

Sudbury Parish Council

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting Wednesday 1st July 2026 7pm – Sudbury School

1.To receive apologies for absence

Apologies accepted from County Councillor Steve Bull and District Councillor John Bointon.

2.Declaration of Members Interests

None

3.Variation of Order of Business

None

4.Public Speaking

Cllr Gascoyne advised that the Friends of Sudbury School have agreed to maintain the flower displays on entrance to the village, as part of an activity for the school children. The Parish Council will cover costs of plants.

5.To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 6th May 2026

Minutes of the meeting of 6th May were approved as a true record of the meeting.

6.Chairmans Announcements

None

7.Finance

Income and payments made and to be made to 1st July 2026 were approved
Budget Appraisal and Bank Reconciliation to 30th June 2026 were approved

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

The damage to sign at the A50 intersection will be reported to Highways again.

9. To Consider Village Event

Deferred

10. Village Maintenance/Hedges/Verges

Sudbury Estate have advised that they are not responsible for overgrown hedges on the A515 towards Aston Bridge. This will again be raised with Highways, who say it is the landowner's responsibility. Further quotes will be obtained for maintenance of additional verges which appear to not belong to any a specific body who are responsible for their maintenance, but which make the village untidy. (Except for wildflower verges as part of DDDC green policies). Any additional cost will need to be borne by all residents as part of the Precept required as part of the DDDC Council Tax.

11. Update from members Liaising with external bodies

The Parish Council is awaiting a meeting date with the National Trust though we understand a Xmas event like last year is not planned this year, though we await confirmation. Liaison with Friends of Sudbury School is progressing well.

HMP Sudbury have now completed the refurbishment of the village benches which will be replaced in location. A great job has been done which can be appreciated by all residents and the Parish Council extend their thanks to HMP Sudbury.

12.Highways

The repairs to potholes on School Lane appear to be low quality which will be reported to Highways at DCC.

13.Planning Applications

Castle Way Energy – NSIP – Solar and Bess – respond by 15th July - noted

14 Friends of Sudbury School

The Parish Council approved a donation request to FOSS towards new play equipment.

15.Correspondence

None

16. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 2nd September at Sudbury School -7pm

17. Meeting Close

Meeting Closed