

SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 6.45pm IN THE COMMUNITY LOUNGE AT SUTTERTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr D Sands – Chair
Cllr M Bateman – Vice Chair
Cllr L Ingham
Cllr J Cantwell
Cllr K Wood
Cllr J Maltby
Cllr J Rushworth

Apologies: Cllr V Allen
Cllr S Ellis
Cllr P Lock – LCC

Also Present: Sarah Smith – Clerk
5 Members of the Public

MOST PLEASING GARDEN COMPETITION:

Cllr's Ingham and Rushworth rode around the village and picked out 4 winners of who they felt had the most pleasing garden.

1st Place: Mr & Mrs Armstrong of Ropers Lane
2nd Place: Mrs Stockwell of Stanley Drive
3rd Place: Mr & Mrs Ricketts of Rainwalls Lane
4th Place: Mr Loveday of Monarchs Road

Well done to all.

5 Members of the public left.

141/25. CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

142/25. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

No members of the public attended.

143/25. APOLOGIES:

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Allen and Cllr Ellis. Apologies also received from Cllr Lock, LCC.

144/25. POLICE MATTERS:

4 crimes were reported in the Sutterton area in May 2025

10 crimes were reported in the Sutterton area in June 2025

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145/25. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Cllr Cantwell:

- The pavement on Station Road between St Mary's Drive and Park Avenue has been completed with the help of a volunteer.

- Pavement the other side of St Mary's Drive has been reported on Fix my Street due to the hedge overgrowing which is partly resident owned and partly on land that is not owned by anyone.
- The first meeting for the newly formed History group will be held late September.
- Local government re-organisation is ongoing with deadlines for proposals being November.
- The Police partnership scheme is still ongoing.
- Planning application B/25/0145 on Spalding Road is going to be put forward for approval by the Planning Officer. The Planning Officer has gone a step further with respect to the no left turn sign requested by the PC and secured a condition whereby the sites operating will be required to turn right only.
- A meeting took place with residents of Dowdyke Road on the left side of the A16 towards Spalding who were very unhappy about the road being used as a cut through. This side of Dowdyke Road is being reduced to 30 due to the streetlights and Marsh Road is being put forward for assessment to see if the speed limit can be further reduced.

Cllr Lock via e-mail informed the Cllr's that he will be arranging a meeting with the local Community Safety Officer, Neil Williams and a walk around the Kirton area. Noticing the number of crimes that have increased since the last report he asked if there any types of crime or specific areas we would like discussed. Cllr Cantwell advised that he may be able to attend also and can discuss at that time.

146/25. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST:

- To receive Member's declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest
 - Cllr Cantwell – Algarkirk Parish Councillor
 - Cllr Rushworth – Fosdyke Parish Councillor
- To receive and consider any written requests for dispensation
 - Receipts received for £49.67 from Cllr Ingham for the Most Pleasing Garden competition.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept all requests for dispensation.

147/25. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING:

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd July 2025 be approved as a true record.

No matters arising.

148/25. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No questions

149/25. PLANNING:

To discuss planning applications received:

- **B/25/0275; Holmlea, 66 Marsh Road, Sutterton, Boston PE20 2LR** – Proposed rear extension, open front porch canopy, detached double garage and internal alterations
No objections or comments received – comments submitted 04/09/25
- **TPO/25/0062; Park Avenue, Sutterton, Boston, PE20 2JJ** – Tree Preservation Order (Made)
No objections or comments received
- **TPO/25/0063; Sutterton Vicarage, Station Road, Sutterton, Boston, PE20 2JH** – Tree Preservation Order (Made)
No objections or comments received

- **TPO/25/0064; St Marys Churchyard, Station Road, Sutterton, Boston, PE20 2JH – Tree Preservation Order (Made)**
No objections or comments received

An extra planning application for TPO was received on 29/08/25. It was agreed to discuss this in the meeting.

- **TPO/25/0142; 20, Church Mews, Sutterton, Boston, PE20 2LE – Tree Preservation Order (Made)**
No objections or comments received – comments submitted 04/09/25

150/25. CORRESPONDENCE/ RECEIVED:

To note the following:

- a) BSH Parish Council Briefing Session - 18th September 2025 – 1 representative
Cllr Wood volunteered to attend
- b) Councillor Volunteer Scheme
It was suggested that the Bus Shelter on Boston Road could be freshened up and also to clear the overgrowth in the Cemetery.
(Forms completed and e-mailed 04/09/25)

151/25. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

To discuss any issues:

- Ongoing – Damaged Sutterton sign on Boston Road
It was **Proposed** by Cllr Sands, **Seconded** by Cllr Rushworth and **RESOLVED** by all to update all 3 signs with a cost of £150.00. LCC have requested to see evidence from the award operators that Sutterton have won first place in one of the qualifying categories. This needs to be supplied for all the dates listed 2001, 2014 and 2019. Clerk to send pictures of the plaques on the wall by the Barometer.
(LCC informed 04/09/25)
- Request for cycle route between Kirton and Sutterton
Response from Highways – they are aware of limited width in some areas between Kirton and Sutterton and works have been proposed by the Footway & Surface Treatments team to address footway level issues along Boston Road near Sutterton. This is currently awaiting formal assessment to determine whether it can be progressed as part of an upcoming highway improvement scheme. With regards to wider improvements and the potential for an upgraded cycleway, possible options will be explored with the Sustainable Travel Officer but they are unable to comment on feasibility or timescales at this stage.

