



Dadlington & Sutton Cheney Parish Council

Dadlington & Sutton Cheney Parish Council Meeting January 2025

Thursday 9th January 2025 starting at **7:30 pm** at Dadlington Village Hall, Dadlington

Minutes

Attendees

Andrew Copson – Chairman
Philip Kiteley – Vice Chairman
Neil Franklin
Ambrose Long
Linda Mayne
John Plant
Simon Rees-Jones
Valerie Pritchard

Members of the public – 1 member of the public, Borough Councillor Miriam Surtees & Clerk RFO

01/25 APOLOGIES

None.

02/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PECUNIARY & NON-PRECUNIARY

None.

03/25 PREVIOUS MINUTES

One change noted by the council. The location of the meeting of is incorrect. This should state Sutton Cheney Village Hall. Minutes changed manually and signed.

The council agreed unanimously to accept the minutes for the 14th November 2024 as an accurate record, with one manual change to the location of the meeting on page 1, these were signed by the chairman.

04/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

Chairman's Signature:

Date:



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05/25 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Miriam Surtees shared items from the monthly borough council report.

- The housing numbers have been confirmed and HBBC is looking to be allocated the figure of approximately 800 houses per year that need to be built to accommodate the growing population and to take on some of the city allocation.
- The devolution white paper has been published which means borough and district councils will amalgamate and create one unitary council for the whole area. This will encompass LCC, any borough or district councils etc, there will be a central point for all council-related matters. Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland may likely consider consolidating but the areas have not been confirmed and there will be several discussions about this in the months to follow. The elections which are due to take place in May 2025 may be put on hold until 2026 should the councils feel that is the right choice, if this happens then a request will be made to central government to postpone the elections for one year. This will also affect boroughs such as HBBC which will now have to create a town council for Hinckley itself, so there is a lot of work to be completed.
- The cinema in Hinckley was due to close but this has been stopped as the council owns the building and has come to an arrangement with the current tenants to keep the cinema running. Should the current tenants leave, there is a party ready to take over the business as an independent venture, which is great for the community.

The council asked Cllr Surtees if there were any updates on the Shenton Cars/Upton Motors appeal. Currently, the appeal is with central government for review, and while this is the case, the business can continue to operate.

The last report received from cllr Harrison-Ruston was in December 2024 which has been circulated to the full council. There has been no report received for January 2025 prior to the meeting.

The council is unhappy with the lack of support and assistance from the county council. There are a lot of issues within the parish currently concerning speeding and flooding and we seem to get little response or assistance from our elected representative. There is a lack of attendance to the parish council meetings and this makes it challenging to get across the difficulties the parish is facing. The council discussed this matter and agreed to review this and if they would like to draft a letter of complaint to LCC in the months to come.

06/25 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk had circulated the clerk's report prior to the meeting – No comments from the council.

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Date:



The council discussed and voted to appoint LRALC to complete the 2024/2025 annual internal audit for Dadlington and Sutton Cheney Parish Council. – Decision approved by full council.

08/25 FINANCE

- | Financial Statement - November 2024 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | | Balance Carried Forward 01.11.24 | | £15,707.54 |
| <u>Income</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | Payee | Budget Item | Total In | Finance Ref | | | | | | |
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| <u>Expenditure</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | Payee | Budget Item | Cost | Minute Ref | Finance Ref | S137 Spend | | | | |
| 01.11.24 | Hannah Pickles | Clerks Salary | £487.36 | 07/2024 | FR70/24 | | Total Expenditure £951.92 | | | |
| 21.11.24 | ICO | Subscriptions | £35.00 | 07/2024 | FR71/24 | | Bank Balance After Expenditure £14,906.52 | | | |
| 21.11.24 | HSBC | Bank Charges | £8.00 | 07/2024 | FR72/24 | | Total Income | | | |
| 30.11.24 | The Flower Shop | Christmas Wreaths | £105.00 | 07/2024 | FR73/24 | | Closing Balance £14,906.52 | | | |
| 30.11.24 | Screatons | Payroll Services | £44.16 | 07/2024 | FR74/24 | | | | | |
| 30.11.24 | Geoff Cantwell | Inv 913 VAS | £121.50 | 07/2024 | FR75/24 | | | | | |
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| | | | £801.02 | | | | | | | |
| Signed: Chairman of the Council.....Andrew Copson..... Date.....09.01.25..... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Countersigned: Councillor:Valerie Pritchard..... Date.....09.01.25..... | | | | | | | | | | |

