SUTTON WEAVER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Sutton Weaver Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 4th February 2026
at St Peter's Church Hall, Sutton Weaver

Start time 7 pm

	Present: Cllr Brian Starkey (Chair) (BS), Cllr Jacky Hancock, (Vice Chair) (JH), Rob Hancock (RH), Cllr Gerry Jemitus (GJ), Cllr Tony Spencer (TS) 6 Members of the Public (MOP) **In attendance**: Clerk-T Whitlow (TW) PCSO Neil Flanagan	**By:**
25/133	**Apologies for Absence were received from:** Cllr Simon Richards (SR)	
25/134	**Declarations of Members' Interests:** None	
25/135	**Minutes:** Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 3 December 2025, were **approved** as a true and accurate record and signed by the chair.	
25/136	**Police Update:** Only one incident to report for SW – damage to the Perspex on the notice board in the bus stop. PCSO informed the PC that following intervention from the Police & Crime Commissioner the status of the PCSO's is being reviewed again. There will still be job losses, with 30 redundancies. At the same time the number of additional police constables across cheshire will increase from 27-57.	
25/137	**Ward Councillor Update:** No ward councillors present – attending a ward planning meeting	
25/138	**Matters arising / Actions from Previous Minutes:** TW has followed up with Cllr Lynn Gibbon again the street lighting for the playground area with CWAC, awaiting a response.	
25/139	**Public Participation: (non-agenda items)** Christmas Lights prizes handed out to: 1st 22 Beech Avenue £50 2nd 42 Cedar Avenue £30 3rd 1 Cedar Avenue £20	
25/140	**Correspondence** (of consequence unless an agenda item): Precept request has been confirmed.	
25/141	**Village Groups:** **Speed Watch:** Difficult to carry out due to short daylight hours.	

25/142	**Accounts/Financial:** 1. **Receipts & Payments:** Receipts & payment schedule approved and signed. See Appendix 2 2. **Bank Reconciliation:** At 31.01.26. Approved. See appendix 1	
25/143	**Clerks Report:** The old .com domain is due for renewal. Confirmed no need to hold this now the .gov is functioning. Councillors requested to cull their email accounts as getting full.	
25/144	**Playground Review:** **1.** Nothing to note under general review. – MOP informed the PC the fence has been pulled back again to gain entry. Playground to be opened in time for the February half term. **2.** Replacement equipment: TW has had meetings with the maintenance contractor who will fit any new equipment, they will also fit the lights. Security camera's discussed with the contractor, it may be feasible for them to host the camera's. They are checking licences. Camera will only be functional in hours of darkness. Once lights and camera's are in place new equipment can be fitted. Equipment to be discussed in detail at the next meeting.	**TW**
25/145	**Asset Maintenance:** **Bus Stop Bench:** Street Licence: CWAC require a fee of £258 for the street licence application, regardless of success. **Resolved** to pay the fee. TW to complete paperwork.	**TW**
25/146	**Planning:** **Applications received since the last meeting.** 25/04051/FUL Rose Cottage Veterinary Centre – rear extension. Discussed. No objections. **Planning decisions notified since the last meeting.** None.	
25/147	**Pedestrian Crossing:** Discussed the possibility of applying to CWAC for a crossing on Chester Road, in the vicinity of the bus stops. To ask the residents for there thoughts. BS to add a survey to Facebook, to enable further discussions at the next meeting.	**BS**
25/148	**Precept 2026-27:** Following precept approval at £17250 in December, when the tax base figures where finally received from CWAC, there had been changes to property circumstances resulting in the precept giving an annual increase of £7.41 per year for a Band D property, not £6.37 as calculated based on last year's tax base. As paperwork had to be submitted, this was discussed via email and agreed to uphold the precept figure.	
25/149	**Internal Audit:** Agreed to ask Blanchfield & Co to complete the 2025-26 audit.	
25/150	**Items for Next Agenda:** Bus stop benches. Playground equipment	
25/151	**Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 4th March 2026	

The meeting closed at 8.10pm Signed: Date:

Appendix 1.

SWPC PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS			
04/02/2026			
Payments ratified or for approval			
Date	***Payee***	***Details***	***Amount***
R	Refund Cllr	Village website	£143.86
A	Refund Clerk	Xmas competition	£100.00
A	Refund clerk	Microsoft 365	£104.99
A	clerks Expeses	Nov- Dec 2025	£45.13
			£393.98
Income Received			
	Barclays	bank interest	£83.62
			£83.62

Appendix 2.

BANK RECONCILLIATION	**27.01.26**
Barclays Community A/C	£570.25
Barclays Premium A/C	£25,687.71
Total	**£26,257.96**
CASH BOOK RECONCILIATION	
Barclays Community B/F	£1,314.71
Barclays Premium B/F	£22,196.20
Total B/f 01.04.25	**£23,510.91**
Receipts to date	£19,307.22
Expenditure to date	£16,560.17
Cashbook Balance 30.11.25	**£26,257.96**