



Sutton Courtenay Parish Council

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21st November 2023 at Sutton Courtenay Village Hall, commencing at 7.15pm.

Present: Councillors Rita Atkinson (chairman), Robert Dalby, Joanna O'Callaghan, Hugo Raworth and Fiona Wolveridge.

In attendance: Jennie Currie, Clerk; County & District Councillor Richard Webber; 1 member of the public.

- 2023/184 Public Participation
Issue: A trustee from Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project presented information regarding their work.
- 2023/185 Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Teresa Field, Paul Galliver, Lyn Hodder, Father Morkos and Jason Warwick.
- 2023/186 Declarations of Interest
Councillor Atkinson declared a pecuniary interest in item 2023/190 as a trustee of Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project and Sutton Courtenay Village Hall therefore she would withdraw from the meeting for that item.
Councillor Raworth declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 2023/19 as a member of The Abbey.
- 2023/187 Minutes for the meetings held on Tuesday 7th November 2023
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th November 2023 were a true and accurate record and would be signed by the Chairman.
- 2023/188 HIF1 Inquiry
RESOLVED that Sutton Courtenay Parish Council would be part of the 5 Parishes Committee's Rule 6 party at the inquiry.
RESOLVED that £5,000, from the Professional Advice EMR, would be allocated to funding the 5 Parishes Committee's Rule 6 party work and appointing a traffic consultant to prepare an assessment to cover the Council's concerns of Sutton Courtenay becoming a rat run to the proposed roundabout on the B4016, south of the proposed Thames river crossing.
RESOLVED that the Clerk would submit a letter on behalf of the Council objecting to the extremely irregular replacement of the inquiry's inspector.
- 2023/189 2024-25 Draft Budget
Members considered the draft budget, the matter would be discussed at the next meeting once the taxbase figures were published.

Councillor Atkinson left the meeting at 8.17pm and the Vice Chairman, Councillor Dalby, continued to Chair the meeting.

2023/190 Grant applications for 2024-25

RESOLVED that the following grants would be awarded in 2024-25:

26th Abingdon Scouts	£2,000
Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project	£4,000
Be Free Young Carers	£500
Citizens Advice Oxfordshire South & Vale	£3,000
DAMASCUS Parochial Church Council	£1,300*
Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire	£500
Sutton Courtenay News	£1,500*
Sutton Courtenay Village Hall	£3,500
The Abbey, Sutton Courtenay	£2,300
The Royal British Legion	£200

Total £18,800. The majority of grants are funded under the Local Government Act 1972 s137. *Local Government Act 1976 s19 is used for Sutton Courtenay News and Parish Councils Act 1957 s2 is used to fund the church clock.

Close of meeting

It was noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Council would be held at 7.15pm, on Tuesday 5th December. There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed

Dated