



# Sutton Cheney Parish Council

Minutes of Sutton Cheney Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at  
Sutton Cheney Village Hall, Main Street, Sutton Cheney

**Parish Councillors Present:**

Andrew Copson (Chair)  
Val Pritchard  
Ambrose Long  
John Plant

Julia Jarvis (Vice Chair)  
Peter Dyde  
Lynda Spencer

**In Attendance**

1 Member of the Public  
Parish Clerk

1/22	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> None
2/22	<b>APOLOGIES</b> None
3/22	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY</b> None received
4/22	<b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b> The Council unanimously agreed to adopt the draft minutes from the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 23 <sup>rd</sup> December with no amendments made
5/22	<b>MEMBERSHIP ON COUNCIL COMMITTEES</b> Two applications were received for the vacancy on the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and it was agreed to elect Cllr Lynda Spencer
6/22	One nomination was received for a vacancy on the Finance Committee and it was agreed to elect Cllr Andrew Copson
7/22	One nomination was received for a vacancy on the Human Resources Committee and it was agreed to elect Cllr Lynda Spencer as a member of the Human Resources Committee
8/22	<b>DRAFT BUDGET</b> The Council unanimously agreed to adopt the draft budget for 2022/2023
9/22	The Council unanimously agreed to demand a precept of £16,949.08 for financial year 2022/2023

10/22	<b>THREE YEAR FORWARD PLAN</b> The Council unanimously agreed to discuss a 3 year forward plan for Sutton Cheney Parish Council starting from financial year 2022/23
11/22	<b>DOG &amp; HEDGEHOG CONSULTATION</b> The Council received an update on registering the Dog & Hedgehog Public House as an Asset of Community Value. Cllr Dyde explained that the application process required more evidence regarding how the asset would be managed if passing into community ownership. It would be useful to encourage more residents to get involved with the application
12/22	The Council unanimously agreed to defer undertaking a public consultation exercise regarding how residents can support the community asset until further information could be sought
13/22	<b>LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS</b> The Council did not agree to formally respond to the Statement of Community Involvement consultation currently being undertaken by LCC
14/22	The Council agreed to formally respond to the Bus Service Improvement Plan consultation currently being undertaken by LCC. Councillors were invited to email responses to the Clerk before the deadline of 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
15/22	The Council discussed options for gateway entrances as recommended by LCC Highways. As a collective view, the Council will request for gateways where speed limits apply for all 3 villages, to display speed limits where applicable, to find out how much £5000 from LCC Members Grant fund will cover, to request road markings where appropriate and ask how streetlights influence what is available as speed calming measures.
16/22	<b>HANDYMAN WORK</b> The Council unanimously agreed to increase the handyman contracted hours in order to replace vehicle activated signs batteries every 10 days
17/22	<b>FINANCE</b> The Council unanimously agreed to approve the financial statement for November – December 2021
18/22	The Council unanimously agreed to approve payments of £3558.12
19/22	The Council unanimously agreed to switch HSBC bank account following the introduction of a monthly fee of £8. The Clerk will present recommendations at the next meeting
20/22	The Council unanimously agreed to amend Financial Regulations section 4.1

21/22	<b>PLANNING</b> 21/01452/HOU – No Comment
22/22	21/01311/HOU – No Comment
23/22	<b>CLERKS REPORT</b> The Clerk gave an overview of recent correspondence
24/22	<b>MEMBERS REPORTS</b> Cllr Collett gave an update. A full Council meeting was scheduled for next Tuesday with the main topic being the lack of the local plan. At the latest planning committee meeting, a proposal for 61 homes at Higham on the Hill – a 20% increase in housing - was passed even though no Cllrs spoke in favour and strong opposition. The development of the Crematorium in Hinckley is still on hold due to flooding causing significant funding difficulties. The leisure centre is also experiencing significant financial problems. Cllr pPlant asked about the used car business on Sibson Lane and Cllr Collett said that he has raised it with enforcement
25/22	Cllr Pritchard gave an update on her work securing £500 in-kind match funding from Canal & Rivers Trust towards the installation of the defibrillator at Sutton Cheney Wharf.
26/22	Cllr Copson and Cllr Jarvis gave positive feedback from their Chairman training on 12 <sup>th</sup> January.

Chair .....

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