Sutton on the Forest
Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Sutton on the Forest Parish Council held on Wednesday 16 September 2026 at 7.30pm.

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| Present: | Councillor Barry<br>Councillor Knighton<br>Councillor McMeekin<br>Councillor Prowde<br>Councillor Shearman (chair) |
| In Attendance: | Sue Bracewell (clerk)<br>NY Councillor Taylor (NYC) |

1 member of the public.

**Apologies**

Apologies Cllr Knighton

**Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

26.68 **Report from North Yorkshire Council**

68.1 NY Cllr Taylor reported that a Transport consultation is being undertaken and it's important we respond. Cllr McMeekin said a survey she had responded to earlier did not include our area. She had contacted the organisers to explain this and point out the difficulty for buses maintaining a timetable with the delays outside York Hospital. Cllr Shearman said temporary road closures in Easingwold, Stillington, Huby and along Pottery Lane had caused chaos and confusion and, in the case of Stillington and Easingwold, a safety hazard. Signage was inadequate and often left on site days after it was needed. NY Cllr Taylor urged him to notify Highways Area 2 in writing wherever an issue arose.

26.69 **Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8 July 2026**

69.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2026 had been circulated. These were agreed as a correct record, proposed Cllr McMeekin and seconded Cllr Prowde.

26.70 **Matters arising**

70.1 Councillor vacancy – Cllr McMeekin proposed John Thorpe be co-opted to the Council. Seconded Cllr Prowde.

70.2 Highways update: Cllr McMeekin had been notified by Area 2 that repairs to Main Street were on a works schedule but not for the current year. Cllr Prowde said there was similar damage on Stillington Road. Members were not satisfied with the

Council's response to concerns about the mini-roundabout nor had any work been done at the bus stop on Carr Lane. A letter will be sent to Highways.

70.3 Playing field signs – have been received and will be installed later this week.

70.4 SWARCO update. Cllr Prowde said Highways had not yet delivered the masts which were due in September. He had been told delivery could be later this year or possibly even next year.

70.5 Sutton Times update: Distributors have increased but no advance with producing the Newsletter. Clerk to speak to Cllr Knighton re December issue.

70.6 Memorial garden: Quotes had been received for this work and were tabled. It was agreed to accept the quotation from Greg Milner. There is an issue of a boundary of a piece of land that does not belong to the Council which needs to be resolved very quickly. Proposed Cllr McMeekin, seconded Cllr Shearman.

26.71 **Public Participation**

71.1 There was no public participation.

26.72 **Finance**

72.1 The following payments were approved, proposed Cllr McMeekin seconded Cllr Prowde

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| 4.7.26 | **BAC** | | HMRC | Clerks PAYE | 257.40 |
| 4.8.26 | BAC | | DSM Garden | Grass cutting | 406.00 |
| 4.8.26 | BAC | | Gallagher | Insurance | 1,145.24 |
| 15.8.26 | BAC | | Roecliffe | Play field signs | 418.80 |
| 15.8.26 | BAC | | DSM Garden | Spraying The Green | 50.00 |
| 15.8.26 | BAC | | DSM Garden | Grass | 80.00 |

72.2 The financial update had been circulated and was noted.

26.73 **Planning**

73.1 The planning update as circulated was noted.

26.74 **Reports from village organisations**

74.1 Village Hall: Music event is planned for November. The Committee is collecting information about the village for an event in October celebrating 100 years since the village hall was built. Historical information collected will be passed to Derek Jacobs for our archives. The hedge outside the village hall needs substantial cutting back as it currently surrounds and partly obscures the road sign.

74.2 Newsletter – covered in Matters Arising

74.3 Playing Field. Fixing picnic tables, agility trail being upgraded, 10k run. Committee must be notified in good time of work to the Orchard as both the playing field and access tracks will be closed off.

26.75 **RCAF 2027** Cllr Prowde suggested an increase in budget to about £1000 and this was agreed.

26.76 **Date of next meeting**

Next meeting **Wednesday 11 November 2026 7.30pm**

Chair: Cllr Tony Prowde

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed:

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