

Sutton upon Derwent Parish Council

Chair: Stuart Mowbray Deputy Chair: Alex Patient

Summary Notes / Minutes of the meeting of Sutton upon Derwent Parish Council held on Monday 1st September 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Sutton upon Derwent.

Present:

Parish Councillors Cllr Stuart Mowbray (Chair), Cllr Alex Patient, Cllr Deborah Marini, Cllr James Davison

Ward Councillors Cllr Andrew Cousins, Cllr Dale Needham
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 no apologies

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 previous meeting and if so, could these be approved as agreed.

Resolved Minutes were approved as correct and true and would be now posted in public domain.

4 Report from Ward Cllrs (If in attendance)

Resolved Chair acknowledged the attendance of Ward Cllr Andrew Cousins Dale Needham

4.1 Not a great deal to report outside of ongoing ad-hoc local case work

4.2 Very pleased to advise that funding was available for youth projects in East Riding – total of £150k available – application process was via the DIFEY framework.

4.3 Boundary commission review had recommended creation of two wards in the area – Sutton upon Derwent as a Parish will be unaffected, however will be part of a new Ward, Derwent Valley and have two Ward Cllrs – all this in happening in 2027

4.4 Pocklington’s population had increased by 25% with all the infrastructure challenges this brought

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

6. Financial Report and Accounts (Clerk)

The accounts report can be found as Appendix 1. It was noted that bank statements were now up to date and duplicates had been received for the missing (March and April) statements following a request from the Clerk to 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:

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

Chair acknowledged a number of residents in attendance who spoke to Cllrs on ongoing matters relating to flooding in the village, the summary points of which are below:

Meeting noted that ERYC had progressed plans for the proposed new drainage improvement scheme and it was understood that whilst flooding was an issue in many areas of the East Riding, delivering the project at Sutton upon Derwent was a priority – Chair would be shortly attending a meeting with ERYC and the Crown to discuss and he was confident that the Crown was supportive of the proposals

Although ERYC “would not be drawn on actual dates of project commencement”, this would commence ASAP, “aiming for year end.”

Scheme is entirely independent of riparian / current draining system - responsibility for future maintenance will be ERYC – Chair advised whilst the scheme was ‘not everything the Parish Council had hoped for’ it was the best that could be expected considering current financial restraints / affordability – ERYC had £250k to deal with flooding across the county and eleven Parishes had been identified as needing help – Sutton upon Derwent would be one of the first to benefit.

Chair continued that ERYC were looking for some funding from the Parish Council and it was understood this would be in the region of 5k. Meeting heard that Yorkshire Water should be approached for this shortfall.

Resident asked if there was any update on what actions a local farmer had carried out to reduce run off from his field which was felt was a major factor in flooding in some areas of the village and noting the recommendations from Nathan about ‘deep / digging, ploughing / sub layers’ – it was felt all this was still necessary alongside the proposed project by ERYC

Cllr Davison advised that additional costs incurred by the farmer in undertaking any such measures had to be taken into consideration – “he (farmer) is not farming land badly otherwise he would not have a crop”.... In general farmers are struggling and this needs to be taken into account – Chair advised he would continue to speak to the farmer but was sure he (farmer) will do what he can to help.

Resident advised that the Insurance companies involved will be approaching the farmer to assess any responsibility – it was understood they had written to and had until 8th September to respond

Resident advised that with regard to the flooding in the north of the village, he felt they were ‘going around in circles’ Yorkshire Water’ had advised that all their assets were in good working order now and that they (YW) ‘have done everything residents have asked’ - cameras had been put down the pipes and cleaned / cleared where necessary – any other work needed was the responsibility of ERYC, but resident attempts to speak to them had not been successful - meeting agreed that Ward Cllrs need to get involved

Chair advised he would speak to Bill Manby about Sand Lane / in effort to get ERYC and Yorkshire Water talking – resident was asked to send the contact details of the YW engineer to chair

8.2 Precept for 2026-27 - *Cllrs to commence initial discussions on the precept demand for the next financial year, including a possible contribution to flooding defences by a 'one-off' increase in the precept and a discussion on resident engagement in this*

Cllrs commenced discussions on the 2026-27 Parish Precept Demand and specifically if the PC should raise the contribution requested by ERYC towards the aforementioned flooding scheme via a one off amount increase in the precept - Cllrs were referred to a calculation sent by the Clerk on costings to households of a 5k increase - this would mean a total of £12 increase per household per year - many Parish Council used the precept to raise one off amounts to fund specific projects, and although it would be a minimal annual increase per household, it would show as a high percentage increase which might shock residents and a clear information and communication had to be undertaken giving the facts and reasons for any such increase.

