

SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE 2024 AT 7.00pm IN THE COMMUNITY LOUNGE AT SUTTERTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr D Sands – Chair
Cllr L Ingham
Cllr J Cantwell
Cllr M Bateman
Cllr J Rushworth
Cllr M Brookes – LCC
Sarah Smith – Clerk

Apologies: Cllr V Allen
Cllr L Thorpe – Vice Chair
Cllr J Maltby
Cllr D Brown – BBC

1 Member of the Public attended

98/24. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chair mentioned that Cllr Maltby had not been well, good wishes are sent to him on behalf of the Council and she will contact him in the next couple of days.

99/24. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

1 Member of the public attended to observe.

100/24. APOLOGIES:

Apologies received from Cllr's Allen, Thorpe and Maltby and Cllr Brown (BBC)

101/24. 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
 - Receipt received from Cllr Sands for refreshments and biscuits for the Annual Parish Meeting £19.09 (Section 137)
 - Receipt received from Cllr Sands for plants for village planters £16.60

The above receipts were approved for payment, however, this will be done at a later date as Cllr Thorpe was not present at the meeting for authorisation.

Cllr Cantwell declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning.

Cllr Rushworth to update Directorships as per the last meeting (**form e-mailed 12/06/24**)

102/24. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No questions.

103/24. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING:

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st May 2024 are approved as a true record.

104/24. CLLR CYRIL BAKER:

Cllr Cantwell reported that he had spoken to BBC. They did not seem keen for existing roads/public footpaths to be renamed. The quarterly meeting is to be held with Gleasons on the 14th June and naming a road on the new estate will be discussed at that point. Another option could be a plaque or memorial dedicating a green area to Cllr Baker – to be updated at the next meeting.

Cllr Ingham suggested planting a tree in his memory.

105/24. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

To discuss the following:

- a) Parish Council Liaison Meeting – 10th October 2024 – **e-mailed to all 15/05/24**
To be moved to the next Agenda for discussion.
- b) New Signatory form received from NS&I – for completion
Cllr Sands and Clerk signed the new signatory form for the NS&I account to enable access to be given. Cllr Thorpe will be asked to sign at a later date prior to returning the forms.
- c) E-mail regarding posts for new speed signs received 16/05/24
It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with the purchase and installation of 4 posts ready for the new speed detector signs at a cost of £200 per post. All 4 posts will be installed due to the long waiting period for this (3-4 months). Once installed the speed detector signs will then be ordered for Station Road and Wigtoft Road followed by Boston Road and Spalding Road in 2025.
Clerk to action (e-mailed 10/06/24)
- d) BBC Joint Scrutiny Committee – Tuesday 9th July 2024
Cllr Cantwell explained this was relating to the Pylons. National Grid and Parish Cllr's have been invited to attend. Cllr Cantwell confirmed he will attend. Cllr Rushworth explained he was unable to attend but will attend a meeting with respect to the Pylons at Burgh Le Marsh on the 10th July and will report back at the next meeting.

106/24. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL:

- **Cllr Brookes** informed everyone with respect to Boston Road carriageway resurfacing opposite the junction at Post Office Lane and Monarchs Road, work on the faded red patches will be undertaken and the potholes on the Station Road roundabout will also be addressed but in the 2025/2026 programme.
- Park Avenue update – an e-mail has been received from the Traffic Regulation Order department with respect to an assessment for parking restrictions. A further site visit will be carried out in order to get a full picture and the outcome will be forwarded in due course.
- Carriageway resurfacing from 2 Rainwalls Lane to the junction of Post Office Lane is planned for 2025/2026.
- Eastfield Close flooding which was brought up at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 1st May 2024 was discussed at a meeting with the Highways Manager. The Senior Highways Officer has been asked to investigate – feedback is awaited.
- **Cllr Cantwell** reported that he met with the Manager of Thistles last week. They would like to be more actively engaged with the local community, particularly if there are any Duke of Edinburgh award volunteers, for them to be considered.
- Potholes have been reported down Pools Lane and the footpath between Blows Lane and Sutterton.
- He has received a drainage board leaflet from The Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board as some residents on Wigtoft Road have been having issues with dykes. These will be distributed along Wigtoft Road and some have also been left at the Village Hall for anyone who wishes to have a look.
- Left over flood signs have been reported on Mill Lane and these have now been collected.