All minutes deemed as draft until formally approved and signed



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Financial Statement - December 2024						
Balance Carried Forward 01.12.24						£14,906.52
Income						
Date	Payee	Budget Item	Total In	Finance Ref		
Expenditure						
Date	Payee	Budget Item	Cost	Minute Ref	Finance Ref	S137 Spend
01.12.24	Hannah Pickles	Clerks Salary & Back Pay	£652.34	07/2024	FR76/24	
09.12.24	Geoff Cantwell	INV 924 VAS	£121.50	07/2024	FR77/24	
09.12.24	Screatons	Payroll Services	£20.16	07/2024	FR78/24	
18.12.24	HBBC	Waste Services	£232.60	07/2024	FR79/24	
21.12.24	HSBC	Bank Charges 29NOV24	£8.00	07/2024	FR80/24	
			£1,034.60			
Signed: Chairman of the Council.....Andrew Copson..... Date.....09.01.25.....						
Countersigned: Councillor:Valerie Pritchard..... Date.....09.01.25.....						

- b. The council noted the closing balance for November 2024 as £14,906.52 and the closing balance for December 2024 as £13,871.92
- c. The council worked through the budget and discussed some slight changes before unanimously adopting the proposed 2025/2026 budget.

Below is a breakdown of the agreed budget for 2025/2026:

Income	2025-2026
	Budget (£)
Precept	£23,984.22
Allotment Income	£144.00
VAT Returns	£500.00
Grant for Shenton Streetlights	£0.00
Grant for Road Signs	£0.00
Grants for Dadlington Projects	£0.00
Grants for Sutton Cheney Projects	£0.00
Grant for new stones and maintenance of Shenton WM	£0.00
Grant for Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan	£0.00
Donations	£0.00
S106 for Sutton Cheney	£0.00
S106 for Dadlington	£0.00
Grant for Shenton Heritage Streetlight Upgrade	£0.00

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Grant for Defib at Sutton Cheney Wharf	£0.00
TOTAL INCOME	£24,628.22

Expenditure	2025-2026
	Budget (£)
Running the Council	
Clerk Salary	£7,716.19
PAYE Payments	£850.00
Pension Set up fee	£0.00
Pension Contributions (24.5%)	£1,890.47
Clerk Expenses	£650.00
Clerk and Cllr Training	£600.00
Payroll Services	£388.50
Bank Charges	£72.00
Insurance	£850.00
Website Hosting	£1,500.00
Internal Audit	£260.00
External Audit	£296.00
Data Protection Registration	£40.00
Subscriptions	£365.00
Venue Hire	£436.00
Stationary and Postage	£60.00
Software Subscriptions	£95.88
Maintenance of Amenities	
Dadlington Village Green	£1,980.00
VAS Maintenance	£1,549.84
Rose Bank Maintenance	£100.00
Streetlight Maintenance & Energy	£2,280.85
Streetlight Maintenance & Energy- Her light	£0.00
Bin Maintenance	£439.36
Handyman Services (Misc)	£200.00
Defibrillator Maintenance	£100.00
Projects	
Road Signage	£0.00
Additional Streetlight Conversion	£0.00
Asset Upgrade - 5 year payback	£0.00

