, Sutton Cheney Village Hall and Dadlington Village Hall have been successfully submitted and pending approval on HBBC's Register of Assets of Community Value
- The Council's asset register has been updated to enable more a more accurate insurance premium to calculated next year
- PKF Littlejohn have circulated external audit instructions which will need to be undertaken for financial year 2020 – 2021. The AGAR form and accompanying documents will need to be submitted by 2nd July 2021.
- Leicestershire County Council's routine urban grass cutting started on 6th April 2021 and members of the public can now search LCC's grass cutting map by postcode or place name to find upcoming cut dates.
- Further dates for biodiversity awareness training have been offered by Leicestershire County Council.
- Leicestershire County Council have launched a new website with information on all highways related topics - <https://leicestershirehighways.org.uk/>
- The public consultation exercise regarding the dog signs on Dadlington Village green will begin shortly with the results presented at the May meeting
- Candidates standing for the County Councillor position for Bosworth division will be available to view online on Leicestershire County Council's website from 9th April.

MEMBER’S REPORTS

104/21 Councillor Jarvis gave feedback from the last meeting at DVHC. The hall remains closed due to Covid restrictions although it is opening as a polling station on 7th May. From June onwards, it will resume classes at reduced capacity. Cllr Jarvis also attended some training on biodiversity and commented how useful it was to identify how the work of the Parish Council can impact local wildlife.

The meeting finished at 8:40pm.

Chair

Date