- A new Digihub has commenced at Kirton Parish Hall on the first Friday of every month. This was acquired through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Various services are offered with respect to a number of issues including technology.
- A resident from Dowdyke Road, on the other side of the A16, raised concerns with the water tasting funny. This will be raised with Anglian Water. They also raised concerns with Dowdyke Road and Marsh Road being a rat run during busy times. They were advised to raise this with the County Council and Cllr Brookes would be happy to talk to Highways with respect to this.
- Residents down Stanley Drive have complained about overgrowing trees at the back of the dyke. The Welland and Deepings IDB have been and cut down the trees they are responsible for. However, the big trees left are owned by the resident who owns the land they are on. Unfortunately, no enforcement can be taken for the trees to be cut down and this would be a civil matter if the trees fall on the resident's property.
- Envirotyre reserve matters have been called in to committee under the grounds of the building is not sympathetic to the residents needs and questions were not answered with respect to drainage and surface water. This will most probably go to committee in July and an update will be given in due course.
- Cllr Cantwell would like to start a litter picking group from July onwards, 1 weekend a month. Equipment has been provided from Boston Borough. This will be an informal group and the rural roads and estates will be targeted.
- A few residents have raised issues with public transport in the village. Brylaine have been contacted with respect to this and whether one of their stops could be moved closer for elderly residents to the entrance of Park Avenue or an additional stop created. Call Connect was discussed as an alternative but some residents are apprehensive to use this service.

Clerk to write to Brylaine on behalf of the PC with respect to the above (letter e-mailed 14/06/24)

107/24. PLANNING:

B/24/0184 - Application for a dropped kerb at 1, Pools Drive, Sutterton, Boston, Lincolnshire, PE20 2HA

No objections received – comments submitted 06/06/24

108/24. POLICE MATTERS:

7 crimes were reported in the Sutterton area in March 2024 – link to map below.

[Boston Rural West | Your Area | Lincolnshire Police | Lincolnshire Police \(lincs.police.uk\)](#)

109/24. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

No issues.

Cllr Brookes left the meeting at 19.37pm.

110/24. CEMETARY:

- Request received to place a bench under the trees close to 2 recent memorials – no objections for a bench to be placed, to be maintained by the family. **(Clerk e-mailed 12/06/24)**
- Cllr Ingham informed everyone that Mr Dent had mentioned he is only contracted for 6 cuts of the old section in the Cemetery where he usually does 8. **Clerk to check paperwork.**

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

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the bank rec for May 2024.

113/24. AGAR 2023/2024

- To receive and accept the internal audit report
- To receive and approve the Annual Governance Statement and approve an explanation for any items that require a “No” response
- To receive and approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Accounting Statements
- To note the Exercise of Public Rights runs from 7th June to 18th July

It was **RESOLVED** to approve all of the above.

Clerk to send completed forms to PKF Littlejohn (e-mailed 10/06/24)

114/24. CLERK’S REPORT:

To give a report of items not on the agenda.

- a) The fences on the verge around the roundabout in the middle of the village have now been fixed
- b) The Instant Ink free trial is due to end on the 10th June 2024 and this will be £3.99 per month going forward
- c) Gov.uk e-mail addresses have now been set up – 3 Cllr’s are still to move across to the new address
- d) LALC were contacted with respect to a contract for the Litterpicker.
Clerk to arrange a meeting with Sue and the Staffing Committee
- e) Sutterton Roundabout sign on A16 – this has been reported on fix my street as the trees were overgrowing and covering it. **Update – the trees have now been cut back.**
- f) Streetlight on Stone Lane – reported
- g) Streetlight on Rainwalls Lane/Post Office Lane junction – reported
Clerk to forward e-mails to Cllr Cantwell with respect to the reported streetlights as no response has been received (e-mailed 14/06/24)
- h) Sutterton Parish Grass Cutting Agreement – The contribution rate initially for this year’s grass cutting was £1054.83 but this has now been reviewed and increased to £1748.00.

115/24. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Cllr Cantwell – transport issues re Station Road.

116/24. NEXT MEETING:

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

The meeting closed at 8.46pm.

Signed..... Date.....