

SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr M Bateman – Vice Chair
Cllr J Maltby
Cllr L Ingham
Cllr J Cantwell
Cllr K Wood
Cllr M Brookes – LCC

Apologies: Cllr D Sands – Chair
Cllr J Rushworth
Cllr V Allen
Cllr S Ellis
Cllr D Brown – BBC
Cllr S Evans – BBC

Sarah Smith – Clerk
Cllr M Spiller from Algarkirk PC

41/25. CHAIR’S REMARKS:

Vice Chair Cllr Bateman chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr Sands. He welcomed all to the meeting.

42/25. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Cllr Spiller attended from Algarkirk Parish Council with respect to the newly formed Resilience Committee and showed everyone the Emergency Grab Bag. This will be used in all the villages with the recommendation that each village has 2 bags. One is to be located at a central point in the village and the other to be held by the lead person for the village. Example items in the grab bag includes flares, ponchos, high vis jackets, battery torches and a full first aid kit. Each grab bag can have additional items if required. Funding is available for 2 people from each village to undertake a full first aid course. The bags retails at £160.00 and was kindly funded by Jakemans. Additional funding has been requested for 2 bags for each village. Algarkirk currently have 5 volunteers, Sutterton 5 volunteers and Fosdyke 4 volunteers. A central point currently needs to be designated in Sutterton. The purpose of this group will be to help the vulnerable in an emergency, whether that be a flood warning or no electric/water as was experienced a couple of weeks ago. This is not to do the job of the Emergency Services but to help those in need as a friend, neighbour, Parish Council. This is part of the Lincolnshire Resilience Committee and it is recommended that every Parish Council have one in force by the end of 2027. To locate the vulnerable a walkabout will take place of the village and addresses noted. Cllr Maltby informed all that himself and Cllr Sands had put their names forward at BBC to be notified of any flood risks for Sutterton Parish Council. If anyone in the village is interested in volunteering, please contact the Clerk.

Cllr Spiller left the meeting.

43/25. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Sands, Cllr Rushworth, Cllr Allen and Cllr Ellis. Apologies also received from BBC Cllr David Brown and BBC Cllr Stewart Evans.

44/25. POLICE MATTERS:

5 crimes were reported in the Sutterton area in December 2024

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

45/25. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Cllr Brookes:

Park Avenue proposed parking restrictions – the 1 objection received was overruled by the Planning and Regulations Committee and the Executive Cllr has now confirmed the order. Yellow lines will hopefully be done during May half term.

Footbridge between Algarkirk & Sutterton – still ongoing, currently with the County Council's Legal team.

Park Avenue road surface and kerb defects – the highways officer has been and surveyed the Avenue and any actionable defects have had a job issued and these jobs are now in the system.

Boston Road Footpath – this was reported previously by Cllr Cantwell. Sidings works have started and it has been proposed by the Footway and Surface Treatments Team for re-surfacing and levelling up. This is awaiting formal assessment to determine the viability of the scheme.

Cllr Brookes mentioned the bus stop on Spalding Road which is itemised later in the Agenda – **53/25 h)**. It was **Proposed** by Cllr Cantwell to move this item for discussion at this point. Chair agreed.

The response from Brylaine for the change of route was one of mitigating catastrophic risk due to the A17 becoming exceptionally difficult to cross. Using Wigtoft Road instead of Spalding Road enables them to use the central reservations to make the turnings rather than attempting to cross both sides in one go.

Cllr Brookes queried the issue with the footpath. There is a footpath at The Pools bus stop on Boston Road but this does not continue on the left hand side along Bell Mere meaning passengers who wish to go to the doctors would need to cross the road 3 times. It was suggested a request be made for an additional bus stop on Wigtoft Road between the roundabout and Rainwalls Lane enabling passengers easier access to Spalding Road utilising Pools Lane without the need for numerous road crossings.

Clerk to action (11/03/25)

Cllr Brookes left the meeting.

