

SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr L Ingham
Cllr J Cantwell
Cllr J Maltby
Cllr K Wood
Cllr S Bates
Cllr V Allen
Cllr P Lock – LCC
Cllr B Daish - BCC

Apologies: Cllr D Sands
Cllr M Bateman
Cllr J Rushworth

Also Present: Sarah Smith – Clerk

141/26. TO ELECT A MEMBER TO CHAIR THE MEETING:

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, members elected Cllr Ingham to Chair the meeting.

142/26. CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Cllr Ingham welcomed all to the meeting. Cllr Allen was welcomed back after a period of absence and thanked Cllr Lock for attending.

Cllr Bates signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

143/26. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

No members of the public attended.

The Clerk reported that a resident had made contact regarding the speed detector on Wigtoft Road and asked whether the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership could be invited to attend a Parish Council meeting. Cllr Cantwell suggested that LRSP be invited to attend. **Clerk to action and resident informed (e-mail sent 07/07/26)**

144/26. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Sands, Cllr Bateman and Cllr Rushworth.

145/26. POLICE MATTERS:

12 crimes were reported in the Sutterton area in April 2026

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146/26. LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS AND BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Cllr Cantwell:

- June surgery was held at the Village Hall. Residents raised ongoing concerns about the Gleasons footpath. BBC have advised that Gleasons are permitted to build on the existing footpath while the diversion order remains in place, provided that a substantial portion of the site is not yet built. It is possible that a formal application will be submitted in the coming months, at which point residents will have the opportunity to comment.

- Streetlights – the borough have a contract with EON to provide street lighting repair. A meeting has been requested with Cllr's and EON.
- The dip on Station Road will be investigated and repaired once the works on the A17 are completed.
- Attended a meeting with LHP – one issue raised was the grass area outside the school, to the right of the Avenue as you enter and the potential of development for some sort of community asset. Following discussion, it was suggested an informal meeting be arranged between the school, LHP, Village Hall Committee and the PC.

Cllr Lock:

- As noted above, once the A17 works are completed, crews will be available to investigate the dip on Station Road. The area is being monitored in the meantime. Additional diversion signs have been installed following the A17 works, as some lorries have been ignoring the existing signage.
- Weekly notices are received outlining planned jobs, and updates are provided with photographs once work is completed. An app is currently being developed that will allow LCC councillors to view the job list live and track actions taken during meetings.
- A £3,000 Councillor Grant Scheme is available for parishes to apply to. In addition, a larger funding pot of £3,000–£15,000 is open for project applications, which will be considered by a decision-making panel.
- Local Government Re-organisation is ongoing.
- A judicial review has been opened in relation to one of the largest proposed solar sites in the county. The outcome may help reinforce to developers that large-scale schemes must be appropriately located and cannot be placed on Lincolnshire's productive farmland without proper scrutiny.
- Community Police Officers attended the Kirton Parish Council meeting and explained that crime reports are categorised according to how incidents are recorded, which can result in certain crime types appearing on the log even when that specific type of crime has not actually occurred.
- Highways will be visiting another parish that is experiencing significant parking and traffic problems. Officers will meet with members of the community during the visit to better understand the issues on site.

147/26. 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 Bateman – plants for Park Avenue Planters £20.00

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the request for dispensation.

148/26. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING:

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd June 2026 be approved as a true record.

Matters arising – Cllr Maltby raised concern that the minutes recorded the mould on the steps of the slide as requiring action. The Clerk advised that Cllr Bateman had inspected the steps and reported that the issue appeared to be moss rather than mould. The Clerk also confirmed that RoSPA are booked to carry out their annual inspection of the recreation ground next month. **To wait for the RoSPA report.**

149/26. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

150/26. PLANNING:

- **B/26/0243** – The Avon, Rosegar Avenue, Sutterton, Boston, PE20 2EF – Proposed garage conversion with alterations and new side and rear wrap around extension to form annex

No objections – comments submitted 10/07/26

B/26/0255 – Land adj Round House, Park Avenue, Sutterton, Boston, PE20 2JL – Application for works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order (TPO/25/0062) to include: T02 – Oak – Remove all deadwood

Application appeared on the weekly list but not sent directly to the Parish Council. No objections were received. **Comments submitted 16/07/26**

151/26. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- a) Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation – received 15/06/26, e-mailed to all 16/06/26

Comments submitted 30/07/26

152/26. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

Cllr Wood – The white fencing mentioned in the previous minutes, 121/26 refers, is in a poor state, can we ask for this to be replaced fully. Clerk reported that she had reported the 3 broken fences on Fix my Street on 02/07/26. Cllr Maltby queried when they will be painted by Thistles as previously agreed, minute 133/25 refers. **Cllr Cantwell to chase.**

Cllr Ingham – a manhole on Station Road has a hole in the lid near Thistles. To be reported on Fix my Street.

Cllr Ingham – updated that she had reported the overhanging trees on Stone Lane, minute 117/26 refers, but the response was no further action. Cllr Lock requested he be sent the ticket number. Cllr Ingham to action.

153/26. CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

Cllr Cantwell informed we are still waiting for a report from the Stonemasons to repair the headstones. A response has been received from the Diocese with regards to extending the Faculty stating they require the report from the Stonemason as to what works will be required prior to granting.

