

SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd APRIL 2026 AT 7.00pm IN THE COMMUNITY LOUNGE AT SUTTERTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr D Sands – Chair
Cllr M Bateman – Vice Chair
Cllr J Cantwell
Cllr J Rushworth
Cllr K Wood
Cllr J Maltby
Cllr P Lock – LCC

Apologies: Cllr V Allen
Cllr L Ingham

Also Present: Sarah Smith – Clerk

72/26. CHAIR’S REMARKS:

Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

73/26. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

No public attended.

74/26. APOLOGIES:

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Allen and Cllr Ingham.

75/26. POLICE MATTERS:

9 crimes were reported in the Sutterton area in January 2026

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76/26. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Moved to later in the agenda to accommodate Cllr Lock.

77/26. 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.

78/26. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING:

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

79/26. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No public attended.

80/26. PLANNING:

- **B/26/0107** – 16 St Marys Drive, Sutterton, Boston PE20 2LU – First Floor Extension to side and rear of house
No objections – comments submitted 07/04/26

- **B/26/0144** - Holly House Farm Station Road, Sutterton, Boston PE20 2JX – Application under The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 11, Class B to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Demolition of Buildings
The above application was received just prior to the meeting. It was agreed to discuss.
Concerns submitted 17/04/26

81/26. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- a) E-mail regarding Play Equipment – noted, no action at this time
- b) Request for donation to Sutterton Methodist Church for the Annual Flower Festival (e-It was **Proposed** by Cllr Bateman, **Seconded** by Cllr Rushworth and **RESOLVED** by all to donate £75.

Cllr Lock arrived at 7.24pm.

82/26. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- Pothole on One Way Street is scheduled for repair
- Cllr Maltby noted the Rainwalls Lane repairs are unsatisfactory. Cllr Lock suggested reporting this again via Fix My Street and to inform him if no reply is received.

83/26. CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

Topple testing has been completed. There are a number of headstones which need attention. A meeting of the Cemetery committee is being arranged to discuss the results and work going forward.

84/26. REPORT ON PARISH MATTERS:

- a) **Sutterton Bike Night request** – Public Liability Insurance
A business or individual cannot “borrow or use” the Council’s public liability insurance as it protects the council against claims arising from its own negligence, not someone else’s, therefore the organiser would need to provide their own public liability insurance.
- b) **CCTV request** – response from LHP and LALC
Request for CCTV rejected due to the legal and administrative responsibilities involved. Residents to purchase cameras for their properties if needed.
Cllr Cantwell to inform residents.

85/26. CHECKLIST FOR RECREATION GROUND/CEMETERY/DEFIB (at Vets):

Cllr Cantwell held the checklist for March.
No issues in particular. Bus shelter looks fine on the outside. Village sign post looked fine on the roundabout. A pile of bottles were found in the Rec which have been disposed of.
Cllr Ingham to hold the checklist for April.

Chair informed she had spoken to Mr Blackman. Next time he checks the defib on One Way Street she will meet him to see what needs to be done and she will report back.

Clerk to re-register the defib to the PC – actioned

86/26. RESILIENCE COMMITTEE:

A recruitment event will be held on the 12th April. Parish plans will be agreed in May and presented to the Council for approval in June/July. Expansion into other Parishes will take place after.

87/26. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE:

Cllr Ingham was not present to give a report.

88/26. PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE:

Nothing new to report.

89/26. FINANCE:

