

SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.00pm IN THE COMMUNITY LOUNGE AT SUTTERTON VILLAGE HALL

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

Apologies: Cllr V Allen
Cllr J Maltby
Cllr J Cantwell
Cllr P Lock – LCC

Also Present: Sarah Smith – Clerk

25/26. CHAIR’S REMARKS:

Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

26/26. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

No members of the public attended.

27/26. APOLOGIES:

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Cantwell, Cllr Maltby and Cllr Lock, LCC.

28/26. POLICE MATTERS:

15 crimes were reported in the Sutterton area in November 2025

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

29/26. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL:

None received.

30/26. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST:

- To receive Member’s declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest
Cllr Rushworth – as per Local Choice Interests form on the PC website
- To receive and consider any written requests for dispensation
None received

31/26. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING:

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th January 2026 be approved as a true record.

No matters arising.

32/26. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No members of the public attended.

33/26. PLANNING:

To discuss planning applications received:

- **B/25/0463 (amended) – Waveney, Station Road, Sutterton, Boston, PE20 2JH –**
Change of use from dwelling into commercial space as cooking academy/cafeteria and proposed dropped kerb
No change from previous objection – comments submitted 05/02/26

34/26. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

To note the following:

a) National Highways & Transport Survey – noted

Cllr Sands shared that the resident who requested tree cutting at St Mary's Drive e-mailed their thanks, expressing satisfaction with the work and professionalism, and appreciated feeling heard as part of the community.

35/26. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- **Cllr Rushworth** noted that the dip on Station Road appears to be deteriorating once more. The Clerk referenced Cllr Cantwell's earlier statement indicating that Anglian Water is responsible for this issue and is actively monitoring the situation.

- **Cllr Ingham** noted that the 40/50 speed signs on Spalding Road near the A17 junction appear to have been turned round

Clerk to report on Fix my Street (05/02/26) – this had already been reported on the 22nd December 2025 – Clerk provided an update stating still not resolved.

- Following Cllr Maltby raising a streetlight that was permanently on down Rainwalls Lane Clerk reported to BBC. They couldn't see any reports regarding this but said there is only 1 light down there and so this will be looked in to.

36/26. CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

Clerk reported in the absence of Cllr Cantwell

- It had been brought to our attention that a tree in the cemetery had lost its crown and has become lodged. 2 quotes were sought, Contractor 1 £800 plus VAT and contractor 2 £690.00, no VAT. Contractor 2 also suggested to remove the limb that was left following the recent tear and to pollard at a point which would eliminate further issues from the tree. With it being a healthy tree and once the ivy has been severed it should regenerate.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to go with contractor 2's suggestion. The Clerk will request a further quote for this work to be done with the decision being agreed via e-mail prior to the next meeting that work can go ahead once the quote has been received due to the location of the tree in the Cemetery. **(e-mailed 06/02/26)**

- A quote was also received from Lincs Mole Control following a request on the PC FB page to tackle the moles in the Cemetery at a cost of £200 plus VAT.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept – **Clerk to inform (e-mailed 06/02/26)**

- Topple testing has been provisionally booked for week commencing 16th March 2026.

37/26. REPORT ON PARISH MATTERS:

Request for additional bins on the Playing field

Clerk enquired with BBC and their response was that litter bin requests are temporarily paused due to bin routes being at capacity. New routes are in development, which may allow for adding or relocating bins in the future. A form was provided for completion.

After discussion the Cllr's felt this request should be directed to the Playing Field Committee in the first instance as the field is rented via them and not the PC. **Clerk to inform (e-mailed 06/02/26)**

38/26. CHECKLIST FOR RECREATION GROUND/CEMETERY:

Cllr Bateman held the checklist for January. No issues were found.

Cllr Sands offered to hold the checklist for February.

39/26. RESILIENCE COMMITTEE:

Cllr Ingham reported there was a meeting at the Village Hall on the 1st March.

