

SUTTON WEAVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Sutton Weaver Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 3rd December 2025
at St Peter's Church Hall, Sutton Weaver

Start time 7 pm

	<p>Present: Cllr Brian Starkey (Chair) (BS), Cllr Jacky Hancock, (Vice Chair) (JH), Rob Hancock (RH), Cllr Gerry Jemitus (GJ), Cllr Simon Richards (SR)</p> <p>2 Members of the Public (MOP)</p> <p>In attendance: Clerk-T Whitlow (TW) PCSO Neil Flanagan</p>	By:
25/111	<p>Apologies for Absence were received from: Cllr Tony Spencer (TS)</p>	
25/112	<p>Declarations of Members' Interests: None</p>	
25/113	<p>Minutes: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 5 November 2025, were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the chair.</p>	
25/114	<p>Police Update: PCSO informed the PC that as of 31.03.26 the number of PCSO's throughout Cheshire will be reduced from 87 to 27. He will be leaving his post. The PC expressed their concern over this, but it is not up for consultation.</p>	
25/115	<p>Ward Councillor Update: No ward councillors present</p>	
25/116	<p>Matters arising / Actions from Previous Minutes: TW has followed up with Cllr Lynn Gibbon the street lighting for the playground area with CWAC, awaiting a response.</p>	
25/117	<p>Public Participation: (non-agenda items) Nothing</p>	
25/118	<p>Correspondence (of consequence unless an agenda item): Cllr Hannah Bullock has resigned, due to lack of time. TW to inform the election team at CWAC The council would like to thank Hannah for her commitment over the last 3 years.</p>	
25/119	<p>Village Groups: Speed Watch: Difficult to carry out due to short daylight hours. Christmas Tree Lighting Event: The event went well, and was well attended. Thanks given to all involved. Thanks also given to the MOP of who re-dressed the tree.</p>	
25/120	<p>Accounts/Financial:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receipts & Payments: no payments due. 2. Bank Reconciliation: At 30.11.25. Approved. See appendix 1 	

25/121	Clerks Report: Nothing that is not an agenda item.	
25/122	Christmas Activities: The event went well, and was well attended. Thanks given to all involved. Thanks also given to the MOP of who re-dressed the tree. Removal of Christmas tree in January discussed. MOP to organise with a relative.	
25/123	Playground Review: 1. Nothing to note under general review. 2. Replacement equipment will be reviewed in the new year. TW has confirmed with the insurance company that they will pay a cash settlement for the damaged trim trail, and the money can be spent on other equipment. 3. Lighting costs: PC reviewed the costing presented for the posts/lights/camera's and anti-vandal cages to cover them. Resolved for TW to order the equipment and arrange installation of 2 of the above. TW stated that if the camera's are to run through an app on phones, she is not prepared to add this to her device, as it would mean 24/7 involvement with the PC on an 8hr/week contract.	TW
25/124	Asset Maintenance: Bus Stop Bench: Street Licence CWAC have asked for more information, which has been actioned.	
25/125	Planning: Applications received since the last meeting. None planning decisions notified since the last meeting. None.	
25/126	Hedges: TW to add a FB post to remind all residents to cut back hedges through winter. One particular hedge at an unoccupied property is causing MOP's to walk off the pavement to navigate around it. TW to report to CWAC.	
25/127	Budget 2026-2027: 2nd pass budget reviewed. Resolved to approve the 2026-27 budget at £19224. Precept approved at £17250, with taking almost £2k from general reserves. TW to circulate precept figures when tax base is received from CWAC. Based on last years figures this will increase a band D property by £6.37 per year – 53p per month. Figures to be confirmed.	TW
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25/129	Internal Audit: TW has been informed that the usual IA may not be able to complete the 25-26 audit. TW to source quotes from other auditors for the next meeting.	
25130	Local Policing: See 25.114. No action as the consultation for the reduction of PCSO's is internal to the police not external	
25/131	Items for Next Agenda: Bus stop benches. Playground update. Internal Auditor.	

25/132	Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 4 th February 2026	
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The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed:

Date:

Appendix 1.

<u>BANK RECONCILIATION</u>	<u>30.11.25</u>
Barclays Community A/C	£635.61
Barclays Premium A/C	£27,104.09
Total	<u>£27,739.70</u>
<u>CASH BOOK RECONCILIATION</u>	
Barclays Community B/F	£1,314.71
Barclays Premium B/F	£22,196.20
Total B/f 01.04.25	<u>£23,510.91</u>
Receipts to date	£19,223.60
Expenditure to date	£14,994.81
Cashbook Balance 30.11.25	<u>£27,739.70</u>