Payments List - Sutterton Parish Council						
Invoices received prior to April meeting - to be approved at meeting 2nd April 2026						
Outgoings						
Received/Purchased	Payment Date	Payee	Invoice No.	Description	Total	Mode of Payment
	13/03/2026	EE		Mobile Phone Contract	£16.80	D/D
	13/03/2026	HP Instant Ink		Instant Ink	£13.49	D/D
19/03/2026	19/03/2026	B&Q		Paint for Bus Shelter	£105.88	D/C
	30/03/2026	Staff Costs		Litterpicker (March 2026)	£264.55	S/O
	30/03/2026	BBC	40007116	1x 1100L General Waste - Cemetery x9 monthly payments	£52.56	D/D
	30/03/2026	BBC	40007299	2x 240L General Waste - Rec x9 monthly payments	£44.48	D/D
01/04/2026	02/04/2026	Staff Costs	2026/04/01	Clerk Salary including Cemetery work & expenses (1st-31st March 2026) 33.25 hours	£477.03	I/B
				Total Payable:	£974.79	
Expenses						
	March 2026					
Home Office	£27.50					
Total Payable:	£27.50					
Incoming						
Date	Received From	Details	Invoice No.	Total		
02/03/2026	Barclays	Interest - Business Premium		£87.60		
				Total: £87.60		

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Cantwell, **Seconded** by Cllr Rushworth and **RESOLVED** by all to approve invoices for payment and to approve the bank rec for March 2026 for the current and savings accounts and end of year bank rec for all accounts.

The AGAR for 2025/2026 has been received.

90/26. ROUND ‘N’ ABOUT:

No one has responded so far. The clerk will post this on the Community Facebook page.

91/26. CLERK’S REPORT:

An additional quotation is pending for the replacement of the flooring beneath the play equipment in the recreation area.

76/26. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL:**Cllr Lock:**

- Participated in the full Council budget meeting, which resulted in a 2.99% council tax increase – the lowest in the country. The budget includes £62 million in savings over the next three years and £35 million in savings in the first year alone. Significant IT changes are anticipated as part of these initiatives.
- Responsible for Children's Services, with Adult Care and Community Wellbeing being incorporated into the role.
- Key Performance Indicators have been implemented across all council departments. Statistics from the Highways Department detail the number of tickets created and jobs completed. Despite this winter being particularly challenging for potholes, the department has repaired more potholes than in previous years. An extra £2 million has been given to the Highways budget to target drain maintenance.
- £12.2 million has been allocated to repair Lincoln Castle which is one of Lincolnshire County Council’s assets.
- Major repairs are planned for the A17 between Wigtoft and Bicker Bar roundabout which will result in night-time closures.

- Each LC Cllr will have a grant of £3000 to share out between the districts. There will also be a larger pot available to apply for bigger schemes which will go towards a grant board. The Cllr Volunteer scheme is also available.
- Highways are developing an app which will provide details about all jobs which have been listed in the area, allowing County Councillors to share this information during meetings.
- Exploring how technology can help people easily find available services.
- Attended a meeting with respect to sea defences which will require some major investment and maintenance in the future.
- Local Government Reorganisation – in the second round of decisions

Cllr Cantwell:

- Enforcement signs will be placed in areas requested by residents.
- As previously, the Cllr grant scheme will re-open. £200 will be allocated to each village to support events.
- New surgery dates have been circulated – the next meeting is at Algarkirk on the 25th April, 12-1pm
- As previous the Winter hub programme will re-start in December 2026 to February 2027
- Lincs Police have been given £12 million extra from the Government over a 3 year period.
- Pride in Place is a grant programme from BBC that supports community projects across the local area, such as providing new equipment for the Rec. Grants would need match funding.
- Met with Gleesons along with Cllr Maltby.
 - Approval has been given for a plaque to be placed on the green space along with a tree in memory of Councillor Baker. The area may be informally referred to as Cyril Baker Green. An oak tree sapling, sourced from Fosdyke, has been acquired and will be planted when it reaches an appropriate stage of maturity.
 - They are happy for a noticeboard to be installed on the estate.
 - A proposal has been submitted to include a clause in Gleeson’s estate contract stipulating that if the management company becomes insolvent and there is no backup plan, the PC be granted ownership of the land.
 - The land located at the entrance to the estate has been designated for a Co-Op; however, there is currently no official plan for its development.

92/26. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Cllr Maltby – Electricity on the roundabout in the centre of the village

93/26. NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 6.30pm in the Community Lounge to include the Annual Meeting of the Council and the Annual Parish Meeting.

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

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