40/26. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE:

Cllr Ingham reported there are 2 new regular bookings. The first quiz of the year will be held later this month.

41/26. PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report.

42/26. FINANCE:

Payments List - Sutterton Parish Council		Invoices/payments received prior to February meeting - to be approved at meeting 4th February 2026										
Outgoings							Cash/Debit Card	Incoming				
Received/Purchased	Payment Date	Payee	Invoice No.	Description	Total	Internet Banking	Cheque No	Date	Received From	Details	Invoice No.	Total
	13/01/2026	EE		Mobile Phone Contract	£15.80							
	13/01/2026	HP Instant Ink		Instant Ink	£13.49							
	23/01/2026	HMRC		PAYE Month 7, 8, 9	£479.49							
	28/01/2026	BBC	40007116	1x 11001 General Waste - Cemetery x9 monthly payments	£52.58							
	28/01/2026	BBC	40007299	2x 240L General Waste - Rec x9 monthly payments	£44.49							
	28/01/2026	Staff Costs		Litterpicker (January 2026)	£264.55							
03/01/2026	04/02/2026	LALC	16722	Annual subscription	£66.48							
27/01/2026	04/02/2026	LALC	16842	Annual Training Scheme	£204.00							
	04/02/2026	BBC	40008509	Charge for Footway Lighting	£420.00					Expenses	Jan-26	
	04/02/2026	LCC		Signs and Lines - replacement best kept village sign - Boston Road	£150.00							
01/02/2026	04/02/2026	Staff Costs		Clerk Salary including Cemetery work & expenses (1st-31st January 2026) 38.75 hours	£551.38				Home Office	Included in Clerk's total payment	£27.50	
02/02/2026	04/02/2026	Noble Arboriculture		Tree works - St Mary's Drive	£320.00							
				Total Payable:	£2,983.26						Total Payable:	£27.50

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Ingham, **Seconded** by Cllr Rushworth and **RESOLVED** by all to approve invoices for payment and to approve the bank rec for January 2026 for the current account.

Clerk mentioned the invoice listed on the payments list for footway lighting is currently on hold as the resident reports the light is still not working despite EON having attended. This will be paid once we have clarification the light is working.

Clerk informed the interest rate on the savings account will be reducing again on the 24th March 2026 to 1.05% and there will be a £3.00 increase on the handset price plan for the PC mobile from the 31st March 2026.

43/26. GRASS CUTTING TENDER:

Quotes were received from 3 Contractors for 3 years – 2026-2028

Contractor A: (Prices stand for all years)

- a) Main Areas: **£5074.00**
- b) St Mary's Drive: **£384.00**
- c) Cemetery – Old Section: **£815.00**

Contractor B: (Prices stand for all years)

- a) Main Areas: **£7420.00**
- b) St Mary's Drive: **£1360.00**
- c) Cemetery – Old Section: **£2475.00**

Contractor C: (Prices stand for all years)

- a) Main Areas: no quote
- b) St Mary's Drive: no quote
- c) Cemetery – Old Section: **£2880.00**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept **Contractor A** for Main Areas and St Mary's Drive and

Contractor C for the Cemetery – Old Section

Clerk to inform (e-mailed 06/02/26)

44/26. ROUND 'N' ABOUT:

Cllr Cantwell – resurrection of the Round 'N' About – deferred in Cllr Cantwell's absence.

45/26. CLERK'S REPORT:

- A quote is being sought to gain an idea of cost to replace all the surfacing beneath the equipment in the rec.

- Clerk inquired whether regular checks are conducted on the defibrillator outside the shop on One Way Street, as well as those at Jakeman's and the newly installed device at the Vets. Chair indicated she would contact the individual previously responsible for maintaining the defibrillator outside the shop, and the Clerk will confirm arrangements for routine checks with both the Vets and Jakeman's. To be added to the next agenda. **(emailed 10/02/26)**

46/26. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:
Defib update.

47/26. NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday 4th March 2026 at 7.00pm in the Community Lounge.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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