

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SUTTON UNDER WHITESTONECLIFFE  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.15PM IN THE  
SMALL MEETING ROOM IN SUTTON VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present** Cllr. C. Artingstoll, Cllr. B. Edgeworth, Cllr. J. Winter , County Councillor G. Dadd, District Councillor J. Watson and PCSO L. Walker.

There were two members of the public in attendance.

- 15.020 Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr. Smith.
- 15.021 A report from NY Police was given by PCSO Walker. There had been 17 road traffic incidents on Sutton Bank; many weather related.
- 15.022 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. None.
- 15.023 The minutes of the meetings held on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015 were approved.
- 15.024 Clerk's Report. See appendix attached.
- 15.025 Councillors were formally notified of the retirement of J. Goodall and it was confirmed that the two vacancies could be filled by co-option before the May elections. It was agreed to give Mr Goodall a commemorative shrub in light of his long service and contribution to the Council.
- 15.026 In her HDC Report, Cllr J. Watson confirmed that the Waste Management Strategy Review was getting underway for implementation in 2016. A £125,000 Make a Difference Scheme in the Thirsk area had been launched with £25,000 being available for projects meeting the prescribed criteria
- 15.027 NYCC Report from Cllr. G. Dadd. NYCC would be making a 1.99% Council Tax increase for 2015/16. Further cuts of between 34% and 35% would be needed up until 2020. Some services are statutory and cannot be cut. He announced that further repairs to the road at the Sowerby Tip had been carried out.
- 15.028 The May Elections. The possible vacancies in Sutton were discussed. It was agreed to send out another invitation to villagers to consider joining the Council.
- 15.029 a. Financial Matters. Balance in Bank as 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015. £ 3465.46.  
*Income.* Donation of £60 from Dr. G. Wight for TMG expenses.  
*Payments.*  
Payment of wage to Clerk for February 2015. £67.42. Chq. 603.  
Payment to Clerk for Travelling Expenses. 2 x return. £11.70. Chq. 604.
- 15.030 To receive report on Planning Matters. Riseborough. Retrospective Change of Use of agricultural land to domestic. Wished to see approved.  
15/00164/FUL Seven Stars. A 16<sup>th</sup> Century Listed building. Alterations and extension. Wished to see approved.
- 15.031 An update on items relating to VAS, Data Logger Results and Traffic Management Group was given. 82% of the residents the Chairman had spoken to had wished to have the VAS for the next 4 years even if it entailed having an increase in the precept. The results of the data logger were scrutinised and although the 85 percentile showed that overall there was not a speeding problem in the village, Councillors were horrified by the high speeds reached by some drivers. Agreement from the Parish Councillors was given on the output of the TMG which would be presented at the forthcoming public meeting. Thanks were expressed to Mrs G. Thomas for the donation of paper and to Dr G Wight for a financial donation to help with costs incurred for the presentation of the report. Arrangements were made for villagers to receive notice of the February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> meetings by 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Reminders would be included in the Darlington and Stockton Times.
- 15.032 Village Hall Report. It was planned that the new website would be launched on 20<sup>th</sup> January. [www.suttonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.suttonvillagehall.co.uk) Rod Jenkinson was to give a talk on the Thirsk Work House and there would be a play on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The AGM would be held on 18<sup>th</sup> March.
- 15.033 There was no update on land to west of Sutton Hall gate. A reminder would be sent to the owner's legal representative.
- 15.034 It was agreed to cancel the request for NYCC to fill the three grit bins owned by the Parish Council as there hadn't been a need to use the grit for the preceding year.
- 15.035 A request for funding from the Friends of Moorbus was considered and a donation of £50 was agreed. Cheque 605.
- 15.036 To agree items for the next meeting's agenda. The date was changed to March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 to ensure that a quorum would be possible. Usual topics and request to HDC for a new dual bin and complaint about the state of the public footpath to the east of Rose Cottage Farm.

**Clerk's Report.**

Letter to confirm retirement of John Goodall as a Councillor.

HDC. Election News.

Donations from villagers.

PV panels. *PV panels are not subject to planning approval except on Listed Buildings.*

Christmas Carol Singing 2015 to be confirmed.

Email from Evergreen Park re Hollin Barn.

**Correspondence.**

Richmondshire Safety Partnership. Data Logger Results