152/25. CEMETARY COMMITTEE:

Correspondance has been received from the Diocese with respect to the application for Topple Testing. In order to obtain a Faculty there is a cost of £342.60. Cllr Cantwell requested approval for this cost at the meeting as there is currently no date set for the next Cemetery meeting.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Maltby, **Seconded** by Cllr Rushworth and **RESOLVED** by all to make the payment of £342.60 for the Faculty.

153/25. REPORT ON PARISH MATTERS:

Cllr Cantwell;

- **Update – White fences on roundabout** – paint was obtained from one of the Paint Recycling Centres and handed to Thistles.
- **Update – Village sign on roundabout**

Quote received from The Village Sign People for £2148.50 – to gently grit blast to remove the old paint from the aluminium sign and two WI plaques followed by a specialist treatment which ensures that the paint will adhere to the aluminium and then hand painted with topcoats of sign writer's high quality coloured enamel paint. It transpired The Village Sign People also made the sign originally.

Cllr Maltby suggested to put this on hold and look for quotes elsewhere. Cllr Bateman suggested this be added to next year's budget. It was **RESOLVED** for the Cllr's to seek alternative quotes and bring to the next meeting and Clerk to update the Village Sign People.

Update – Trees – Green Lane – reported to National Grid – no further information received
St Mary's Drive (fix my street) – ongoing
Endeavour Way – not PC responsibility

Update – Management of Gleeson's common areas following a meeting with Gleeson's – a meeting is still awaited.

Cllr Ellis: Speed Volunteer Group – deferred to next meeting in Cllr Ellis' absence

Cllr Maltby: Sutterton Village Hall

Cllr Maltby suggested a new Working Group be set up to undertake a further consultation with the Village with respect to future facilities for the village. Cllr Maltby to speak to a potential candidate to head a group and update at the next meeting.

154/25. CHECKLIST FOR RECREATION GROUND/CEMETERY:

Cllr Maltby held the checklist for August.

He has mended the water butt in the Cemetery. The nettles and ivy on the wall along the main road and area where the bin is has been sprayed and he is currently re-painting the bench on the roadside.

The Parish noticeboard could do with cleaning. It was requested for Mr Dent to look at this. Cllr Rushworth to hold the checklist for September.

- RoSPA report for the Rec – the report was circulated to all and overall was positive, particularly following the work to the zipwire. Cllr Ingham will pass a copy of the report to Mr Dent to enable him to work through the recommendations.

155/25. WALKABOUT – 20th August 2025

- Parish Noticeboard needs cleaning and re-painting/staining
- Water butt in the cemetery – this is now fixed
- Flagpole – for the flag to be replaced with a new one and to clean the pole – Cllr's Bateman and Sands offered to do this
- Bus shelter needs attention – this has been suggested through the Cllr Volunteer Scheme
- Flooring under the climbing frame – appears to be raised but may be due to the dry weather
- Benches in the Rec – the 2 remaining wooden benches are looking past their best – to add to the budget for replacement next year

156/25. RESILIENCE COMMITTEE:

An event is planned on the 7th September at Algarkirk Village Hall. Risk walks will be undertaken for Wigtoft and Bicker and the Emergency Plan will hopefully be sent to the Council for approval by May 2026.

157/25. FINANCE:

Payments List - Sutterton Parish Council		Invoices received in July 2025 - pre-approved - for acknowledgment at meeting 3rd September 2025 due to no meeting in August									
Outgoings											

161/25. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Cllr Ingham – not for the agenda – grass verges in Park Avenue/Maidens Road – a resident had mentioned that the grass verges do not seem to be cut in the Avenue. Clerk explained she has already raised this with the contractor but will do so again.

Cllr Cantwell – not for the agenda – requested a thank you be sent to Mr Gilbert for tidying up the A16/17 roundabout. **Clerk to action**

Cllr Maltby – not for the agenda – residents in the Avenue and Wigtoft Road area have mentioned an issue with rats. Environmental Health have been contacted by residents.

Cllr Sands – not for the agenda – resident raised a streetlight on Waterbelly Lane was not working – this has now been fixed

162/25. NEXT MEETING:

To confirm the date of the next meeting – **Wednesday 1st October 2025 at 7.00pm in the Community Lounge.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.24pm.

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