

Sutton upon Derwent Parish Council

Chair: Stuart Mowbray Deputy Chair: Alex Patient

Summary Notes of the January 2026 Parish Council Meeting

Summary Notes / Minutes of the (Ordinary) meeting of Sutton upon Derwent Parish Council held on Monday 19th January 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Sutton upon Derwent.

In attendance:

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

Ward Councillors Cllr Andrew Cousins

Clerk Andrew Crabbe

Date of Meeting Monday, 19th January 2026

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

Visit of Mr Leo Hammond Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner

Session opened with Mr Hammond explaining The Deputy Crime Commissioner role - there were two main focusses - police responsibilities including budget management and also 'commissioning responsibilities, including crime prevention and road safety programmes. Mr Hammond then explained how the Office of the PCC could help local communities to address speeding concerns - summary points are below:

- Grants were available for Parish /Town Councils for new technology to help address speeding in local communities, including auto speed watch, anpr and radar cameras. Schemes were available now, however the decision had been taken to phase the rollout in stages of ten parishes at a time, so that the police are not swamped. Mr Hammond noted that the current rollout was already oversubscribed and probably best to wait until the next programme rollout. Would ensure this was publicised well in advance - purpose of such schemes is to 'educate rather than fine' first occurrence receives a letter from police, second offence a formal visit.
- Trials had been undertaken in Bubwith which showed the use of such devices was effective - cases of speeding in the village dropped to about 30 cases from average of 180 - cost of the equipment was around £1000, and there was funding available for about half the cost - also licence fee cost £179 per year, however Mr Hammond felt that the benefits far outweighed costs
- Longer term schemes in pipeline - 'HGV Weight Watch' to monitor weight limit breaches - trial pilot currently running in Preston and will be interesting to see how this works... Cllrs advised that they had previously tried to restrict HGVs in village, but the problem was that this was opposed by other Parish Councils as they were concerned the problem would just be diverted elsewhere

- Operation Snap is a keynote scheme by Humberside Police whereby drivers send them dashcam footage of instances of dangerous driving – scheme has already seen over 600 reports a year and many of these can be seen on the force’s website and social media - the scheme does offer limited and conditional provision of dash cams to drivers for free
- Mounted volunteers – in similar vein and acknowledging that the police could not be everywhere at once, volunteers on horseback would be trained to be the ‘eyes and ears of the police’ – within first week, ten drivers were prosecuted.
- Thinking of giving body cams to community watch volunteers and school crossing teams
- Cllr Patient advised that the Parish Council’s experience with ERYC support for technology resolutions for addressing speed was not positive and he felt Highways had concentrated on why such schemes WOULD NOT work, raising problems with trenching and location. Mr Hammond responded that he agreed that in the past ERYC ‘were against speed devices managed by Parish Councils’ but there had been a change of direction and he was confident Officers were more supportive now.

Session was opened to residents in attendance:

Resident speaking as lead for the Community Watch Group, he didn’t think body cameras are a good idea and could be seen by drivers as more of a threat causing increased risk to the Community Watch Group – Mr Hammond responded he was aware there had been ‘mixed feedback’ to the proposal – ‘some like the idea to record any aggression towards them, however some volunteers did not for the reason explained by the resident

Resident continued that there was a concern that there was already a Police resource issue... ‘not enough resource at moment so how will the system cope when role out an additional ten groups’. Mr Hammond responded that in the early days of the scheme one Officer managed the scheme with a resulting considerable workload.... A new dedicated team headed by Diane Goodman was now in place and Mr Hammond was confident experiences would improve

Discussion took place on if more permanent ‘Community Speed Watch’ signs could be erected... Mr Hammond advised evidence had shown, such signs could be ineffective if there were too many of them, and the view was they need to be carefully and selectively placed

Resident advised he had lived in village all his life, and felt that ‘no-one observed speed limits’.... Had used a speed recording app on his phone and identified that the average speed was 49 in a 30 zone – there were specific issues on the c18 road, aggravated by poor parking on blind bend / corner by drivers parking to take dogs for walk. If nothing was done, there would be a death. Not just car drivers but also farmers ‘roaring through’ in tractors with heavy loads

Resident – asked if there could be more 30mph signs in village - lives on south end of village and there was only one speed sign there – asked if more signs could be erected, especially for cars coming from A1079..... agreed with earlier comment that education of drivers was the only solution and part of this will be more speed signs - Mr Hammond responded that the highway code dictated that unless speed signs said otherwise and if there were street lights, the speed limit was automatically 30mph and it was not possible to put signs to remind people.