A further meeting will be held to discuss phase 2 works to include clearing up of the interior of the cemetery and pillbox. A consultation will be planned with the village with regards to an additional footpath in the cemetery. Cllr Ingham mentioned that there is already matting under the grass in front of the left-hand gates.

154/26. REPORT ON PARISH MATTERS:

Ongoing – Electricity on Roundabout – e-mail sent to Highways 13/05/26, forwarded to Streetlighting 20/05/26, chased 02/07/26 – response still awaited

155/26. FOOTPATH BEHIND PARK LODGE:

A meeting is awaited with LHP.

156/26. CHECKLIST FOR RECREATION GROUND/CEMETERY/DEFIB (at Vets):

Cllr Bateman held the checklist for June – not present to discuss

Cllr Sands to hold the checklist for July.

Picnic Benches from previous meeting – to discuss and RESOLVE the purchase of 2 Clifton Picnic Tables to match the existing picnic table in the Rec at a cost of £1373.88 excluding VAT

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Maltby, **Seconded** by Cllr Wood and **RESOLVED** by all to purchase 2 picnic benches at a cost of £1373.88 excluding VAT. **Purchased 04/08/26**

157/26. RESILIENCE COMMITTEE:

No further updates.

158/26. VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE:

Cllr Ingham reported that the tabletop sale and car boot was well attended – figures awaited. Cllr Maltby asked if the committee was back to full capacity. Cllr Ingham advised that 3 people have expressed interest and 2 new members will be selected at the next meeting. Bingo is doing very well with over 100 attending. Thanks were given to Mark Morrell for this.

159/26. PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE:

No report received.

160/26. FREEDOM OF THE PARISH POLICY:

The Freedom of the Parish policy was proposed by Cllr Cantwell, reviewed and adopted by all. This has now been published on the Parish Council website (16/07/26).

161/26. FINANCE:

Payments List - Sutterton Parish Council						
Invoices received prior to July meeting						
Outgoings						
Received/Purchased	Payment Date	Payee	Invoice No.	Description	Total	Mode of Payment
	15/06/2026	EE		Mobile Phone Contract	£20.40	D/D
	15/06/2026	HP Instant Ink		Instant Ink	£13.49	D/D
03/06/2026	17/06/2026	Mr Dent	242	3rd Cut of Cemetery Old Section plus weedkiller - May 2026	£370.00	I/B
	17/06/2026	Sutterton Methodist Church		Grant donation	£1,000.00	I/B
	28/04/2026	Staff Costs		Litterpicker (May 2026)	£275.39	S/O
09/06/2026	09/06/2026	Cllr M Bateman		Plants for Park Avenue Planter	£20.00	I/B
10/06/2026	02/07/2026	BBC	40009398	1100L General Waste Fortnightly collection - Cemetery	£514.80	D/D
25/06/2026	02/07/2026	Malc Firth Landscapes	INV-03842	Grounds Maintenance - April 2026	£811.66	I/B
25/06/2026	02/07/2026	Malc Firth Landscapes	INV-03843	Grounds Maintenance - May 2026	£811.66	I/B
01/07/2026	03/07/2026	SLCC	MEM259303-1	Clerk's Membership Fee	£158.00	D/C
01/07/2026	02/07/2026	Mr Dent	251	4th Cut of Cemetery Old Section - June 2026	£350.00	I/B
01/07/2026	02/07/2026	Staff Costs	2026/07/01	Clerk Salary including Cemetery work & expenses (June 2026)	£543.52	I/B
				Total Payable:	£4,425.60	
Expenses June 2026						
Home Office		£27.50				
Total Payable:		£27.50				
Incoming						
Date	Received From	Details	Invoice No.	Total		
04/06/2026	F.E. Addlesee & Son	1x Interment of Ashes	2026/05/04	£150.00		
08/06/2026	Barclays	Interest		£98.84		
			Total:	£248.84		

Clerk also presented the bank rec for the savings account – June 2026 due to interest received.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve all invoices for payment and to approve the bank rec for June 2026 for both the current account and savings account.

162/26. ROUND 'N' ABOUT:

Following a preference to move forward with a paid position, Clerk undertook some investigations. A practical solution would be to offer a fixed-term freelance contract for a set number of issues, avoiding the HR responsibilities that come with employing someone directly.

Clerk to draft a tender for approval at the next meeting.

163/26. CLERK'S REPORT:

- Thank you letter received and read out from the Methodist Church following a grant donation from the PC of £1000.00.
- A resident made contact regarding the grass cutting in the churchyard. The contractors have been contacted who informed they had been instructed by another resident to leave the wildflower area under the trees. I requested that as the contracting authority we have

not requested any area be left uncut and asked that this be rectified as a priority. Cllr Maltby mentioned the hedge around the flagpole area had not been cut either.

- Communication was received regarding an expression of interest for 5 orchard trees to help create or expand a community orchard. It was agreed to put forward the PC's interest with this project **(e-mailed 16/07/26)**.
- LALC have some committee vacancies for which Cllr Cantwell would like to be nominated. The Cllr's agreed to the nomination and the form has been completed.
- A resident contacted Cllr Cantwell regarding trees overhanging the road on St Mary's Drive. This has been reported on fix my street.

Cllr Maltby wished to recommend that Cllr Bates join the Gleasons meetings with Cllr Cantwell which was agreed.

164/26. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

165/26. NEXT MEETING:

To confirm the date of the next meeting – **Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 7.00pm in the Community Lounge. No meeting in August.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.07pm.

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