

SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH 2024 AT 7.00pm IN THE COMMUNITY LOUNGE AT SUTTERTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr D Sands – Chair
Cllr L Thorpe – Vice Chair
Cllr L Ingham
Cllr J Cantwell
Cllr M Bateman
Cllr V Allen
Cllr M Brookes – LCC
Sarah Smith – Clerk

Apologies: Cllr C Baker
Cllr J Rushworth
Cllr J Maltby
Cllr D Brown – BBC

16 Members of the Public attended

39/24. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Welcome statement was read to all.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

A resident from Park Avenue attended on behalf of LHP residents of Park Avenue following a LHP meeting recently. Many complaints have been raised about the parking on the island of grass on the left hand side from the school traffic which is becoming a mud field. The residents pay towards the upkeep and maintenance of that parcel of land which they fear may increase due to the parking. It is felt there is no respect for residents from the school traffic and obstructions are caused frequently including to emergency vehicles.

The Chairman of the Sutterton & Algarkirk Action Group (SAAG) introduced himself and stated they will be vehemently opposing the application for the proposed Industrial Development on Station Road. He informed a lot of support has been received from both Algarkirk and Sutterton and encouraged all, if not done already, to put objections in, the closing date of which at present is the 15th March 2024. A leaflet drop to all houses in both villages is being arranged and there is also a petition for residents to sign. A gentleman asked if Sutterton Parish Council had the same date to submit objections by, i.e. 15th March? Chair explained Sutterton had asked for an extension to the 8th March and that is when our objections will be submitted. Cllr Cantwell informed the room that he had spoken to the Planning Officer who confirmed that objections up to 3 weeks before the Committee for this application will be accepted. There is no date for this at present, but it is felt this may be several months.

14 Members of the Public left.

40/24. APOLOGIES:

Apologies received from Cllr's Baker, Rushworth and Maltby and BBC Cllr Brown.

41/24. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST:

- To receive Member's declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest
- To receive and consider any written requests for dispensation

Cllr Cantwell declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning.

42/24. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Park Avenue parking – Discussion took place with respect to yellow lines outside the school. This was discussed with the school some years ago who declined yellow lines. The land in question is looked after by LHP. It was noted that new trees have been planted on the land presumably by LHP to try and counteract parking on the grass.

Clerk to write to LHP with respect to complaints from residents (e-mailed 15/03/24)

43/24. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING:

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 11th January 2024 and minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th February 2024 are approved as a true record.

Chair asked Cllr's going forward to read through the minutes prior to the meeting.

Matters Arising (for information only) – Cllr Brookes informed that he had discussed with the resident regarding the culvert on Wigtoft Road near Irelands. Highways are going to take a look at this and report back a way forward.

44/24. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

To discuss the following:

- Electric vehicle charger locations, e-mail received 15/02/24 (**e-mailed to all 15/02/24**)

Clerk to reply and suggest the services where the BP and Shell garages are (e-mailed 15/03/24)

- South & East Lincolnshire Crowd Fund, e-mail received 08/02/24 (**Cllr Cantwell**)

Cllr Cantwell explained we would not be able to crowdfund for the new speed signs but we would be able to crowdfund for new park equipment, however, this would need a dedicated team of volunteers from the PC to actively push this to the public. It was decided to not go ahead with this.

- GRASSroots Funding letter, e-mail received 21/02/24 (**e-mailed to all 21/02/24**)

To be added to the next agenda for further discussion.

- DofE litter picking request

Clerk informed the Cllr's she had received a message from a parent whose child would like to do some litter picking for Duke of Edinburgh.

It was **RESOLVED** for the volunteer form to be sent (**form e-mailed 11/03/24**)

45/24. PLANNING:

B/24/0060; Land off Station Road, Sutterton, Boston, PE20 2JX – Outline planning application with some matters reserved (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout & Scale) for later approval for proposed industrial development and associated infrastructure (Use Classes B2, B8, E(g))

A public meeting was arranged between Sutterton and Algarkirk Parish Council's on the 29th February 2024 to discuss the planning application which was well attended and an action group has been formed. Sutterton Parish Council strongly object to the proposed outline planning application for the following reasons:

- The allocated fields being Grade I Agricultural land
- Highways – excess traffic on Station Road and missing information with respect to traffic surveys and designs of the junctions on both Station Road and Church Lane
- The linking of the 2 villages
- Existing industrial sites not being used to their full potential
- Utilities – concerns regarding increased flooding and pollution, surface water control and the high pressure gas pipeline

- Wildlife
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Roman and Saxon remains

Detailed comments submitted 08/03/24

As an aside funding was brought up with respect to the Action Group. Section 137 can be used to authorise payments for SAAG which will be split equally between Sutterton and Algarkirk PC's, however, Sutterton PC would not be able to cover legal fees. Discussion also took place with respect to the Clerk undertaking work for the Action Group and respective payment.

