

SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH 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
Cllr J Maltby
Cllr J Cantwell

Apologies: Cllr V Allen
Cllr P Lock – LCC

Also Present: Sarah Smith – Clerk
2x Members of the Public

48/26. CHAIR’S REMARKS:

Chair welcomed all to the meeting and reminded everyone that the meeting is recorded.

49/26. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

2 members of the public attended – no questions.

50/26. APOLOGIES:

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

51/26. POLICE MATTERS:

11 crimes were reported in the Sutterton area in December 2025

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Cllr Ingham reported she’d been informed earlier in the day of stolen diesel during the night.

Cllr Woods also reported that there had been a burglary down Wigtoft Road.

52/26. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Nothing to report from Cllr Lock.

Cllr Catnwell:

- A resident has requested whether the PC would consider putting up more dog waste signs in conjunction with the Borough. **Cllr Cantwell to request this with the Borough**
- Residents inquired about the possibility of installing additional dog waste bins throughout the village; however, new bins are currently postponed due to adjustments in collection routes. **After further consideration, it was confirmed that dog waste may be disposed of in standard waste bins, which are readily available at multiple locations within the village – Cllr Cantwell to inform residents**
- Sutterton A16/A17 roundabout cleanup – ongoing
- Attended a meeting with Stanley Drive residents and the local Policing Team regarding some deterrents for the avenue. The Police will be placing signs to show the area is being monitored. CCTV and signs have been requested. LHP have stated they are legally unable to put up CCTV and signs but if the PC would be willing to purchase these then these could be installed on Stanley Drive. **Clerk to investigate**

- Residents have raised traffic calming down the Avenue – there will be an additional Police presence with respect to this.
- Lincs Police have a 3-year settlement with the Government.
- The Winter hub programme sadly had to be cancelled due to ill health. These will re-start towards the end of this year.
- Surgeries are continuing.
- Council tax is being set by BBC on Monday 9th March - band D properties will get an annual increase of £7.83/year. Band A-C properties will be lower. 65% of council tax BBC collects for itself goes to the drainage boards.
- Parishes have been obtaining assets owned by BBC and did SPC want to take over any assets.
- The Cllr grant scheme of £1000 from the Vice Chair Audit and Governance salary will be re-starting later in the year. This will be £200 for each village to support events.
- Met with the owner of the Fish & Chip Shop, who expressed interest in hosting a Sutterton Bike Night during the summer in the Spalding Road area with possibly a stall on the Rec. It was discussed whether this event could be covered under the Parish Council's Public Liability insurance. **Clerk to investigate**

53/26. 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

54/26. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING:

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th February 2026 be approved as a true record.
No matters arising.

55/26. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No questions.

56/26. VACANT COUNCILLOR POSITION:

No request for an election was called therefore, we are free to co-opt.
Clerk to advertise closing mid-May, to cop-opt at the June meeting.

57/26. PLANNING:

- **B/26/0097** – Proposed second storey extension above garage and conversion of garage to form habitable room with bay window to the front – 14, Churchgate, Sutterton, Boston, PE20 2NS
No objections – comments submitted 05/03/26

58/26. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- Parish grass cutting plans** – to accept, decline or challenge proposal – contribution figure £1823.35 – **RESOLVED** to accept – submitted 05/03/26

59/26. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- Quote received of £700 plus VAT to replace 2 lights on Park Avenue
- An additional quote was received on the day of the meeting to replace a light down Stanley Drive at a cost of £350 plus VAT
It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with all 3 replacement lights (**e-mailed 05/03/26**)

60/26. CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

Revised quote for tree works in Cemetery - £1040 no VAT – **RESOLVED** to accept via e-mail
 Topple testing will take place w/c 16/03/26

61/26. REPORT ON PARISH MATTERS:

- Paint for bus shelter
 Ronseal Cornflower Matt 9L tub £22.00
 Ronseal Dark Oak 12L £20.00
 Euroshield Anti-Graffiti Coating 10L £63.88
RESOLVED to purchase for a total of £105.88 (**purchased 18/03/26**)
- Correspondence was received on the day of the meeting regarding Lincolnshire County Council Bus Shelter Grant Scheme – it was agreed to look at this next year if available.
- Quote received to replace current flooring under play equipment in the rec - £17,445.45 + VAT
 To place on hold at the moment and obtain further quotes. **Clerk to action**

62/26. CHECKLIST FOR RECREATION GROUND/CEMETERY:

Cllr Sands held the checklist for February.
 No issues found apart from standing water in the Rec.
 Cllr Cantwell to hold the checklist for March.

