

Sturton le Steeple Parish Council

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Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th April 2016
at 7.30pm in Sturton Hall.

Present: Cllr Howard (Chair) Cllrs R Fleming, B Marchant, G Taylor, P Appleyard, & M Hodgson

Also present: Clerk D Langmead.

Sturton Parish Residents: Two. **Guests:** PCSO Dave Airey & DCllr H Burton.

PUBLIC FORUM: 10 minutes was allocated for residents to speak

The Parish Council meeting was pre-ceded by the Annual Parish Meeting which included a 'Public Forum' on the agenda.

PLANNING MEETING:

Declarations of Interest. None declared.

Applications

Proposed Single Storey Side Extension. High Pasture Wheatley Road Sturton Le Steeple Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9HU. Ref. No: 16/00392/HSE | Received: Mon 21 Mar 2016 | Validated: Thu 24 Mar 2016 | Status: Pending Consideration.

No Objections or Comments from Council.

Elevations. The Lodge Leverton Road Sturton Le Steeple Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9HE. Ref. No: 16/00318/HSE | Received: Mon 07 Mar 2016 | Validated: Wed 16 Mar 2016 | Status: Pending Consideration. **Council has no objections to the proposal but comments as follows:**

The Lodge and the adjacent Cottage are two homes converted from agricultural buildings. As a result, the structure of the walls do not meet modern building regulations. Under the proposed extension, what is now a storage shed with a shared wall with the Cottage will become the dining room. The shared wall is presently the lounge wall of the Cottage. The Occupants of the Cottage are concerned about the noise levels through what is a relatively thin single brick dividing wall. Council recommends that the dividing wall is built up to modern standards for a dividing wall between two separate properties including full insulation to prevent noise between the properties.

Other Planning Issues

Land West of Eastmede, Freemans Lane. Council noted that the property has been named "Birchwood House"

Sturton Le Steeple Bridleway No. 25 and Byway Nos. 30, 31, 32, and 33 Modification Order 2005. Inspector's Interim Decision.

Council noted receipt of the Inspectors interim decision on the above order which is now out for consultation. Following comments detailed in the minutes of the March meeting, Council agreed that no further comment is now required.

The Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan – Update.

Council noted that a meeting has been arranged with members of the Bassetlaw Planning Dept. and representatives of the three Parish Councils. Council further noted that Bassetlaw Planning considers that a Neighbourhood Plan "will carry significant weight in determining planning applications" and the meeting is being held to discuss how the two councils will work together to ensure that policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are fully considered.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

04.16.01. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lodge and Bradley which were accepted by Council.

04.16.02. Comments from the Chair – Agenda changes.

The Chair requested two additional items for the agenda at 4a and 13c. These were accepted by Council. In view of the over-run of the Annual Parish Meeting, Council agreed to the deferment of a number of agenda items until the May meeting.

04.16.03. Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality

No declarations at this stage.

04.16.04. Police Report.

Police Report. –

PCSO Dave Airey reported that there have again been no crimes reported during March in the village. For the Beat area as a whole there were 5 crimes reported. So far this year, beginning 01/04/2015, there have been fifty nine crimes of interest reported. This compares with eighty crimes of interest reported over the same period last year. This equates, after eleven months of this current tracking year, to a reduction in reported crimes of around 34%.

Dave's report says "As we move into April and the prospects of more settled weather, please remain vigilant around all aspects of home and vehicle security. Be especially careful to lock house doors and leave windows on locks – even if you are only in the back garden. Check car windows and sun roofs are closed when you park, remembering not to leave anything inviting on display in your vehicle. And always secure your unattended bicycle to something that is fixed to the ground, or leave it in a rear garden where it is out of view from the public highway".

Confirmation of the Police contact numbers are as follows: - Notts Police – Non-Urgent – 101. Notts Police Urgent – 999. Mobile numbers for other non-urgent matters: PCSO Dave Airey – 07525 226838; PC Bill Bailey - 07910 336844. Email addresses are as follows: bill.bailey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk and dave.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

04.16.04a. County Councillors Report.

