

# Sutton upon Derwent Parish Council

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**Minutes of the meeting of Sutton upon Derwent Parish Council held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Sutton upon Derwent.**

Yvonne Eggleston  
Parish Clerk

## MINUTES

**Present:** Cllrs S Mowbray (Chair), A Patient, J Davison, D Muress, Ward Cllrs A Cousins, D Needham  
5 Parishioners

### PART A

**001/25 To record any Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs S Flanagan, D Marini

**002/25 To record any Register of Interests:** Cllr Patient, Cllr Needham – item 012/25

**003/25 To approve and sign the minutes of the December meeting for publication:**  
Proposed: Cllr Mowbray Seconded: Cllr Davison

**004/25 To hear any matters raised by attending Parishioners (10 minutes maximum):**  
See item 012/25

**005/25 To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting that are not elsewhere on the Agenda.**

- 068/23 i) Emergency Box – unfortunately it was necessary to bring the new pumping equipment in the Emergency Box into use earlier in the day as flooding occurred again with the result that the same two properties on Main Street flooded, as last January.  
The new pump proved to be helpful but could not cope with the amount of flood water that was building up. It was suggested that a stronger pump be hired in future using the current pump as a stop-gap. The hydro-snakes were not very effective and so no more will be ordered.
- 020/24 i) Drainage – Flooding: The response from ERYC was improved though they were slow to close the road and maintain the closure with the result that vehicles were still going through by moving the bollards and barriers. The presence of Mr P Belotti and Mr Hannah from ERYC has given hope that the issue of the drains in the village will be addressed. The Fire Service was in attendance on Main Street as well as Sandhill Lane where another property experienced water ingress to the garage and garden.  
The Crown Estate will be asked to urge better land management as water flowing from the fields exacerbates the situation.  
There was also some flooding at the bottom of Jasmine Garth going across to the St Vincent Arms.

**006/25 Agenda items:**

- i) Precept 2025/26 – it was proposed that the 2024/25 Precept of £16000 be kept for 2025/26.  
Proposed: Cllr Muress Seconded: Cllr Davison All agreed
- ii) Vacancies: there are the following vacancies at the Parish Council –
1. a person to carry out maintenance at the Children's Playing Field
  2. a Parish Councillor
  3. a Parish Clerk
- Anyone interested in the above should contact the current Parish Clerk or a Parish Councillor.

**007/25 Road Safety**

- i) Road Safety issues:
- at the School: Cllr Needham will chase ERYC about the repainting of signage on the road near the school. **DN**
  - Sandhill Lane: a tractor has been recorded as travelling at 34mph in the 30mph zone.
- ii) HGVs in Elvington and Sutton upon Derwent update: Sir David Davies MP will be approached to help in moves to solve the HGV issue in the village.
- iii) Speeding – a) Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) update: a joint application with Wilberfoss Parish Council for ERYC's SID scheme has been approved. Cllr Patient is currently sourcing 3 quotes for the devices. **AP**

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- iii) Community Speed Watch Group – has been able to conduct 10 sessions despite the bad weather. There have been difficulties carrying out surveys near Derwent Lodge because of the number of contractor vehicles parked at the new property where Dalton House once stood.

## **008/25 Children's Playing Field:**

- i) Maintenance – the bad weather has prevented any maintenance work being carried out.  
i) Funding – Cllr Patient announced that the Parish Council had been successful in its' bid for funding monies worth £53000 to upgrade the Children's Playing Field. He will now speak to the 3 companies who have provided quotes and determine the actual cost of the play surface

**009/25 Family Club:** a date for the next session has not yet been set.

## **010/25 Events:**

- i) VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 8<sup>th</sup> May – The Clerk will forward the email from the Pageantmaster to the Village Hall Committee. **YE**

## **011/25 To note and approve the Monthly Financial Report for December 2024**

**To receive and note expenditure against precept to date**

**To note and approve any requests for payments received :**

- i) Children's Playing Field lease - £3.75

Proposed: Cllr Mowbray Seconded: Cllr Patient

## **012/25 To note and process any Planning Matters:**

### **Applications:**

24/03566/PLF Erection of perimeter fencing to tennis courts 1 and 2 to replace existing fencing and installation of Tweener LED lighting system fixed to two sides of new fencing - Sutton Upon Derwent Tennis Club, Main Street Sutton Upon Derwent, YO41 4BN

Cllr Patient sat aside other than to confirm current and expected playing times on the Tennis Courts.

Concerns were raised by some attending parishioners about the effect the installation of floodlights on the Tennis Courts would have. Light spillage into adjacent gardens and rooms overlooking the Tennis Courts is a major concern. Also, as the lights would facilitate playing later into the evening it was felt that there would be issues with the level of noise disturbance. The effect of the lights on road safety was also queried. Parish Councillors will remeasure the distance of properties from the position of the proposed lights. Floodlights on stanchions are considered to be inappropriate in a rural setting, though it was pointed out that the Tweener light system which is proposed, is attached to fencing at a lower level, which in turn should reduce the amount of light spillage. Cllr Mowbray asked if it would be possible to have a demonstration.

It was pointed out that apart from an initial discussion between the Tennis Club and parishioners at the Pop-up Café a year ago, there has not been any further meeting, despite one being promised. As the Parish Council only received official notification of the planning application on 18<sup>th</sup> December, it was felt to be inappropriate to comment until the details had been received and studied. As requested, the Clerk will arrange for an Open Meeting within the next 2 weeks. **YE**

It is understood that there have been changes in some of the details which now do not appear in the published planning application, in particular any fencing/screening.

The lease for Beacon Green held by the Parish Council does not include the Tennis Courts. The Tennis Club has its own lease with the Crown Estate and therefore has separate terms and conditions of use. Cllr Needham pointed out that the Planning Department would not take the conditions of any lease into consideration when making a decision.

The introduction of floodlights would extend the possible time and also for play to take place when there was reduced visibility because of the weather.

Cllr Cousins has offered to call the application into Committee if required. He requested that any comments by parishioners should be submitted to ERYC.

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The Clerk has arranged for an extension to the expiry date for comments. Any comments should now be submitted to ERYC by 25<sup>th</sup> January.

**Notices of approval:** None

**Notices of Refusal:** None

**170/24 To hear and note any correspondence matters:**

- i) Sandhill Lane – road accidents: Cllr Shepherd is approaching ERYC for increased road signage on Sandhill Lane near Woodhouse Grange.
- ii) National Planning Policy Framework Training – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 7.00pm

**171/24 To conduct any other business by consent of the Chairman under the Local Government Act 1972**

Salt bins – these have now been topped up by the Parish Council.

**172/24 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 at 7.30pm  
Agenda items to be with the Clerk by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025