

Minutes of the Meeting of Sutton Maddock Parish Council

Held on Thursday, 10th March 2016 at 7.30pm

1. Present

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| Mrs. E. Attwood | Vice-Chair | SMPC |
| Mrs. D. Ford | | SMPC |
| Mr. M. Speke | | SMPC |
| Mrs. A. Hill | | SMPC |
| Mr. A. Chatham | | SMPC |
| Mr. R. Hotchkiss | | SMPC |

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| Ms. S. Young | Clerk |
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2. Apologies for Absence

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| Mr. M. Taylor | Chair | SMPC |
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3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th January 2016 were accepted and signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

There were no such items.

5. Standard Agenda Items

a) Personal and/or Prejudicial Interests

None noted

b) Shropshire Councillor

Not present

c) Planning

i) The Bungalow – The appeal was turned down.

ii) Grindle House – There was no new news on this application.

iii) 11 Sutton Maddock – The sign for the logging business has been taken down. The lawn mowing business had been running for a long time. The main concern is understood to be the logging business due to the noise from the chainsaw particularly at evenings and weekends and the burning of brash. Planning and enforcement officer is currently liaising with the occupants.

d) Finance

i) The Council agreed to pay for the village hall annually, starting May 2016

- ii) The cheques for Allan Chatham's and Samantha Young's time for setting up the website were agreed and paid from the Transparency Grant.
- iii) This has been applied for. The clerk will find out the total amount in the Council account for next meeting.

e) Village Hall Committee

- i) Allan Chatham informed the meeting that the pre-app revealed that the site is not suitable for a residential conversion. It maybe suitable for a commercial one, i.e. light industry use, therefore they are considering applying for business use to increase the value of the site.

f) Recreation and Environment

There were no such items.

6. Urgent Items Recently Received

There were no such items.

7. Other Correspondence

- i) Stockton Parish Council are having a talk from Smartwater at their AGM on 4th May at Norton Village hall. The Clerk will find out the time so that Councillors can attend if available.
- ii) The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had contacted her about the Parish Council's concerns about the state of the road at Sutton Maddock roundabout and on the B4176. She reported they plan to commence works on the B4176 this month and works on the roundabout late this year.
- iii) The Clerk read out the letter she had received regarding election recharges.
- iv) The Clerk shared the letter and commemorative medal she had received from Tower Mint LTD. The Council are considering purchasing medals for children in the Parish. The Clerk will contact the other five Parishes to see if they plan to buy any as the minimum order is 50.
- v) Deborah Ford and Elizabeth Attwood signed the form from Lloyds to confirm the Clerk's address change.

8. Any Other Business

- i) The Clerk plans to contact the Clerk of Stockton to find out more information about purchasing a domain name for the Parish Council website.
- ii) The Councillors plan to email a few lines about themselves for the Clerk to put on the website.
- iii) The Councillors suggested contacting Alan Ferriday (previous Clerk) to see if is able to offer any cover for May 2016 when the Clerk is due to have her baby. The Councillor's agreed to try and 'bridge the gap' whilst the Clerk is unable to work for the couple of weeks after the baby is born. The Clerk will set up an 'out of office' report that will direct people to contact Elizabeth Attwood of Mark Taylor with important matters.

- iv) Ann Hill highlighted the continued problems with internet speed in the area.
- v) Ann Hil recommeneded that all minute files are saved as PDF files so that people cannot edit them once they are on the website.

Date of the next meeting

Scheduled for Thursday 12th May 2016

To be agreed