

Sutton upon Derwent Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Sutton upon Derwent Parish Council held on Monday 3rd February 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Sutton upon Derwent.

Yvonne Eggleston
Parish Clerk

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs A Patient (Chair), S Flanagan, D Muress, Ward Cllrs D Needham, G Shepherd
8 Parishioners

PART A

017/25 To record any Apologies for Absence: Cllrs S Mowbray, D Marini, J Davison

018/25 To record any Register of Interests: Cllr Patient Item 021/25 Planning

019/25 To approve and sign the minutes of the January meeting for publication:
Proposed: Cllr Patient Seconded: Cllr Muress

020/25 Public Participation: To hear any matters raised by attending Parishioners (10 minutes maximum):
Drainage and Flooding: drawings of the drainage layout were presented to the meeting. A parishioner believes that the main issue is that the pipe at Herdborough House is smaller than the pipe going into it which subsequently causes the drains to fill and back-up. He believes that there is a time delay in the water coming off the field into an already full drain, therefore the water level rises and floods Main Street between the gullies at the bottom of Wynam Lane and Herdborough House. Although the culvert under the road is quite large, the culvert into the river has been piped and is under-sized. He proposed two options to solve this: 1) dig up the drains to the original culvert and 2) put in a 450mm pipe. Both of these options would cost a lot of money. Cllr Patient suggested that this would be worth exploring to help understand the cost of each option in order that any interested parties can then gauge feasibility.
It is understood by an attending member of the public that ERYC does not agree that there is a blockage, but has questioned why this was not addressed after the flood in 2024. He asserted that water coming down Wynam Lane has always caused a problem on Main Street.
The ditch at Herdborough House has been identified as being riparian owned and is therefore the responsibility of the homeowner.
An attending member of the public will be putting in a freedom of information request at it was felt that the flood of 2025, which resulted in the same two cottages being flooded and having to be evacuated, could have been avoided.
It was pointed out that requests to clarify ownership and to take action in terms of surveying the drains, to both ERYC and Yorkshire Water, have been slow in producing any responses and have been denied. ERYC continues to believe that the drains are riparian owned.
Despite limited funds, the Parish Council has subsequently commissioned Andidrains Ltd to carry out a cctv inspection at a cost in excess of £4k. This is on top of £2k worth of flood defence equipment purchased in 2024. This is a considerable spend in the context of the Precept, being approximately 1/3 of the annual Precept. It would appear that there had been some omissions in the original survey carried out in 2016 of the drain from Wynam Lane to the outfall behind Herdborough House. Although an attending parishioner believed that the Parish Council was in receipt of the report from Andidrains, this was subsequently found to not actually be the case.
The Parish Council is still awaiting the report which will be available for all to see once received. It is hoped that the cctv footage will highlight how big the extent of the problem is. The Internal Drainage Board will be approached for advice on how to proceed in getting the necessary authorities to accept responsibility.
It was also pointed out that there had been some flooding on the corner near the St Vincent Arms. It is understood by an attending parishioner that a tank under the road in Jasmine Garth overflowed, causing flooding on the bend in Main Street.
The Ward Councillors stated that they were fully supportive of the Parish Council.

021/25 To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting that are not elsewhere on the Agenda.

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 – an extra-ordinary meeting was held to discuss this planning application. The Tennis Club agreed to some amendments to the playing cut-off time. It was agreed that Cllr Andrew Cousins be asked to call the application in to the Planning Committee at

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ERYC. Nothing further was discussed.

020/24 i) Drainage and Flooding: See Public Participation Item 020/25
006/25 ii) Vacancies: Parish Councillor – will be posted on the noticeboards
Clerk – will be advertised through ERNLLCA and Parish Open Door

022/25 Agenda items:

- i) Inconsiderate parking – Jervis Court: Cllr Needham recommended that such parking should be reported as anti-social behaviour as it is forcing pedestrian to step out into the road.

023/25 Road Safety

- i) Road Safety issues: update
 - at the School: better road marking will be done near the school though this will be done in the next financial year. Notification of parking restrictions on the corners of Jervis Court and in the lay-by at the school, has been put up. These will be enforceable.
 - Sandhill Lane: Cllr Shepherd reported that signage for the bend is being looked into by ERYC.
- ii) HGVs in Elvington and Sutton upon Derwent update: no further discussion has taken place.
- iii) Speeding – a) Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) update: Cllr Patient reported that he had not received a response from Emily Mounser at ERYC despite several requests for information. It is understood that any lamppost to which the device will be attached, should be able to support a weight of 12kg or less, if a solar panel is fitted.
- iv) Community Speed Watch Group – the group have not been out because of the bad weather.

024/25 Children's Playing Field:

- i) Maintenance – it was reported that a tree at 2 Crown Cottages has come down and is overhanging the pathway into the Children's Playing Field. The Clerk will contact the homeowner as it is a safety concern.
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- ii) Funding – with the added required funding from the Parish Council, plus any claimable VAT, Cllr Patient reported that the preferred contractors will be asked to include repairs to the current wet pour areas. The funding will be used to replace the main unit with a multi games facility and relevant play surfaces. Cllrs Patient, Flanagan and Muress will form a sub-committee to oversee the project.

025/25 Family Club: dates are to be confirmed

026/25 Events:

- i) VE Day 8th Anniversary - 8th May – ERYC has funding available to help Parish Councils arrange an event.

027/25 To note and approve the Monthly Financial Report for January 2025

To receive and note expenditure against precept to date

Proposed: Cllr Patient Seconded: Cllr Muress

028/25 To note and process any Planning Matters:

Applications:

25/30019/CONDET – Submission of details required by Condition 8 (Vehicle Access, Parking, and Turning Area) of planning permission 23/01935/PLF- Dalton House, Main Street, Sutton upon Derwent, YO41 4BT for Mr O Shipley

No objections

Notices of approval: None

Notices of Refusal: None

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29/25 To hear and note any correspondence matters: None

30/25 To conduct any other business by consent of the Chairman under the Local Government Act 1972

31/25 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting: Monday 3rd March 2025 at 7.30pm
Agenda items to be with the Clerk by Friday 21st February 2025

PART B

32/25 To confirm approval of Clerk's salary and costs:

Clerk's Salary - £292.65

HMRC - £70.60

Proposed: Cllr Patient Seconded: Cllr Flanagan

The meeting closed at 9.10pm