Cllrs noted a letter from a resident which had been sent to the Parish Council objecting to any use of the precept to finance anti flooding measures in the village. Davison advised that he agreed with this and felt that the Parish Council had already provided considerable funds towards alleviating the problem of flooding, that this problem actually only impacted on a small number of properties and that the bodies responsible for this matter needed to step up. Cllr Patient advised that he felt flooding in the village affected more than just the households which had flooded, for instance noting that insurance premiums had soared as a result of the flooding over the past few years.

Chair noted that at this stage, ERYC had not pursued the issue of the contribution from the Parish Council and this may no longer be necessary - Chair advised he was confident that the scheme would go ahead and suggested that the Parish Council monitor the situation over the next few months before making any decision on a possible contribution by the Parish Council.

Ward Cllrs advised that unfortunately there was limited finances at ERYC at this time due to the demands of social care and education - although ERYC had historically carried out such work as 'gestures of good will' this was increasingly difficult and were now reverting to the responsibilities of householders with riparian drains

Ongoing No decisions were necessary with regard to the precept at this point and Cllrs would continue to discuss over the next few months in time for the decision to be advised in January.

8.3 Road Safety issues at the school - *Cllrs to be updated on concerns for road safety at the school - also an understanding that the Community Speed Group is low on volunteers*

Item deferred from last meeting - Cllr Patient understood that there were works planned for outside of the school but he had no further details of this at this point. Cllr Patient advised Ward Cllrs of the relevant ERYC Traffic Officer for them to chase up

Ongoing Cllrs would be updated as and when possible

8.4 Fire Work Display - *Cllrs to consider a possible smaller display to be held at the Village Hall following a meeting with Ardent Fireworks*

Resolved Clerk advised that he had met with Ardent Fireworks and in summary it was felt that a smaller event could be held on the beacon field with no rocket type fireworks - however Cllrs agreed that due to other financial commitments / affordability and if there was sufficient time at the moment to organise an event, the matter would be deferred until next year with a view to reviewing early in the year

8.5 Speeding / Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) - *Cllrs to be updated on proposed introduction of SIDs in the village - deferred from last meeting*

After due discussion, Cllrs agreed that speeding vehicles in the village remained a priority issue for residents and felt that the electronic speed devices was an important capital project, however it was felt that it had be clear exactly what the Parish Council was purchasing and that this could be managed in the current budget.

Ongoing Cllrs agreed that a definite cost should be identified and presented to allow a final decision

8.6 Walking Group for the Village – *Cllrs to be updated on progress of setting up of a walking group with support from ERYC – deferred from last meeting*

Meeting noted that unfortunately there had been no real interest in this at the moment – however Cllr Patient had spoken to a local resident who said would co-ordinate any eventual scheme – Clerk confirmed that posters had been put on the noticeboards.

Ongoing Cllr Marini suggested that she raised this matter at the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee in order to see if there was any interest – item to stay on agenda until the next meeting for any update

8.7 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 – deferred from last meeting*

Cllrs noted that most parishes have had this issue at some point - in Suttons case it was noted that lorry traffic had increased substantially since a haulage company had established premises at Pocklington. Cllrs noted that lorries were not necessarily doing anything wrong / illegal with regard to speed and weight)as there was no weight restriction in the village. Cllrs also noted that most complaints are not about lorries but tractors

Resolved Cllrs agreed that there was no solution to this matter at the moment and the matter should be closed, but it would be monitored

2.2 New Matters

8.8 DIFEY Grants – *Cllrs to discuss a new ERYC grant scheme which offers funding for youth provision in the Parish*

Cllrs noted information on a new grant scheme under the DIFEY scheme which offered potential funding for community grants and targeting young people in particular

Ongoing Cllrs were asked to give thought to any projects in the village which might benefit from the scheme and forward these to the Clerk for collation and discussion at the next meeting

8.9 Town/Parish Council Owned Bus Shelter Replacement Programme – *Cllrs consider next stage of application*

Cllrs noted the receipt of a letter from ERYC advising that an application for a new bus shelter had been approved and would proceed to the next stage – Chair advised he was very pleased with this progress, although Cllrs had to be mindful that some properties near to the proposed shelter may be concerned about potential noise and disruption outside of their homes.

Ongoing Clerk was asked to contact ERYC to progress this matter and advise Cllrs in time for the next meeting

8.10 Allotments in the Village – *Cllrs to discuss feasibility of establishing community allotments in the village*

Cllrs noted that there had been some resident interest in this matter although it was questionable if there was any available land for this purpose.

Resolved / Ongoing It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Crown Estate and discuss the feasibility of identifying land for this purpose, although Cllrs accepted this was unlikely

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

Date of next meeting – Monday, 13th October 2025

Signed as a true and accurate record

..... *Stuart Mowbray*

Cllr Stuart Mowbray (Chairman)

..... *October 2025*

Date of signing and approval