Resident Advised that farm traffic was really bad in the village and gave examples of poor and dangerous lane discipline by tractors, along with speeding and the risks to cyclists in particular. Mr Hammond responded that this was exactly where Operation Snap would come in and if footage of poor driving by tractors was received by the Police, they could act on this.

Resident asked if the ‘speed van’ could attend the village more frequently – it was advised parking of the van could be difficult and there was only one site they could safely use – Mr Hammond explained that the vans were operated by a separate body Safer Humber, however he would speak to local police and request attendance in the village as their presence would prove to be a deterrent

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 who advised the following:

- Focussing on state of the roads in the area, now in serious need of repair
- Serious concerns for financial viability of ERYC due to the impact of the Fair funding formula - this put rural regions like East Riding at a serious disadvantage and favoured areas with social deprivation like Birmingham - ERYC was facing a possible loss of £32 million pounds over three years and more than £100 million over ten years... ERYC had spent all its reserves and was about to implement 'radical transformation' programmes to include the use of AI and technology, alongside the reduction of staff

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

No members of the public remained following the departure of Mr Hammond and no points were raised.

6. Financial Report and Accounts (Clerk)

The accounts report can be found as Appendix 1.

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

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 take*

Ongoing Cllrs noted that correspondence had been received that work should be commencing shortly on the advised remedial scheme by ERYC

8.2 Precept for 2026-27 / Budget Review - *Cllrs to make a final decision on the precept demands for the new financial year and to consider any capital projects they wish to look into, which would be funded by an increase in the precept*

Cllrs discussed a number of possible projects in the village to hopefully improve and enhance the village community.... It was agreed that these would be prioritised and that for the financial year of 2-26-27, an increase of £5000 would be required in the precept demand to pay for projects including new benches and additional Christmas lighting. Every penny of the precept increase would be accounted for and shown to residents to demonstrate how the Parish Council had improved local amenities.

Resolved The decision to increase the precept by £5,000 was voted upon and agreed by majority vote - Clerk was instructed to advise ERYC accordingly and prepare a statement for residents explaining the increase and how this additional money would be spent.

8.3 Speeding / Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) - *Cllrs to be updated on proposed introduction of SIDs in the village including any update on the application to the National Lottery to fund the project*

Ongoing Cllrs noted correspondence from the National Lottery which advised delays due to the Christmas period and volume of applications received at this time - matter deferred until the next meeting

8.4 Town/Parish Council Owned Bus Shelter Replacement Programme - *Cllrs to be advised of any update on progress in this matter*

Ongoing Cllrs were advised that the Parish Council had been successful in the application for a grant to fund a new shelter - Clerk advised the Parish Council had received email confirmation of the decision, however he was waiting for a letter of confirmation before asking the agreed contractor to proceed.

8.5 Allotments in the Village - *Cllrs to be provided with feedback from a meeting with a representative of the Crown Estate to discuss the possibility of an community allotment on Crown land.*

Ongoing Clerk apologised to Cllrs that due to workload he had not progressed the allotment project at the moment, but he would pick up before the next meeting

2.2 New Matters

8.6 Meetings Calendar for the new year - *Cllrs to confirm the draft dates for all Parish Meetings in 2026*

Resolved Cllrs noted that the draft meetings calendar had been previously sent to them and it was agreed by unanimous vote to the proposed dates - the Clerk would put these in the public domain

8.9 Parish Council Emails - *Cllrs to discuss the migration to .gov.uk email and controlled domain*

Clerk noted that under new governance rules to be applied at the 2025-26 external audit, there was a requirement for Parish Councils to hold an email address and domain, which they controlled and that the use of personal emails would be prohibited going forwards. Cllrs were referred to emails from ERYC who managed the Parish Council website and which advised in the case of Sutton upon Derwent, the Clerk's email address complied with the new rules, however they were unable to provide appropriate emails for Cllrs - longer term the authority was looking at providing all Parish Councils with ERYC emails, as currently held by Ward Cllrs.

Resolved Chair advised the Parish Council had previously looked at .org emails but had not progressed this - it was agreed that this would now be actioned.

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

Date of next meeting - Monday, 2nd March 2026

Signed as a true and accurate record

..... *Stuart Mowbray*

Cllr Stuart Mowbray (Chairman)

..... *February 2026*

Date of signing and approval

