

# SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 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 Maltby  
Cllr M Bateman  
Cllr J Rushworth  
Cllr V Allen  
Sarah Smith – Clerk

**Apologies:** Cllr J Cantwell  
Cllr M Brookes – LCC  
Cllr D Brown – BBC

1 Member of the Public attended

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### 117/24. CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

### 118/24. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

1 Member of the public attended to observe.

### 119/24. APOLOGIES:

Apologies received from Cllr Cantwell, Cllr Brookes (LCC) and Cllr Brown (BBC).

### 120/24. 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

None received.

Cllr Rushworth has updated his form and will e-mail to the Clerk.

### 121/24. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No questions.

### 122/24. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING:

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 are to be approved as a true record. No matters arising.

### 123/24. CLLR CYRIL BAKER:

Cllr Maltby advised that unfortunately the meeting with Gleasons did not go ahead. To be added to the next agenda prior to a final decision being made.

### 124/24. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

To discuss the following:

#### a) Parish Council Liaison Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Cllr Maltby and Cllr Bateman have agreed to attend the next meeting. A suggestion for the meeting would be to ask for information with respect to grants/funding for the Village Hall/Changing Rooms. **Clerk e-mailed 11/07/24**

**b) Notification of RoSPA inspection**

The next inspection of the Rec will be undertaken in August. Included in the e-mail was the option to purchase a routine checklist specifically tailored to our site. The cost for this is £40.00 plus VAT. This will provide us with a template to inspect the equipment. It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with this. **Clerk to action. (e-mailed 11/07/24)**

**c) Neighbourhood Policing Priority Setting**

A meeting is due to take place which will set out the priorities for the Neighbourhood Policing Team for the next three months. Is there anything that has been brought to your attention as Parish Councils that you think your policing team should concentrate on? After discussion it was suggested a visual presence in the village would be useful even if it was just a ride through and for attendance, if possible, at a PC meeting.

**Clerk to e-mail (e-mailed 11/07/24)**

**d) Parcel pick-up points**

The South & East Lincolnshire Climate Action Network are working on a proposal to reduce courier deliveries by siting parcel pick-up points in locations across South & East Lincolnshire. They would like to know if we would be interested in having a pick-up point at our Village Hall or an alternative location. It was felt that we could not accommodate this as the PC do not have a dedicated office and the Village Hall is attached to the school and not accessible 24/7.

**Clerk to reply (e-mailed 11/07/24)**

**e) BSPlace Highways – Grass cutting, Endeavour Way**

Communication was received from Highways with respect to the grass on Endeavour Way asking for this to be added to our cutting schedule as it was no longer able to be cut by residents. A quote for this was sought from Malc Firths, who currently have the grass cutting contract. This would be £17.00 plus VAT per cut. To be added to the fortnightly schedule this would be an extra £272.00 plus VAT per year. Firth's also asked who was responsible for the shrub on the corner of Endeavour Way which is very overgrown obscuring the signs. We can add pruning of this to the schedule as well to be pruned twice a year at a cost of £65.00 plus VAT per year.

It was **RESOLVED** for both to be added to the schedule.

**Clerk to action (e-mailed 11/07/24)**

**125/24. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL:**

No LCC report.

Cllr Cantwell sent a report to be read on his behalf.

- He has arranged for John Johnson and guests to be invited to the Mayoral Chamber at Boston for tea and to look at the history of the building in thanks of his many years of service to the village.
- The footpath between Blows Lane and the village was repaired, however, the surface is still uneven. It was suggested in the original Fix My Street request that it needed resurfacing. Residents have complained about this and this has now been passed on to Cllr Brookes.
- Potholes have been reported on Rainwalls Lane past Ropers Bridge Lane. The large pothole/collapsed road on the corner of Stone Lane and Broad Lane has also been reported again.
- A request has been made to the Borough to clean the road near the pavement on Station Road as there is mud build up causing drainage issues for residents.
- Endeavour Way pavement going on to Station Road near the Cemetery has been reported on Fix My Street as there is a lot of overgrowth.

