

Sudbury Parish Council

Minutes of Sudbury Parish Council meeting Wednesday 7th January 2026

Held at Sudbury School at 7pm

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

In attendance: Kate Darcy Parish Clerk, District Councillor John Bointon, and members of the public.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr. R Simcox and County Councillor Steve Bull

2. Declaration of Members Interests

None

3. Variation of Order of Business.

None

4. Public Speaking

District Cllr John Bointon advised that DDDC will be undertaking a Housing Needs Survey in Sudbury to assess the need for affordable housing for local people in the Parish. A full public consultation will begin in next month or so.

Cllr S Gascoyne commented that the Parish Council should work towards improving engagement with residents of the Parish. Ideas were explored which will be actioned and communicated to residents. A vacancy remains on the Council, and this will be re advertised.

A member of the public spoke to raise concerns about an accident on 19th December at the junction of School Lane and Main Road. This was caused by vehicles parked too near the junction, obscuring the view of oncoming traffic. The Parish Council advised that they received notification on 15th December from DCC Highways who refused the Parish Council request for solid white lines (or similar) around the corners of the top of School Lane as a deterrent to unsafe parking. This will be followed up again with DCC and County Councillor Steve Bull.

5. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 12th November 2025

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

6. Chairmans Announcements

None

7. Finance

It was resolved to approve the income and payments made and to be made to 7th January 2026. It was resolved to approve Budget Appraisal and Bank Reconciliation to 31st December 2025

8. Report from the Clerk on on-going/outstanding matters

Followed Confirmation of Budget in November the Parish Clerk confirmed the annual Precept request had been submitted to DDDC.

It was resolved to approve a Grant request to Friends of Sudbury School (FOSS)

9. Defibrillator at Sudbury Park

The Parish Council are still awaiting an update from DCC as to whether an Objects in The Highway licence is required to install the Defibrillator at Sudbury Park. As soon as this is determined the Parish Council are keen to complete this project.

10. Village Maintenance/Hedges/Verges

The Parish Council has received thanks from residents for the cutting of hedges and verges on the A515 from Sudbury Park towards the village. HMP Sudbury residents have cleared moss from pavements. The Parish Council will continue address these issues and liaise with HMP Sudbury and other organisations to enhance the appearance of the Village.

11. Parking in Sudbury

National Trust Christmas Event

The Parish Council received several complaints from residents regarding the poor traffic management for the NT Xmas event which causes serious disruption for the village. Councillors were involved in trying to manage this by both liaising with NT during the event and helping to marshall traffic in some instances. Events such as these need detailed forward planning by the NT and this has been raised in a meeting and by letter to the NT on behalf of residents. We have requested full traffic management from external experts, appropriate signage, potential one-way system, additional parking (including full and constant use of all overflow parking), liaison with landowners for potential additional parking, and consideration of ticketing one off large events to manage attendance and visitor numbers into the village.

Sudbury Gasworks

Further complaints have been received from residents where visitors attending the Gasworks park in resident reserved parking spaces. The Parish Council have again appealed to the Gasworks and have provided suggested improvements to reduce disruption including improved signage and use of overflow parking at the school for example.

12. Update from members Liaising with external bodies

The Parish Council would like to thank HMP Sudbury for organising the work the residents have been doing on the pavements to remove moss. We hope the Governor will be able to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in March to give an update. The next meeting with HMP Sudbury is planned for June -*Gasworks, HMP Sudbury, National Trust*

13. Highways

The Parish Council is aware that work to repair Aston Bridge on Lichfield Road is likely to take place in the summer which will result in road closures and diversions. We await more details from DCC Highways.

The request for White Line at the top of School Lane to deter unsafe parking has been rejected. The Parish Council will continue to push for this.

A request to re-paint the road markings at the Junction of Main Road and A515 Lichfield Road, and a request for 'No Entry' hatched markings has been submitted.

A request to cut back the hedgerows on the A515 Lichfield Road from A50 interchange towards Draycott in the Clay has been submitted to DCC

14. Planning Applications

Applications:

25/01180/VCOND – Springfield Garage Ashbourne Road Sudbury Derbyshire

Removal of condition 30 of application no. 17/00329/FUL – *Noted*

15. Correspondence

Correspondence received about -parking in the village, NT Event, Gas Works -see item 11

16. Date of next meeting

Next meeting is Wednesday 18th March Annual Parish Meeting 6.30 pm and 7pm for Ordinary Meeting at Sudbury School (Note the Annual Parish Meeting may start at earlier time of 6pm)

17. MEETING CLOSE

Meeting closed at 20.20