

Sudbury Parish Council

**Minutes of Annual Parish 19th March 2025
Held at 6.30pm at Sudbury School**

Present: Cllr R Simcox, Cllr. R Woolley, Cllr D West, Cllr B Holland, Cllr S Gascoyne, Cllr M Ripley

In attendance: Kate Darcy Parish Clerk, District Council J Bointon and members of the public

01/APM/03/25 Apologies

None

02/APM/03/25 To confirm and agree as a true record the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 2024 18th March 2024

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting as a true record.

03/APM/03/2025 Chairs Report 2024/25

I would first like to welcome Bill Holland on the council, he was co-opted on back in November, also I would like to thank Michael, Duncan, Stuart and Ruth for their continued support and free time that they give to help try and make a difference and improve the parish for all who live in or use it.

Secondly, I say thanks to Mark Airey who has had to step down from his role as councillor due to his health. His support was also greatly appreciated.

We are as always grateful to Steve Bull and John Bointon for all the help and advice they pass to us. The biggest thank you must go to Kate Darcy, our Clerk, for all the outstanding work she does for the council and its parish throughout the year.

We have again moved venue for our meetings and have now returned to the school and thanks Sam for welcoming us here.

We have had a quieter year this time as the decisions we had to make the previous year have now been concluded. We have finally got the planters situated in the village, many thanks to all who helped with this, and the hedges and verges are now scheduled to be cut twice a year which I hope you will agree helps the village look better and improves visibility for road users.

However, after meeting with DDDC regarding pavements and verges elsewhere it has become apparent that we will need to undertake more upkeep ourselves if we wish for them to be kept tidier.

The village litter picks have not been as frequent as we had hoped for but we are going to try to revive this again in the coming months, which we will be very grateful for help with from villagers and NT staff as we had in the past.

We are still holding regular meetings with NT and HMP which are going well and help to benefit the parish.

I have also had a meeting with Cemex a few months ago ahead of the impending quarry coming to the area. I am hoping we can have a working relationship with them to help keep the village and surrounding parish free from as much disruption as possible.

04/APM/03/25 Matters Arising

None

05/APM/03/25 Village Organisations

Nothing to report

06/APM/03/25 Meeting Close

Meeting closed at 640pm