- After reporting and talking to the LHP they will repair the path behind the lodge and cut the hedging back.
- Sutterton Surgery was held in June but sadly no one attended on this occasion.

#### 126/24. POLICE MATTERS:

9 crimes were reported in the Sutterton area in April 2024 – link to map below.

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

#### 127/24. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Cllr Ingham had 2 issues to raise. The first being a resident reported brambles across the footpath as you go out of the village on Boston Road. (**Update – these have now been cut back and the footpath is clear 11/07/24**). The second was down Rainwalls Lane with respect to a hedge which has been set on the outside of a fence and residents are catching their clothes on it as they pass which has resulted in damage to clothes.

**Clerk to write to resident (Update – Clerk walked past and did not feel the hedge was an issue – it was not prickly enough to cause damage and there was enough room to walk on the path alongside).**

It was noted that the conifers and growth over the fence at the house on the corner of Boston Road was encroaching on to the pavement as well.

**Clerk to report on Fix my Street (reported 24/07/24)**

#### 128/24. CEMETARY:

To discuss any issues with the Cemetery.

- Query with grass cutting of the old side, 6 or 8 cuts?

Clerk checked the paperwork and it was noted as 6 cuts last year, however, it is understood 8 cuts were done (every 4 weeks). After discussion it was suggested the remainder of the grass cuts for this year be every 5 weeks instead of every 4 weeks to space this out a bit more.

**Clerk to inform Mr Dent.**

All keys have now been distributed and the lock is on the gate at the Cemetery.

#### 129/24. REPORT ON PARISH MATTERS:

a) **Cllr Cantwell** – public transport, Station Road – Brylaine e-mailed 14/06/24 – a response is still awaited.

b) **Cllr Rushworth** – Green areas on St Mary’s Drive (on-going) – e-mail sent re purchasing land 14/06/24, a response is still awaited.

c) **Cllr Maltby** – Entrance to the Rec on Spalding Road

Cllr Bateman had a look at the entrance and short of major works does not think a lot can be done with it. The excess matting in the Cemetery is not suitable. It was suggested steps could be installed and for quotes to be obtained.

**Clerk to action.**

d) **Cllr Bateman** – Inspection Rota

It was Cllr Bateman’s first time with the Inspection Rota and he queried if what was noted in the book is actioned. For example, part of the wall has fallen down in the cemetery along the side (although this is not near where the public walk) and trees at the back are completely covering a row of graves. It was requested quotes be obtained to cut the trees back and to repair the wall with the existing bricks.

In the Rec it was noted that some of the matting had large gaps in under the swings and next to the slide which is also reported in the RoSPA report. It is understood the materials to make frames for the matting has already been purchased. Quotes therefore to be obtained for the labour.

**Clerk to action.**



It was **RESOLVED** to approve all invoices for payment including the receipts for dispensation to Cllr Sands from last month's meeting. **Proposed by Cllr Rushworth, seconded by Cllr Thorpe.**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the bank recs for June 2024.

With there being no meeting in August it was **RESOLVED** to pay incoming invoices throughout July. A payments list will be distributed to all Cllr's as normal and added to the September minutes.

**132/24. CLERK'S REPORT:**

- Clerk advised that the HP Instant Ink free trial has come to an end and going forward this will be £3.99 per month for 50 pages. This month, however, will be £6.99 as 50 pages were exceeded. Clerk explained for 100 pages a month the cost would be £5.49 but she will monitor the usage first.
- Clerk has now joined SLCC (The Society of Local Council Clerk's) as agreed at a previous meeting. This was at a cost of £154.00 for full membership.

**133/24. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Cllr Ingham** – Most Pleasing Garden competition

**134/24. NEXT MEETING:**

To confirm the date of the next meeting – **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 6.45pm in the Community Lounge**

The meeting closed at 8.18pm.

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