

SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.00pm IN THE COMMUNITY LOUNGE AT SUTTERTON VILLAGE HALL

Present:	Cllr D Sands – Chair Cllr M Bateman – Vice Chair Cllr V Allen Cllr L Ingham Cllr J Cantwell Cllr J Maltby Cllr J Rushworth Cllr K Wood Cllr S Ellis	Apologies:	Cllr M Brookes – LCC Cllr D Brown – BBC
	Sarah Smith – Clerk		

22/25. CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Chair welcomed all to the meeting and congratulated all including SAAG who was involved with the Planning Committee for the successful outcome in our favour of planning application B/24/0060. Thanks were also given to Cllr's Cantwell and Rushworth for speaking at the Planning Committee meeting.

23/25. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

No members of the public attended.

24/25. APOLOGIES:

Apologies received from LCC Cllr Brookes and BCC Cllr Brown.

25/25. POLICE MATTERS:

11 crimes were reported in the Sutterton area in November 2024

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26/25. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Cllr Bookes via e-mail:

Park Avenue proposed parking restrictions – 1 objection received which is on the agenda to be considered by the Planning and Regulations Committee on Monday 10th February.

Footbridge between Algarkirk & Sutterton – ongoing.

Park Avenue road surface and kerb defects – area highways officer is going to visit and the findings will be reported at the next meeting.

Cllr Cantwell:

- There have been a couple of fly tips on Broad Lane, 1 being 20 bags of rubbish and soil dumped in the dyke and a mattress, bedframe and some polystyrene dumped near the entrance of the A17 – both of these have been collected by the borough.
- A resident reported a sign had been turned round on Spalding Road more towards the A17 – this has been reported to the County Council.
- A resident requested if the PC would consider placing a bin further down Wigtoft Road. It was advised that a large bin survey had been undertaken recently and bins had been re-positioned.

- There has been flooding along the South Forty Foot Drain. Although this is outside our area, he and other Cllr's responded and did some fundraising. A coffee morning raised £1000 for the victims. A follow up fundraising quiz is being planned for this as well to be held in Sutterton.
- Planning changes – the way that people speak in Planning meetings has changed. Allocated time for speakers has been reduced to 3 minutes and Borough Councillors now have 5 minutes instead of unlimited time.
- Local Government reorganisation – County Council elections are going ahead this year.
- Supported and held a Mayor thank you event for Liz Thorpe for all her hard work in the village. People will continue to be invited to these events.
- Government has said BBC must increase housing supply.
- Clerk was contacted following a debate at full council wherein it was suggested there had been no drop in service that the borough offers. From a rural perspective this is not correct and Clerk replied raising the issues she had encountered.
- There has been a large debate at council recently about increasing allowances by a large amount which sadly resulted in an unfounded personal attack.

27/25. 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.

28/25. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING:

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2025 and note any matters arising (for information only).

A request had been received from Cllr Wood for an amendment to minute 17/25 prior to the meeting. Clerk agreed and the minute was amended. Cllr Maltby queried this amendment at the meeting and proposed that the original wording be adopted.

It was **RESOLVED** for the amendment to be redacted. The minutes were then approved and signed as a true record.

No matters arising.

29/25. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No members of the public attended

Updates regarding issues raised at January's meeting;

1. **Dykes along Wigtoft Road** – Clerk sought advice from Cllr Cantwell who advised that this matter had been raised previously with the drainage board who state the situation is fine and will not be issuing any section 25 notices.
2. **Lake Helen** – Clerk contacted Lake Helen as requested with the concerns over the water level. A response was received to say it has never flooded in living memory and invited the resident to come and speak to them if concern persisted. This was forwarded to the resident.

30/25. PLANNING:

No planning applications received.

31/25. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

To discuss the following:

- a) E-mail re Animal Welfare Licensing Policy Consultation
No comments from Sutterton PC (**e-mailed 12/02/25**)
- b) E-mail Boston Plan 2040 – public consultation

No collective comments from the PC. Cllr's to respond individually if they wish.

32/25. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Dip in Station Road – Cllr Cantwell has reported this.

Cllr Wood reported speed sign on Wigtoft Road not working properly – she will take another look at this.

33/25. CEMETARY COMMITTEE:

Cllr Cantwell reported the next meeting is on the 13th February and we will be going out to tender again for the tree works needing to be done.

There has been a report of moles in the cemetery.

34/25. REPORT ON PARISH MATTERS:

a) **Ongoing** – Tree's on parcel of land at the top of St Mary's Drive

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** to go out for tender for the trees to be pollarded as low as possible as the PC have been maintaining the grass on that parcel of land for 7 years. **Clerk to action**

b) **Ongoing** – Zipwire

Work has started on the zipwire. The cable will be dropped and fenced off whilst the concrete sets. Excess soil has been scattered around the existing mound and this will also be fenced off. They will return in a couple of weeks to re-attach the cable and seat.

c) **Ongoing** – Installation of posts for speed detector signs

Posts have been installed. ElanCity contacted for speed detector signs which have been quoted at £2500.00 each excluding VAT.

Clerk to contact for formal quote and enquire with respect to deals on purchasing more than 1 (e-mailed 06/02/25)

d) **Ongoing** – Defibrillator and cabinet

Response currently awaited from PHLF.

e) **Ongoing** – Purchase of Bench in memory of Cllr Baker

It was agreed to place the bench, permit pending, next to the lamp post opposite Angel House outside of St Mary's Church facing the road. Clerk spoke to the owner of Angel House who had no objections. Cllr Bateman pointed out that the position mentioned was tarmac and may need a concrete base for the bench to be attached to.