It was **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to be paid for any official work relating to the Parish Council for SAAG.

B/23/0279/CD1; Sutterton Post Office, One Way Street, Sutterton, Boston PE20 2JQ - Application to discharge conditions C3 (External Materials) and C4 (Contaminated Land Investigation) of permission B/23/0279

This was noted for information only – no comments necessary.

46/24. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL:

- **Cllr Brookes** informed that with respect to the proposed overhead pylons from Grimsby to Walpole, the County Council are submitting a formal objection.
- Council tax will be increasing by 4.99%.
- Devolution for Greater Lincolnshire will be going to full council next week for a decision.
- The siding outwork between Wigtoft and Sutterton which was supposed to be done in February, the target date is now the 29th March. Delays are due to the wet weather.
- **Cllr Cantwell** informed that for Boston the council tax will increase by 3.45%.
- The officers at BBC will be reviewing all tree protection orders and reassessing them if necessary.
- Fly tipping reported down Stone Lane has been removed. Fly tipping down dykes on Love Lane and Broad Lane have been reported.
- Potholes down Waterbelly Lane and Broad Lane have been re-reported as they have got worse with the weather and tractors.
- Rubbish at the BP garage and Burger King – a resident complained via Cllr Brookes with respect to the rubbish at that site. BBC confirmed they have spoken to the owners of the site to clear the rubbish up and they will issue enforcement action if necessary.
- A pothole outside the Georgian House on the pavement has been reported but unsure if this will be repaired.
- Gleasons meeting with Cllr Maltby – they are still building ¾ of a full house a week. They confirmed there was an issue with drainage with Welland and Deepings where they were building too close to a dyke. This has now been rectified.
- Street lighting – South Kesteven District Council have voted to fund the upgrade of streetlights. Discussion took place to reach out to all 4 PC's in the five villages ward to see if they concur with contacting BBC to see if, in light of SKDC's decision, if they will reconsider their view on updating street lighting.

Clerk to contact PC's in the five villages ward (e-mailed 26/03/24)

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47/24. POLICIES & STANDING ORDERS

Cllr Thorpe informed that the sub-committee met on the 1st March 2024 consisting of Cllr's Allen and Bateman. Clerk was in attendance to make changes. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations have now been updated and will be distributed to all at the next meeting and published on the website. They will be meeting again on the 12th March 2024.

48/24. POLICE MATTERS:

5 crimes were reported in the Sutterton area in December 2023 – link to map below.
[Boston Rural West | Your Area | Lincolnshire Police | Lincolnshire Police \(lincs.police.uk\)](#)

49/24. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Cllr Cantwell requested it be noted that the Parish Council were very saddened to hear about the tragic death on the A16 between Kirton and Sutterton Roundabout on the 4th March 2024. Our thoughts are with the family at this difficult time, also to the 5 who were injured.

50/24. CEMETARY:

Clerk confirmed Kirton have a notice up to say that Christmas wreaths will be removed by the end of February.

Clerk to arrange for a sign (e-mailed 11/03/24)

51/24. REPORT ON PARISH MATTERS:

- a) **Cllr Cantwell** – would like to formally adopt the sub-committees; People, Finance and Policies with a standing order and terms of reference for each committee and membership elected at the Annual Meeting. He would also like to set up a Cemetery committee again with a terms of reference which could meet a couple of times a year to discuss any issues. Cllr Thorpe raised the question of being on outside committee's such as the Playing Field and Village Hall Committee. Cllr's Cantwell and Sands confirmed the council would appoint representatives to those committees at the Annual Meeting.
Cemetery Committee proposed by Cllr Cantwell, seconded by Cllr Sands – members to be elected at the Annual Meeting.

Sutterton Rec bins – the birds are an issue with the bins in the rec pulling rubbish out of them. Wheelie bins with lids have been requested in the past but this was rejected.

