

**SOUTH CADBURY & SUTTON MONTIS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF SOUTH CADBURY &
SUTTON MONTIS PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SUTTON MONTIS
VILLAGE HALL**

Thursday 21st November 2024 at 19:30hrs

Present – Chairman David Soper (DS), Vice Chairman Mike Toop (MT), John Griffiths (JG), Liz Tabor (LT) and Peter Cook (PC),
Also Cherry Toop (Parish Clerk)

2 members of the public were in attendance including Martin Coombs(MC) Sutton Montis Village Hall representative

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and opened the meeting

Open Session Nick Sinfield, Founder of Teals Farm Shop gave an overview of expansion plans prior to formal planning application being submitted

PC 2024/108 Apologies were received from Cllr Mike Semmons and Cllr Ken Flood (Sparkford Parish Council)

PC2024/109 No **interests** were declared in any items on the agenda

PC 2024/110 The **minutes** of Council meetings held on 18/07/2024 and 16/09/2024 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman

PC 2024/111 No applications have been received for the **Casual Vacancy** on the parish council. The vacancy remains advertised on the website

PC 2024/112 There were no matters arising from the **Clerk's report** that were not listed as Agenda items

PC 2024/113 There was no further update from the **Somerset Councillor's report** previously circulated

PC 2024/114 It was **resolved** that the parish council will not be attending future **Local Community Network (LCN)** meetings. The Clerk will continue to circulate minutes received

PC 2024/115 The following **planning applications** were **discussed**

1. **24/02361/HOU at Red House Kembers Hill Sutton Montis**
Erection of a detached triple garage with home office above
It was **resolved** to **support** the application
2. **24/02468/HOU at Little Weston House Little Weston Road Sparkford**
Erection of oak frame garage

It was **resolved** to **support** the application

3. **24/02466/HOU at Cadbury Cottage Compton Road South Cadbury**
Creation of a kitchen extension to the north of Cadbury Cottage, including the replacement of all windows on the north and east elevations and the creation of a new front door on the north elevation
It was **resolved** to **support** the application

PC 2024/116 There was no update available from the **Village Hall Committee representatives** for South Cadbury or Sutton Montis

PC 2024/117 Highways and Rights of Way

The bridlepath by the original entrance to Sutton Farm is impassable and the recently filled potholes on Parish Hill have returned. The Clerk will report both issued to Somerset Council to address and ask Cllr Clark to request a report on volume of reports this year

PC 2024/118 The **response received from Somerset Council regarding alleged planning breaches at Sutton Farm** was **discussed**. It was suggested that the four parish councils each contribute £5000 for securing professional opinion on the likelihood of success if a legal challenge is made. It was **resolved** that a further Working Group meeting is needed which the Clerk will arrange

PC 2024/119 The **Local Plan Engagement** was **discussed**. It was **resolved** to decline to submit a response due to the limited impact to both parishes on areas covered

PC 2024/120 The **letter from Cllr Bill Reavens, Leader of Somerset Council** regarding further devolvement of services was **discussed**. It was **resolved** to keep the contingency budget reserve at £2000. The Clerk expressed concern this may not be sufficient

PC 2024/121 The **Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue survey** was discussed. It was **resolved** that individuals will submit a response as appropriate. Concern was raised that smaller fire stations do not have sufficient response cover for both parishes due to under-manning. It was resolved the Clerk will ask Cllr Clark to raise this with Somerset Council

PC 2024/122 It was **resolved** not to purchase a plaque for the **War Memorial in Taunton**

PC 2024/123 Flooding

1. The **Section 19 draft flood report** was **discussed**. It was **resolved** to submit a response that it was a positive start to learn looking at it and following it
2. The **Community Telemetry Agreement draft** was **discussed**. It was resolved to support the agreement subject to knowing the costs involved

PC 2024/124 The **draft budget and proposed precept for 2025-2026** was discussed and deferred to the next meeting in January

PC 2024/125 It was resolved to **approve** the following **grants**

- South Cadbury Village Hall £150 and £800 for vegetation maintenance of the playing field
- Sutton Montis Village Hall £150
- Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance £100
- South Somerset Community Accessible Transport (CAT bus) £100
- Citizens Advice Somerset £100

PC 2024/126 **Financial matters**

1. The **bank balance** as at 21/11/2024 was noted as £20050.44 with **monthly charges** of £5.80 for October and £5.00 for November
2. The **Clerk timesheets** for September and October 2024 were **approved** and signed by the Chairman
3. The following payments were **approved**
 - a) **Westernweb Ltd invoice 24665 for Domain renewal £30.00**
Approved
 - b) **Clerk salary September 2024 £382.20 and October £382.20**
 - c) It was **resolved** to **approve** the agreed National Salary Pay Scales for 2024/2025 and **approve** back payment of the clerk salary from 01/04/2024

PC 2024/127 **Correspondence**

1. Further contact has been received regarding the property condition at Crane Cottages in South Cadbury requesting that another letter is sent to the occupant to advise Somerset Council will be notified of the concern. It was **resolved** that as the parish council has no power to enforce the property is cleared, the Clerk will advise the correspondent that no further action will be taken and to suggest the matter is directly pursued by them with Somerset Council
2. A suggestion was received that residents may benefit from a talk by Avon & Somerset police regarding staying safe online. It was **resolved** to notify the village hall representatives for discussion at their next meeting with a view to arranging as appropriate

PC 2024/128 **Agenda items for next meeting**

- Budget and precept
- Update on Sutton Farm next steps

Date of next meeting 16th January 2025

Meeting closed 9.30 pm

Signed

Date