Cllr Cantwell:

- Himself and Cllr Maltby have a meeting with Gleesons 06/03/25 to discuss updates. Thistles Garden Centre have asked if Gleesons would donate 300 breeze blocks.
- Fly tipping on Rainwalls Lane has been reported and taken away.
- Residents noticed some of the dykes had been cut back which revealed a lot of rubbish – a group of residents have cleared this up.
- BBC have increased council tax by 2.99%.
- Key items from budget:
 - Cllr's will now get a £1000 each community benefit fund
 - Market rents for Boston Market are being reduced to come in line with the rest of Lincolnshire
 - BBC have put a 100% council tax support scheme in place for those who are in need of this which will hopefully help 400 families out of the poverty line
 - BBC and East Lindsey have received £250 million to fund sports initiatives in the area – unsure at present how this will be utilised
- Local Government re-organisation is continuing at pace. Proposals for re-organisation need to be submitted by November 2025 from all the Councils and all 10 leaders of Lincolnshire's Councils have agreed to work together on this. It is thought the

Government's target of 500,000 people per Council is unachievable for Lincolnshire and the Government have said that they may show some discretion on that for geographically large areas.

- Ward surgery posters have been distributed for 2025.

46/25. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST:

- To receive Member's declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest
Cllr Cantwell declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning.
- To receive and consider any written requests for dispensation
None received.

47/25. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING:

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th February 2025 be approved as a true record.
No matters arising.

48/25. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

49/25. PLANNING:

Although no planning was listed on the agenda Clerk received a planning application on the 05/03/25 with a deadline date for comments of 19/03/25. This was non-extendable therefore it was agreed to discuss the application.

B/25/0087: Ossian Offshore Windfarm, Scoping opinion under Regulations 10 and 11 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (The EIA Regulations) with respect to the Ossian Offshore Windfarm

To submit comments suggesting a Community Liaison Group be formed and with respect to underground cables to seek assurances that the land taken out will be replaced as it was so as not to affect the growing potential of the land from the cable.

Clerk to action (e-mailed 15/03/25)

50/25. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

To discuss the following:

- a) Grass Cutting Parish Agreement Scheme 2025

Parish Agreement Scheme formed signed for 2025.

Clerk to e-mail form (e-mailed 15/03/25)

- b) Request for tree works in Churchyard from neighbouring resident

A request was received for tree works overhanging on to a neighbouring roof. The tree in question has a TPO on it. It was agreed to request a contractor to look at the tree and then apply to planning for the works to be undertaken.

Clerk to action.

- c) Supporting Citizens Advice Mid-Lincolnshire

Correspondence was received to consider making a donation to Citizens Advice Mid Lincolnshire. This was declined but will be considered when preparing the next budget.

Clerk to inform (e-mailed 11/03/25)

51/25. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- Cllr Maltby re-iterated the issues on Rainwalls Lane. Carriageway resurfacing has been earmarked to take place in 2025/2026 as noted in the minutes from 5th June 2024, minute 106/24.
- The damaged Sutterton sign on Boston Road was reported on Fix my Street on 24/02/25. With respect to the planter, it was agreed to ask Mr Dent for a quote to repair this.

52/25. CEMETARY COMMITTEE:

To receive a report from the Cemetery Committee:

- Quotes for tree works will be discussed at the next meeting on Thursday 13th March.
- Land registry – Clerk to inform LCC with respect to maintaining the land for at least 12 years (**e-mailed 11/03/25**)
- Moles – traps have been set and so far 3 moles have been caught.
- Cllr's Cantwell and Rushworth were due to undergo training for Establishing and Managing Gardens of Remembrance but unfortunately this has been delayed by the trainers. A new date is awaited.

53/25. REPORT ON PARISH MATTERS:

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

Quotes were received from 2 contractors:

Contractor 1 - £4200.00 plus VAT

Contractor 2 - £2519.40 plus VAT

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Cantwell, **Seconded** by Cllr Wood and **RESOLVED** by all to accept the quote from Contractor 2, Malc Firth Landscapes Ltd.