Clerk to contact BBC for an alternative (e-mailed 16/03/24)

Dustbin location (ongoing) – with respect to the new bin that has been placed on the junction of Post Office Lane/Rainwalls Lane – it was felt that this should have been positioned at the other end of Post Office Lane. A suggestion was made about an additional bin in the Flagpole area by the bench. Clerk had e-mailed the Clerk to the Parochial Trust about placing a bin in the Flagpole area but had received no response.

Cllr Sands will e-mail Peter Cropley to ask if a bin could be placed in that area and then Clerk to reply to BBC (e-mailed BBC 16/03/24)

Yellow lines in Park Avenue – a resident made contact about the parking situation along the bend into Park Avenue at school and football times which makes it difficult to get off their drive and asked if it was a possibility to put yellow lines in that area. This was passed to Cllr Brookes who confirmed an assessment for this can be done. The concern was that if yellow lines were placed this would move the parking issue from the road to the grass which is looked after by LHP or it could move the parking issues to elsewhere in the Avenue. This has been an issue raised with the PC many times.

Cllr Brookes to forward to the Highways Manager for assessment for yellow lines.

- b) **Cllr Justin Rushworth (ongoing)** – Parcel of land at the top of St Mary's Drive – letter to Treasury Solicitor – response awaited – Cllr Rushworth was not present.

c) **Recreational Field**

With respect to installing signs relating to the flooding – an e-mail was sent to all with 3 different designs for the signs in the Rec.

It was **RESOLVED** to go with style B.

Clerk to order 2 signs of style B with attached aluminium fixing rail and clips for £24.85 each plus VAT (e-mailed 11/03/24)



Cllr Brookes left.

The Zipwire repairs were started on the 1st March.

A quote was received for repair works to the base of timber posts - £997.70 plus VAT.

It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with this.

Clerk to contact Firths (e-mailed 12/03/24)

d) **Speed Indicator Device** – A response was received from Lincs Road Safety Partnership. They are happy to take this off our hands or suggested other nearby Parishes could buy it from us.

As the device does not work it was **RESOLVED** for Lincs Road Safety to take this.

Clerk to contact (e-mailed 16/03/24)

52/24. FINANCE:

Payment List Sutterton Parish Council Mar-24 Approved at meeting 6th March 2024										
Outgoings				Cash		Incoming				
Date	Payee	Invoice No.	Description	Total	Cheque No	Received From	Details	Invoice No.	Date	Total
24/02/2024	Wave	13127885	Cemetery - Water bill	£18.34	DD					
28/02/2024	Staff costs		Litterpicker (January 2024)	£225.77	SO					
29/02/2024	BBC		Cemetery Waste (carried forward, DD was set up incorrectly at BBC)	£136.50	DD					
06/03/2024	LALC	14502	Annual Subscription	£198.66	I/B					
06/03/2024	LALC	14634	Annual Training Scheme 24/25	£180.00	I/B					
06/03/2024	BBC	40004078	Installation of litter bins	£994.33	I/B					
06/03/2024	Staff costs	2024-03-01	Clerk Salary (1-29th February 2024) 33.25 hours	£407.53	I/B					£0.00
Total Payable				£2,161.13						
						Expenses				
										Mar-24
										£27.50
										£1.99
										£29.49

It was **RESOLVED** to approve all invoices for payment. **Proposed by Cllr Ingham, seconded by Cllr Allen.**

53/24. CLERK'S REPORT:

- Old litter bin – the old litter bin that Susan was using has now been collected.
- Free portrait of His Majesty King Charles III – the portrait has been ordered and an e-mail confirmation will be sent when this has been dispatched.
- Wave account – this is the water bill for the cemetery and is now online.
- Letter received from Barclays to inform the Council that the Boston branch will be closing.

54/24. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Cllr Cantwell – Bins in the Rec and sub-committees in May

Sutterton and Algarkirk Action Group for the proposed Industrial Development

Cllr Thorpe – Not for the next agenda but the fence around the roundabout was mentioned – Clerk to contact Highways with respect to replacing/removing

Cllr Sands – GRASSroots funding

55/24. NEXT MEETING:

To confirm the date of the next meeting – **Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at 7pm in the Community Lounge**

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The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND MEDIA TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS RELATING TO INDIVIDUALS AND CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL MATTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

C3. CLERKS HANDOVER:

A response was received from LALC confirming that the Council is putting right all the issues that needed addressing. The public inspection period has now ended for the AGAR and we are now waiting for the completion of the external audit document for the financial year 2022/2023.

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