

SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th JANUARY 2026 AT 7.00pm IN THE COMMUNITY LOUNGE AT SUTTERTON VILLAGE HALL

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

Apologies: Cllr V Allen
Cllr M Bateman – Vice Chair
Cllr P Lock – LCC

Also Present: Sarah Smith – Clerk

1/26. CHAIR’S REMARKS:

Chair welcomed all to the meeting and wished all a Happy New Year.

2/26. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

No members of the public attended.

3/26. APOLOGIES:

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Bateman and Cllr Lock, LCC.

It was agreed to extend the period of absence due to personal circumstances for Cllr Allen. No apologies received from Cllr Ellis. The six-month rule has therefore come into effect, and he ceases to be a Parish Councillor – BBC informed 08/01/26

4/26. POLICE MATTERS:

8 crimes were reported in the Sutterton area in October 2025

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5/26. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Cllr Cantwell:

- Surgery dates for 2026 have been arranged and posters distributed, the first being Saturday 10th January at Sutterton Village Hall.
- A meeting will be held with the residents of Stanley Drive, the local Policing team and the Borough Safety team following the wave of crime down the Avenue resulting in some damaged property.
- Sutterton roundabout clean-up is ongoing.
- Cleaning rota for street cleaning is still awaited.
- Broken streetlights down Park Avenue have been reported.
- Fly tip in the dyke down Stone Lane – the landowner has kindly cleared this.
- Broken streetlight on Ropers Bridge Lane has been reported.
- Residents have asked for dog poo warning signs down Ropers Bridge Lane.
- Re-reported the splitting of the road down Rainwalls Lane and Marsh Road. Marsh Road will be getting some repairs but the actual splitting of the road will be done in a future year. Cllr Maltby informed all that some work will be taking place on Rainwalls Lane on the 15th/16th January.
- Fly tip down Smeeton Lane – reported and collected.

- Resident asked whether the PC could request the CC to put double yellow lines on the bend near the church.
- The winter hub programme will be launching soon – daytime social events in various village halls. Catering has been organised with the Thatched Cottage and advice teams from AGE UK, Lincs Digital and the Home Energy Advice Team will also attend.
- A request was made to LCC for the open drain outside the cemetery gate (to the right) be grated or the leaves be cleared following a CC worker tripping – this was declined and it was suggested that the PC should clear the leaves.

Cllr Maltby has reported a light on Rainwalls Lane which appears to be on permanently to no avail. Cllr Cantwell requested this to be checked with the BC – **Clerk to action**

6/26. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST:

- To receive Member’s declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest
None received.
- To receive and consider any written requests for dispensation
 - Cllr Ingham - £10.00 for plants
 - Cllr Maltby - £4.55 cable ties for poppies
 It was **RESOLVED** to accept all requests for dispensation.

7/26. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING:

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 be approved as a true record.
No matters arising.

8/26. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

9/26. PLANNING:

To discuss planning applications received:

- **B/25/0463 – Waveney, Station Road, Sutterton, Boston, PE20 2JH** – Change of use from dwelling into commercial space as cooking academy/cafeteria and proposed dropped kerb
Object – Comments submitted 08/01/26
- **PL/0065/24 - Land to the east of Surfleet Bank and west of Woad Farm, Spalding** – for a proposed anaerobic digester plant and associated buildings
To echo the comments of Cllr Lock – submitted 08/01/26
- **B/25/0474 – 4 Ropers Lane, Sutterton, Boston PE20 2HZ** – Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness to confirm that the proposed use of the residential property to also incorporate a Childminding Business is lawful
No objections – submitted 08/01/26

10/26. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

To note the following:

- a) Holly Donation

A local company donates annually in exchange for cutting the Holly trees in the Cemetery alternate years. It was **RESOLVED** to maintain this agreement unless further requests for Holly arise, in which case the arrangement will be reconsidered. Going forward the donation received will be given within the village.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Sands, **Seconded** by Cllr Ingham and **RESOLVED** by all to approve all invoices for payment and to approve the bank recs for December 2025 for the current account and savings account.

20/26. BUDGET 2026/2027:

The Tax base for Sutterton 2026/2027 is 591. It was **Proposed** by Cllr Cantwell, **Seconded** by Cllr Rushworth and **RESOLVED** by all to increase the budget for 2026/2027 by 7.36%. This is an increase of £1.82 per annum per Band D property.

As an aside for future budgets Cllr Wood expressed concerns that the flooring beneath all the equipment in the recreation area will eventually require replacement, which could entail a significant financial outlay. **Clerk to seek quotes**

21/26. PRECEPT 2026/2027:

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Cantwell, **Seconded** by Cllr Rushworth and **RESOLVED** by all to set the precept for 2026/2027 at £36,980.00. **Form submitted to BCC 14/01/26**

22/26. CLERK'S REPORT:

LALC fees of £466.48 have been received for 2026/2027 which will be added to February's payments list. The Annual Training Scheme for 2026/2027 is £204.00.

A request from AFC Sutterton was received for additional bins on the playing field down Park Avenue. Clerk to enquire and add to the next agenda.

23/26. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Cllr Cantwell – resurrection of the Round 'N' About

24/26. NEXT MEETING:

To confirm the date of the next meeting – **Wednesday 4th February 2026 at 7.00pm in the Community Lounge.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.11pm.

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