Clerk to request permit (e-mailed 13/02/25)

f) **Ongoing** – metal net for the basketball hoop in the Rec

Clerk circulated possible metal nets for purchase.

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase from Newitts.com at a cost of £15.90 inc VAT
(purchased 06/02/25)

g) **Ongoing** – Installation of concrete ramp on the Spalding Road entrance of the Rec
Works due to start 6th February weather permitting.

h) E-mail from Cllr Maltby re bus stop

Residents have noted and raised concerns that the Boston to Spalding bus route is now going via Wigtoft Road instead of Spalding Road which means the nearest bus stop is now at the Post Office. Residents, particularly from Spalding Road, and passengers who attend the doctors who would normally get off at the former Water Tower or Burdens and the chip shop on the return journey now have a further walk to/from the Post Office resulting in having to cross the road numerous times as there is no path along the left side of Bell Mere on Boston Road.

Clerk to contact Brylaine on behalf of the residents (e-mailed 13/02/25)

35/25. CHECKLIST FOR RECREATION GROUND:

Cllr Allen held the checklist for January. No issues reported. The checklist was handed to Cllr Rushworth for February.

36/25. RESILIANCE COMMITTEE:

Cllr Cantwell informed that the draft Emergency Plan is currently being worked on, hoping to be completed by May. A recruitment event is planned for Saturday 15th February 12-2pm at the Thatched Cottage. The Chairman of the Lincolnshire Resilience Flood Committee will be in attendance and Outer Dowsing who are kindly sponsoring the event. Posters have been placed around the village and this is advertised on the Community Facebook page.

37/25. FINANCE:

- To discuss the invoice received from Clockwise Restorations for works to the clock on St Mary's Church £312.00

The church clock has been serviced by Clockwise Restorations for many years. This was previously done free of charge, however, due to recent cost and tax increases this has resulted in a charge now being made. Clerk queried if this was the PC's responsibility or that of the Parochial Church. The clock belongs to the Parish and was purchased and installed in 1872 at a cost of £130 raised by public subscription. It was felt that the clock was placed on the church tower as this is the most prominent place in the village. The maintenance of the clock therefore is with the PC. Cllr Wood suggested in this case that the clock should be added to the PC's asset list and insurance.

Clerk to action

Payments List - Sutterton Parish Council		Invoices/payments received in January 2025 - to be approved at meeting 5th February 2025										
Outgoings												
							Cash/Debit Card	Incoming				
							Cheque No					
Received/Purchased	Payment Date	Payee	Invoice No.	Description	Total	Internet Banking		Date	Received From	Details	Invoice No.	Total
06/01/2025	06/01/2025	Tesco		100 Plastic Sleeves for Clerk	£2.70	D/C		21/01/2025	ICC	Grass Cutting Contribution	02/12/2024	£1,748.00
	14/01/2025	HP Instant Ink		Instant Ink	£5.40	D/D		24/01/2025	TA Blackmore Ltd	Holly tree contribution		£40.00
	23/01/2025	HMRC		PAYE Month, 7, 8 and 9	£405.60	D/D		29/01/2025	NS&I	Money transferred and account closed		£3,451.36
	28/01/2025	BBC	40005217	1100L General Waste Bin - Cemetery	£50.56	D/D						
	28/01/2025	BBC		2x 240L General Waste Bin - Rec	£38.06	D/D						Total: £5,239.36
	28/01/2025	Staff costs		Litterpicker (June 2024)	£247.87	S/O						
29/01/2025	29/01/2025	Asda		Ring binders/lever arch filed	£12.00	D/C						
08/01/2025	05/02/2025	ICCM	18834	Attendance at ICCM Garden of Remembrance Training Course - 2x Cllrs	£216.00	I/B						
09/01/2025	05/02/2025	Clockwise Restorations	CINV-038	Service and Hammer Repair to clock on St Mary's Church	£312.00	I/B						
21/01/2025	05/02/2025	ICCM	18916	Attendance at ICCM Sexton Duties Training Course - 3x Cllrs plus Clerk	£432.00	I/B						
27/01/2025	05/02/2025	LALC	15670	Annual Training Scheme 2025/2026	£192.00	I/B						
	05/02/2025	Staff costs	2025/02/01	Clerk Salary including Cemetery work & expenses (1st-31st January 2025) 50 hours	£671.50	I/B						
				Total Payable:	£2,585.78							
								Expenses	Jan-25			
								Home Office	Included in Clerk's total payment		£27.50	
											Total Payable:	£27.50

It was **RESOLVED** to approve all invoices for payment.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the bank rec for January 2025. **Proposed by Cllr Ingham, seconded by Cllr Maltby.**

38/25. CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk had informed via e-mail prior to the meeting that she had increased the payment plan on Instant Ink to 300 pages a month at a cost of £11.99 per month. This will be monitored and decreased/increased according to workload.

39/25. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

To consider items for the next agenda – please e-mail Clerk at least a week in advance.

40/25. NEXT MEETING:

To confirm the date of the next meeting – **Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 7pm in the Community Lounge**

Meeting closed at 8.14pm.

Signed.....

Date.....