CCllr John Ogle introduced a petition requesting that Bassetlaw DC holds a public referendum to seek views of the residents of Bassetlaw on becoming a constituent member of Sheffield City Council. Council discussed the proposal and agreed to gain as many signatures as possible towards the 5000 target figure required to force a referendum.

04.16.05. Traffic Speeding / Calming Issues

Item deferred.

04.16.06. The Lengthsman Scheme.

Cllr Appleyard reported on this month's Lengthsman's work noting the 'siding back' of soil that has spread onto the road in Low Holland and the filling in of the bowls court. He confirmed that the account can be signed off. The Clerk reported that the Lengthsman Scheme will again be supported by the County Council and the contract for 2016 was signed by the Chair.

04.16.07. Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2016

The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

04.16.8. Matters Arising – Non agenda items.

02.16.9. Tackling Rural Crime. Cllr Marchant reported that although Sgt Tony Crofts was not able to attend the meeting, he has had a conversation with Cllr Marchant on the subject. It has been agreed to set up a small group of local farmers to investigate with the Police how best to achieve a rapid response to wildlife crime in the area, similar to the one set up in Lincolnshire which seems to be working well. PCSO Dave Airey commented that if any resident suspects or sees any form of wildlife crime they should dial 999 immediately. **Action Cllr Marchant**.

04.16.9. Correspondence.

Item deferred.

04.16.10. Emergency Planning – Cllr Bradley

Item deferred.

04.16.11. Highways and Public Safety

Item deferred.

04.16.12. Segelocum Archaeology and Heritage & Information Boards.

See Annual Parish Meeting.

04.16.13. Finance

04.16.13.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

The monthly bank reconciliation to the 28th March 2016 was agreed and signed off by the Chair.

04.16.13.2. Accounts for Payment. The following accounts were agreed to pay: **Action Clerk.**

D Langmead – Clerks salary and expenses	£	331.82
S Rockcliffe – Website work	£	16.00
J Foster – Lengthsman work.	£	258.37
Osberton Trust – Annual Rent	£	10.00
York Archaeological Trust – 50% of fee for Segelocum Survey	£	4,425.60

04.16.13.3. Annual Return.

The Clerk reported receipt of this year's Annual Return with a final date for submission of the completed return of 17th June. Council noted the Inspection Period (30 working days from 6th May to 15th June) and that the current Internal Auditor has agreed to audit the accounts again this year. The Clerk reported that the Annual Governance Statement has to be approved (April) prior to the Accounting Statements (May) in order to meet the Accounting Day deadline. Council noted that both Sections 1 & 2 of the Annual Return and Notice of Exercise of Public Rights will be published on 3rd June.

Council reviewed Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement and agreed YES to the 8 points in the Statement. The statement was then signed off by both the Chair and the Clerk as required.

Action Clerk.

04.16.13.4. Grass Cutting

Following the local tender, council agreed to continue with the current arrangements noting that there has again been no price rise for 2016. Following further discussion it was agreed to request the Lengthsman to cut the grass within the playpark area with more regular cutting of the playing field to reduce the amount of grass left on the surface.

Action Cllr Appleyard (Lengthsman liaison & Playpark) & Clerk (Playing Field)

04.16.14. Reports from Other Committees

Item deferred.

04.16.15. Sturton Quarry

See Annual Parish Meeting.

04.16.16. Parish Council Vacancy

Council noted that no request has been received from Electors to hold an election and that the vacancy can now be advertised. Council agreed the text put forward by the Clerk and requested that the advert be placed in the Clays Contact, on Notice Boards and on the website. **Action Clerk.**

04.16.17. Clerk's Retirement

Item deferred.

04.16.18. Village Update – Non Agenda Items.

Item deferred.

04.16.19. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 in Sturton Hall starting at approximately 7.40pm (preceded by the AGM of the Parish Council which will start at 7.30pm).

Proposed dates for the remainder of 2016 are as follows: - 7/6, 5/7, 6/9, 4/10, 1/11, & 6/12.

Dave Langmead – Clerk, tel. 884756,

NB. Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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