SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF SUTTERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7.00pm IN THE COMMUNITY LOUNGE AT SUTTERTON VILLAGE HALL

Present:	Cllr D Sands - Chair Cllr M Bateman – Vice Chair Cllr K Wood Cllr V Allen Cllr J Rushworth Cllr L Ingham Cllr J Cantwell	**Apologies:**	Cllr J Maltby Cllr S Bates

Also Present: Sarah Smith – Clerk

190/26. CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Chair welcomed all for making the effort to attend and the Clerk for organising the meeting at short notice.

191/26. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Maltby and Cllr Bates.

192/26. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST:

- To receive Member's declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest
  None
- To receive and consider any written requests for dispensation
  None

193/26. RECREATION GROUND:

The Council discussed the recent damage to the play equipment. The Police attended after the second incident and spoke to the children present. Names had been provided for those thought to be involved in both incidents. Although there had been no further incidents, Cllr's agreed that any future damage or suspicious activity should be reported to 101 and the reference number passed to the Parish Council.

A quotation of £968.18 had been received to replace both damaged Wackle platforms. One platform was beyond repair and had been made safe temporarily. The second was still usable but had minor cracks. The Clerk confirmed that the climbing frame was insured for £37,703. It was agreed that the insurer should be contacted to see whether a claim could be made.

CCTV was discussed as a possible deterrent and a way of identifying those responsible. Cllr's also discussed the likely cost, privacy, signage, data protection and who would be responsible for the system. It was thought that around 3 cameras may be needed to cover the recreation ground. Boston Borough Council would need to be contacted about installation, monitoring, legal responsibilities and costs.

It was agreed to monitor the situation and obtain further information before making a decision on CCTV. Residents would be informed of the damage and replacement costs, that

these costs were met through the parish precept, and that CCTV was being considered. Residents would also be invited to comment.

Actions:

- Cllr Cantwell to obtain indicative costs and further information on the legal and practical arrangements for CCTV, to be considered at the November meeting.
- Clerk to publish a notice giving details of the damage and costs, explaining that these are met from parish funds, asking for residents' views on CCTV and reminding residents to report suspicious activity to 101 and pass the reference number to the Parish Council.
- Clerk to contact the Council's insurer with details of the incidents, quotations, safety measures and RoSPA report, and ask whether the replacement costs could be claimed.

- To note that a second quotation for 2 replacement Wackle platforms has been requested and is awaited.
  Second quotation received at a cost of £968.18 inc VAT and postage.

- To **RESOLVE** to purchase replacement Wackle platforms for the climbing frame at a cost of £484.09 including postage and VAT. The current quote is for 1 platform.
  It was **Proposed** by Cllr Rushworth, **Seconded** by Cllr Allen and **RESOLVED** by all to purchase 1 Wackle platform initially at a total cost of **£484.09**

194/26. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:
No members of the public attended.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.46pm.

Signed…….. Date……..