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Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan	£0.00
Sutton Cheney Community Space	£0.00
Christmas Wreaths	£115.00
Sutton Cheney Bosworth Road Sign	£500.00
Dadlington Defib Machine Purchase	£1,332.00
Ringfenced Funds	
Dadlington Projects (FUND)	£0.00
Sutton Cheney Projects (FUND)	£900.00
Shenton Projects (FUND)	£500.00
Tree Survey (FUND)	£600.00
Tree Maintenance (FUND)	£250.00
Allotment Maintenance (FUND)	£100.00
Maintenance of Sutton Cheney planters and benches (FUND)	£200.00
IT Equipment (FUND)	£300.00
Expenditure Subtotals	
Running the Council	£16,070.04
Maintenance of Amenities	£6,650.05
Projects	£1,947.00
Ringfenced Funds	£2,850.00
TOTALS	
TOTAL INCOME	£24,628.22
Balance Carried Over from Previous FY	£7,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£27,517.09
BALANCE - Income minus Expenditure	£4,611.13
Election Fund Reserve	£2,250.00
BALANCE - Minus Election Reserve (Unallocated Reserve)	£2,361.13

The council also agreed on a 5-year financial plan which shows the council creating a contingency fund that will increase year on year. The Clerk has recommended a yearly increase of 15% for the next three years and then a reduction to 7% for the two years after that. This is subject to change as the council only votes on the year's budget to come, as finances are subject to change every year, and therefore these predictions may change.

- d. The council voted and unanimously agreed on a precept demand of 15% increase taking the amount to £23,984.22. This equates to an approximate increase in a band D property of £12.66 per year, £1.05 per month.

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ACTION – The Clerk is to complete the precept demand and send this to HBBC by 30TH January 2025.

09/25 DNP

The council received an update from the DNP committee. The DNP is now ready to be submitted to HBBC for the next consultation period. Colin Wilkinson from Planit-X has been instructed to proceed to the next stage.

10/25 COUNCIL MATTERS

The council discussed the ongoing flooding issues within the parish. Some of these items have not been completed due to budget preparation. The council has asked the Clerk to make these items a priority as at Fenn Lanes alone within the last week 8 cars have had to be removed from the water due to people trying to get through the floods. This is also happening at Shenton Lane, at the same junction. There has been flooding again in Shenton which has caused damage to Whitemores tea room and antique center. The issues that the parish is facing will only get worse, and we need to ensure that the parish council has done everything possible to assist the community.

ACTION – For the Clerk to work through the action list and make any outstanding flooding actions a priority

ACTION – The Clerk is to draft a letter to the Shenton estate owner detailing the importance of making sure the watercourses are clear of debris and informing them that it is their responsibility to ensure this is completed.

ACTION – The Clerk is to make contact with Severn Trent about the S bend on Main Street Shenton raising concerns about the drains not coping with the water flow.

ACTION – The Clerk is to report the 9-inch leaking pipe at Ambien Lane to LCC

11/25 COUNCILLORS REPORT

The council discussed the PCIF application from Dadlington Village Hall to apply for funding to clad the exterior of the village hall to help make the building more carbon-neutral. The council has already expressed their approval for the application via email as this application has to be endorsed by the parish council but there are no financial responsibilities tied to the council and this poses no risk. As the closing date for the applications was before the parish council meeting on the 9th of January, this vote has been completed retrospectively.

The council retrospectively unanimously agreed to endorse the Dadlington Village Hall PCIF application.

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12/25 PLANNING

Planning – Application Summary

24/01142/FUL | Erection of agricultural building | Oldlands Fenn Lanes Dadlington Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 6DS

The council unanimously agreed for the Clerk to respond to the planning application 24/01142/FUL objecting to the application on the grounds that there is no agricultural farming or small holdings on this property.

ACTION – The Clerk is to add objections to the planning application 24/011/42/FUL as requested by the council.

Meeting Closed 20:43

Chairman's Signature:

Date: