

Minutes of the Meeting of Sutton Maddock Parish Council Held on Thursday, 14th January 2016 at 7.30pm

1. Present

Mr. M. Taylor	Chair	SMPC
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
Ms. S. Young		Clerk

2. Apologies for Absence

All present

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2015 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

Elizabeth Attwood declared a personal interest in The Grain Store.

b) Shropshire Councillor

Not present

c) Planning

- i) The Bungalow – The current decision is still being appealed.
- ii) Grindle House – A time extension has been agreed for the appeal. The new appeal is on the Shropshire website and people need to resubmit their objections (the objections from the previous appeal do not apply).
- iii) The Grain Store - There were no objections from the Parish Council.

d) Finance

- i) A laptop and scanner have been purchased for the use of the Parish Council. A Levono B50 Intel Celera 2.1 GHz at £291.67 excluding VAT and a HP Scanjet 300 Flatbed Photo Scanner at £49.58 excluding VAT.

The clerk will apply to claim back the VAT. The Parish have applied for The Transparency Grant to fund these items.

ii) The Clerk applied for the Transparency grant on behalf of the Parish Council and the Councillors have been emailed the application. The grant will help the Parish Council set up a website to improve their transparency.

iii) The Parish Council agreed to apply for a precept of £1995 for the year 2016/17 and have not requested an increase for this year.

e) Village Hall Committee

i) The committee are currently awaiting an architect from Much Wenlock to complete a pre-app. If they get permission for conversion the village hall committee will sell the hall, the estimated value is £80,000-£100,000 with planning permission.

f) Recreation and Environment

There were no such items.

6. Urgent Items Recently Received

There were no such items.

7. Other Correspondence

There were no such items.

8. Any Other Business

- i) Allan Chatham informed the group that he understands it would cost approximately £24 for 5 years to purchase a domain name for the Parish Council website. The Parish Council agreed to purchase a domain name if the cost is around the above price.
- ii) It was agreed each Councillor will write a short potted history for the website.
- iii) The slow internet speed was discussed as a continued issue in the area.
- iv) Max Speke discussed the possibility of joining with other Parishes to get the best price on SmartWater. The Clerk will email the Six Parish Clerks to see if they are interested.
- v) Max Speke reported he has taken photos of the water on the road on the A442 near the Sutton Maddock roundabout. He will send them through to the Clerk to send off to Highways again as the water is starting to break up the surface of the road.
- vi) It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that there was a concern a resident at 11 Sutton Maddock is running a business from home. The council discussed this and agreed that this be brought to the attention of Shropshire Council.
- vii) The clerk informed the Parish Council of her pregnancy and that she is unlikely to be able to attend the May meeting or complete Parish Council work around the time the baby is born.

Date of the next meeting

Scheduled for Thursday 10th March 2016