

Sutton upon Derwent Parish Council
Chair: Stuart Mowbray Deputy Chair: Alex Patient

Minutes of the meeting of Sutton upon Derwent Parish Council held on Monday 21st July 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Sutton upon Derwent.

Present:

Parish Councillors Cllr Stuart Mowbray (Chair), Cllr Deborah Marini, Cllr James Davison
Ward Councillors No Ward Cllrs in attendance
Clerk Andrew Crabbe

Date of Meeting Monday, 21st July 2025
Time of Meeting 1930

Part 1 Procedural Matters

1 Present and Apologies (Chair to confirm quorum)

Resolved Chair opened meeting, confirmed meeting was quorate and welcomed all in attendance.

Resolved Chair noted an apology from Cllr Patient

2 Declarations of Interest – any new or concerning matters on this month’s agenda (*Chair*)

Resolved No declarations were made relevant to the meeting

3 Approval of the previous months minutes (*Chair*)

Chair asked Cllrs if they had read and agreed with the minutes / summary notes for the June meeting and if so, could these be approved as agreed.

Resolved Minutes were approved as correct and true.

4 Report from Ward Cllrs (If in attendance)

Resolved Cllrs noted that no Ward Cllrs were present

Ongoing Clerk was asked to check that they were aware of the changes to the scheduling of the Parish Meetings

5 To hear any matters raised by attending Parishioners (10 minutes maximum)

Chair noted members of public in attendance who were there to speak on flooding issues in the village-summary points of this are detailed in item below

A resident also asked why the minutes were not placed on the noticeboard – Clerk apologised and advised that he was not aware this was required – they could only be placed on the noticeboard outside of the village hall and this would limit the number of other notices, however he would action immediately

6. Financial Report and Accounts (Clerk)

The accounts report can be found as Appendix 1. It was noted that bank statements were missing (March and April) and the Clerk had requested copies from Barclays.

7. Planning applications (All)

Resolved Clerk noted no applications had been received

Part 2 of the Meeting - Matters arising: to consider on-going and new matters, and decide further action if necessary:

2.1 Ongoing Matters

Drainage and Flooding – *Cllrs to be updated on any developments with regard to concerns for flooding in the village and any remedial measures being taken*

Summary points of discussion between Cllrs and residents is as follows:

- Resident asked if he could see the report from Nathan – Chair advised that the main recommendation from the report was a need to try and improve drainage on the field - the farmer concerned was aware of this and seemed to be willing to help by doing what he can in terms of managing the field – however this would not help the flooding on Sandal Lane where flooding was due to overflowing drains – flooding at top end of village was due to surface water – bottom end of village is ‘mishmash’ of assets
- Resident advised he had made progress in getting YW to investigate – Cllrs advised this was good news and asked would YW be willing to attend a meeting with Parish Council and perhaps ERYC
- Resident advised that it was his view YW did not want to have any responsibility and do anything which would cause problem elsewhere – he had issued a corporate complaint which was being dealt with by Carl Watt at Yorkshire Water – also had promised will come out in week to investigate the main street flooding
- Resident felt that all parties involved continued to not accept responsibility and pass this onto each other – YW would only deal with asset management and drains seemed to be working in recent heavy rain but they cannot cope with the amount of water.
- In summary, the consensus was that the current drainage structure is not fit for purpose and what was clear is that the combined drains are not coping – if combined system back up then there were resultant sewage issues – the drains on the roads were not blocked but unable to cope - YW are blaming ERYC and that drains are blocked with silt – gullies are overflowing.
- Acknowledging the issue with the current pipes - pinch point with drainage - Chair advised that he was in ongoing discussions with Bill Manby of ERYC over improvements to drainage with new pipes supplementing existing structure at Herdborough House -- how much this would have on Sandal Lane was questionable.
- As land involved was owned by The Crown, the Parish Council would look to engaging with them for permission – Chair felt there would be no issue with this.
- In terms of financing any new drainage, ERYC had confirmed there was a pot of money available, but had advised that sub-contracting the work and engaging contract Design Engineers would move things along more quickly but would incur additional costs - ERYC were looking for a contribution from the Parish Council and this needed further discussion – Cllr Mowbray suggested the Parish Council could show willing with a contribution of circa £1000

Ongoing any further developments would be discussed at the September meeting

Road Safety issues at the school – *Cllrs to be updated on concerns for road safety at the school*

Cllrs noted that there had been reports of a couple of emails near miss outside of school and there had been an actual crash end of Sandal Lane

Ongoing Item deferred to next meeting for update

Speeding – Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) – *Cllrs to be updated on proposed introduction of SIDs in the village*

Chair advised there was not much progress on this item - there had been plans for a meeting with ERYC on two occasions but had been cancelled by ERYC - a new date of 31st August was scheduled.

Ongoing Pending the outcome of this meeting and noting that Cllr Patient, who was leading on the item was absent, the matter was deferred to the next meeting for further update

Fire Work Display - *Cllrs to discuss the future of the annual firework display in light not being able to use the designated field*

Cllrs noted the response from the Crown Estate and farmer of the field where the display had been previously held, and that both had declined the use of the field - Cllrs expressed disappointment at this outcome as the event was so popular with residents as one of the only community events in the village - Cllrs discussed possible alternatives including using the school field - Cllr Marini advised she understood the Headmaster was not adverse to holding a display there, but this venue did not have the facilities of the village hall. Cllrs also discussed using the Beacon Field - this had previously been used as a venue but had receive complaints from neighbouring residents - any event would have to be much smaller and well managed, requiring a lot of people helping out. Cllrs also noted that time was running out as any event would need a lot of organisation

Ongoing Cllrs agreed that a meeting should be arranged with Ardent fireworks to discuss if Beacon field could be used and the type of display which would be appropriate in these surroundings, noting the area was much smaller with housing surrounding the field

2.2 New Matters

Walking Group for the Village - *Cllrs to discuss the possible establishment of a walking group with support from ERYC*

Ongoing Noting the absence of Cllr Patient, this item was deferred to the next meeting

Lorries through the village - *Cllrs to discuss concerns with the size and volume of lorries traveling through the village and if consideration should be given to imposing weight restrictions*

Ongoing Cllrs agreed that it was necessary for the Ward Cllrs to be included in this discussion and the issue was deferred to the next meeting

Maintenance on Playing Field - *Cllrs to discuss condition of hedge and 'Wigloo'*

Cllrs noted correspondence from Greener Pocklington, the group who had previously maintained the hedge on Beacon Field and created a wigaloo - they had noted the hedge and wigaloo were in poor state and need looking at.

Ongoing - Cllrs agreed to wait until the hedge had died back and then work could be undertaken including involving the community payback team. Cllr Marini would arrange for the area to be properly mulched.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 2035

Signed as a true and accurate record

..... *Stuart Mowbray* *September 2025*.....

Cllr Stuart Mowbray (Chairman)

Date of signing and approval

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