63/26. RESILIENCE COMMITTEE:

The Emergency Plan should be available to present to the PC at the June meeting.
 Volunteer recruitment event planned for early April.

64/26. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE:

First quiz night of the year has been held. All is going well.

65/26. PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE:

Update received from Chris Firth – a new football club is working from the field under the banner of South Lincs Swifts to try and encourage local people to join in. A grant of £300 has been received from Cllr Cantwell.

66/26. FINANCE:

| Payments List - Sutterton Parish Council | | Invoices received prior to March meeting - to be approved at meeting 4th March 2026 | | | | | | | | | |
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| Outgoings | | | | | | Cash/Debit Card | Incoming | | | | |
| Received/Purchased | Payment Date | Payee | Invoice No. | Description | Total | Internet Banking | Date | Received From | Details | Invoice No. | Total |
| | 13/02/2026 | HP | | Mobile Phone Contract | £16.80 | D/D | | | | | £1,941.94 |
| | 13/02/2026 | Instant Ink | | Instant Ink | £13.49 | D/D | 23/02/2026 | HWRC | VAT Reclaim | | |
| | 25/02/2026 | Wave | | Water in Cemetery | £15.97 | D/D | | | | | Total: £1,941.94 |
| | 02/03/2026 | BBC | 40007116 | 1x 1100 General Waste - Cemetery x9 monthly payments | £52.56 | D/D | | | | | |
| | 02/03/2026 | BBC | 40007299 | 2x 240L General Waste - Rec x9 monthly payments | £44.48 | D/D | | | | | |
| | 02/03/2026 | Staff Costs | | Litterpicker (February 2026) | £264.55 | S/O | | Expenses | Feb-26 | | |
| | 04/03/2026 | BBC | 40008509 | Charge for Footway Lighting | £420.00 | I/B | | | | | |
| 06/02/2026 | 04/03/2026 | Sutterton Village Hall | 116 | Hire of Lounge | £80.00 | I/B | | Home Office | Included in Clerk's total payment | £27.50 | |
| 23/02/2026 | 04/03/2026 | L & I Smith | 1424 | Mole Clearance, Cemetery | £240.00 | I/B | | | | | |
| 02/03/2026 | 04/03/2026 | Staff Costs | 2026/03/01 | Clerk Salary including Cemetery work & expenses (1st-28th February 2026) 32 hours | £460.10 | I/B | | | | | |
| | | | | | Total Payable: | £1,607.95 | | | Total Payable: | £27.50 | |

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

67/26. DEFIBS:

All defibrillators within the village are registered and receive regular maintenance. The recently installed device at the Vets will be included in future inspections by the PC, alongside those at the Rec and Cemetery.
 Chair will contact Mr Blackman, who oversees the defibrillator on One Way Street, to invite him to the next meeting, so that he may brief Cllr's on proper inspection procedures.

68/26. ROUND 'N' ABOUT:

Cllr Cantwell – resurrection of the Round 'N' About

To get the Round 'N' About off the ground discussion took place regarding either a volunteer or paid role for 5 hours/month. After initial set up costs it is anticipated it should be self-sustaining through the advertising pages. It was agreed to see if there would be any interest for a volunteer in the first instance. To advertise on the Village noticeboard and PC Facebook page. **Clerk to action**

69/26. POLICIES:

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the following Policies:

- Safeguarding Policy
- IT Policy
- Grants Policy

A Lead Safeguarding Officer will be appointed at the Annual Meeting in May

70/26. CLERK'S REPORT:

- A request for a Grant was received from Sutterton Methodist Church – Clerk to send Grants Policy and application form and also information with respect to the Councillor Volunteer Scheme.
- The streetlight on Waterbelly lane is now fixed.

Cllr Maltby queried if Thistles will still be re-painting the white fences in the village centre. Cllr Cantwell confirmed they will when the weather improves.

Cllr Rushworth asked if Fosdyke Parish Council could loan the speed guns. This was agreed on a loan basis.

71/26. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

72/26. NEXT MEETING:

To confirm the date of the next meeting – **Thursday 2nd April 2026 at 7.00pm in the Community Lounge.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed.....

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