



DRAFT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

Held Monday 9th May 2022 at Sutton Cheney Village Hall, Main Street, Sutton Cheney

Attendees: Parish Councillors Andrew Copson (Chair), Peter Dyde, Ambrose Long, Val Pritchard, Linda Mayne, Parish Clerk, 12 members of the public, Borough Councillor Jonathan Collett

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Parish Council Chairman Councillor Andrew Copson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. The minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd May 2021 were adopted with no amendments made
3. An update was given by Parish Council Chairman Cllr Andrew Copson on Council activities over the last 12 months:
 - a. Grants secured to pay for two more community defibrillators at Sutton Cheney & Shenton, with a further one planned at Sutton Cheney Wharf
 - b. Close collaboration with the developers at the Royal Arms led to the development of a proposal and subsequent planning application to build a purpose-built community hub alongside the conversion of the Royal Arms into residential dwellings. A feasibility study is currently underway to outline the economic feasibility and opportunities of this asset
 - c. Grants secured to pay for the first phase of speed calming measures, including dragon teeth markings on Hinckley Road and improved gateways for Dadlington and Sutton Cheney villages
 - d. Close partnership work with lead agency Leicestershire Promotions to support the development of the 1485 Heritage Sculpture Trail that is planned across the Parish
 - e. Renovation of Shenton War Memorial, including the cleaning of the Grade 2 listed monument and repainting of the inscriptions
 - f. Development of the Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan through the formation of a new committee, with further consultation to follow
 - g. The Chairman formally thanked Cllr Collett for supporting all of the successful PCIF grants that had been awarded to the Council during 2021-22.

4. An update was given by Finance Committee Chairman Cllr Val Pritchard on the Council's Financial activities over the last 12 months:
- a. The Finance Committee was formed approximately 6 months ago.
 - b. Since then new procedures have been implemented to streamline the Council's Finances
 - c. Invoices and payments are now being checked monthly to be more streamlined for audit.
 - d. Bank statements also checked against payments
 - e. Month end bank balance figure is being recorded and noted on minutes
 - f. This year we have changed audit procedures to LRALC.
 - g. This year the precept was increased by 12.2% to cover costs for 22/23. Having no increase in the precept over the last few years has left the budget and finances short in funds.
 - h. VAT claims will occur more frequently to help boost the Council's cash flow.
 - i. PAYE also needs to be addressed to budget appropriately

5. Updates from Community Groups:

None

4. Issues for discussion from Parishioners:

A member of the public raised a concern about a dead tree that needs immediate attention in Sutton Cheney. The Clerk will raise the matter with Leicestershire County Council

A member of the public raised a concern about paths, especially near the Hercules and Rose Cottage, need widening in Sutton Cheney as it is leading to a dangerous situation where pedestrians need to walk in the road and the path need widening.

A member of the public raised a concern about a tree in Sutton Cheney allotments leaning over her property that needs to be removed. Clerk to look at tree schedule and report back.

The meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.