Clerk to inform contractors of the outcome (e-mailed 07/03/25)

b) **Update** – Zipwire works are now completed. Clerk has since received a report to say the carriageway appears to have stopped moving. Playdale have been contacted (04/03/25) with respect to this. A response is awaited.

c) **Ongoing** – Speed detector signs – quote received for 2x units £4800.00 excluding VAT - to wait for the twin pack promo in March

d) **Ongoing** – Defibrillator and cabinet presentation – this will take place at the Vets on Wednesday 12th March at 2pm.

e) **Ongoing** – Purchase of Bench in memory of Cllr Baker – the permit request was submitted on 25/02/25. A response is awaited. Clerk has requested updated quote for the bench as the previous quote was only valid until November.

f) **Update** – metal net for the basketball hoop in the Rec – purchased 07/02/25 and installed 19/02/25

g) **Update** – Installation of concrete ramp on the Spalding Road entrance of the Rec – works are now completed with a tampered finish to prevent the surface becoming slippery.

h) **Update** – Bus Stop, Spalding Road – response from Brylaine
This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

i) **Moles** – MLR Pest Control Services, the contractor who is dealing with the mole issue in the Cemetery, has brought to our attention a mole problem throughout the Parish. A quote has been received for £400.00 per month to deal with the mole problem with an estimated time scale of at least 3 months.

Due to the urgency of the issue, it was **Proposed** by Cllr Cantwell, **Seconded** by Cllr Ingahm and **RESOLVED** by all to accept the quote of £400.00 per month until the issue is resolved.

Clerk to inform (emailed – 11/03/25)

j) **Cllr Cantwell** – Village magazine

Cllr Cantwell explained that since he was elected in May 2023 residents have spoken to him about the Round N About and how this is missed in the village. He would like to float the idea for next year's budget to look at hiring someone to start up a new village magazine and administrate this. Profit could be gained from advertising space which would help cover the costs. 100-200 paper copies would be produced as well as being available online. He will speak with Wyberton Parish Council with respect to the costs involved with their Parish magazine and bring to the next agenda.

54/25. CHECKLIST FOR RECREATION GROUND:

Cllr Rushworth held the checklist for February. A report was received via e-mail. The dyke around the Rec looked full and he queried whose responsibility this was.

Clerk to report to the Welland and Deepings drainage board (e-mailed 15/03/25)

Clerk informed she had printed the Maintenance and Inspection schedule for the Zipwire following its repairs. The 3 monthly inspection list will be added to the maintenance folder in addition to the weekly checks already undertaken in the Rec.

Cllr Rushworth to hold the checklist for March.

Clerk to re-do the list to include Cllr's Wood and Ellis.

Some trees growing in-between two headstones in the cemetery were also reported. This will be looked at in due course.

55/25. RESILIANCE COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

56/25. PRE-APPROVED CONTRACTORS LIST:

Requests received from:

- MLR Services Ltd – Pest Control
- Malc Firth Landscapes Ltd
- E Sterma and Son Ltd for items 4 and 9 listed on the policy

An additional request was made from Nobel Arboriculture Tree Specialists.

Cllr Cantwell **Proposed, Seconded** by Cllr Wood and **RESOLVED** by all to approve the above as pre-approved contractors for Sutterton Parish Council.

Clerk to add information to website.

57/25. FINANCE:

Payments List - Sutterton Parish Council		Invoices received in February 2025 - approved at meeting 5th March 2025									
Outgoings											

Safety Partnership. The street lighting team that oversees these have a maintenance agreement with the company who supply the signs. It may be they are waiting for them to come into the County to deal with several issues at once.

59/25. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

60/25. NEXT MEETING:

To confirm the date of the next meeting – **Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 7pm in the Community Lounge**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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