

Sturton le Steeple Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2017
at 7.30pm in Sturton Hall.

Present: Cllr Howard (Chair), Cllrs P Appleyard, R Fleming, A Bradley, P Neal

Also present: Clerk S Stilliard

Sturton Parish Residents: 3

Guests: DCllr Hugh Burton

PUBLIC FORUM:

A resident raised a question about whether hunt followers are allowed on restricted byways if they are invited by the landowner, following an article about restricted byways in Clays Contact last month. Cllr Howard gave details of restricted byways as explained by Notts CC, which states that permission can be given by the land owner to use the restricted byways. Local residents are adhering to the restrictions but people from out of the area (who don't read Clays Contact for example) are not seeing or responding to the 'Restricted Byway' signs which are very small. Laura Summers from Notts CC Footpaths team has been invited to the May PC meeting to answer specific questions on this topic. The resident also mentioned that recent hare coursing activity had been reported to the police but was still going on at weekends primarily.

A second resident asked the PC if they had ever discussed footpath no 18 which is not currently accessible. **Action Clerk to report this to Laura Summers** She also reported that footpaths on Springs Lane, one on North Street and one opposite the school at Low Holland were very overgrown. **Action Clerk to ask the lengthsman to clear these as best as he can**

A third resident raised the letter that he had received from Notts CC planning department in response to his letter of concern about Tarmac activity. He said that the reply had stated that HGV vehicle movements fell within the planning application conditions, whereas smaller vehicles and contract vehicles were not bounded by these regulations. He also suggested that the PC should not put themselves in Tarmac's pocket by accepting donations to the village.

District & County Councillor Report - DCllr Hugh Burton was welcomed back to the PC after an absence due to illness. He said that Councillors should contact him with any issues that they would like him to be involved in and he is already taking an interest in both Planning and Tarmac issues on the village's behalf.

PLANNING MEETING:

Declarations of Interest. None at this stage

New Applications – none

Applications awaiting decision

[Demolish Existing Building and Erect Two Storey Dwelling with Cellar and Erect Detached Single Storey Garage \(Resubmission of P.A. 16/00442/FUL\)](#) Telephone Exchange Cross Street Sturton Le Steeple Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 17/00040/RSB | Received: Tue 10 Jan 2017 | Validated: Thu 12 Jan 2017 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Decisions

[Proposed Removal of Existing Conservatory and Erection of Single Storey Rear Sun Lounge Extension](#) Glebeside Leverton Road Sturton Le Steeple Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9HE Ref. No:

17/00165/HPD Received: Fri 03 Feb 2017 | Validated: Fri 03 Feb 2017 | Status: **Householder permitted development approved**

[Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension, Removal of Chimney and Alterations to the Windows and Doors of the Property](#) Monterey North Street Sturton Le Steeple Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9HP
Ref. No:17/00172/HSE | Received: Mon 06 Feb 2017 | Validated: Mon 06 Feb 2017 Status: **granted**

Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan – Monitoring Group

Nothing to report until the Autumn. **Action Clerk to remove agenda item until then**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

04.17.01. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lodge (holiday), Taylor (holiday), Marchant (holiday) and Hodgesson (otherwise committed), which were accepted by the PC

04.17.02. Comments from the Chair – Agenda changes.

Clerk's annual pay rise to be added at point 13d

The Chair said that she would be readdressing the roles and responsibilities of Councillors at the May Annual Parish Meeting. Currently one Councillor is taking on the bulk of the work and this is not sustainable - it needs to be spread more fairly.

Cllr Howard also called for respect both between Councillors and from Parishioners towards Councillors, all of whom willingly give up their time and try very hard to do their best for the village in the face of a great deal of frustration as Bassetlaw and Notts CC are slow to respond (or don't respond) to requests. The expectations by residents of the power and influence that the PC has can sometimes be unrealistic

04.17.03. Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality

No declarations at this stage.

04.17.04. Police Report.

Police Report. – PCSO Dave Airey was not present but sent a report as follows:-

There were 3 reported crimes in the village during March – a burglary at a dwelling on North Street and 2 other burglaries from garages on Station Road and Cross Street.

In the year from 01/04/2016 there have been ninety-two crimes reported across the beat area.

This compares with sixty reported in the same period last year.

PCSO Airey reported that there would soon be more speed traps in the area, including the parishes - building to 1/3 days per month using police cadets.

It has become noticeable that there is an increase in the number of vehicles driving around the area with occupants looking for scrap metal. Please continue to report this type of activity to the control room and, a polite reminder, to ensure that any metal items of value are, where possible, not visible from the public highway or secured accordingly.

A warning has been issued about dodgy door-to-door fish vendors charging hundreds of pounds for low quality fish in Retford, and the surrounding villages. There have been several reports of the "aggressive" rogue traders operating in the Retford area, with at least one incident being reported to the Trading Standards department. The County Councils Trading Standards department team say that people are given the impression that they are only buying a few pieces, but are then presented with a freezer filling amount of largely unlabelled fish, some of which is unfit to eat, plus a bill for two or three hundred pounds. Anyone who has been approached by fish sellers, in this

manner, is urged to contact the Police control room on 101 and the Citizens Advice Consumer Service (Trading Standards) on 08454 040506.

If someone you don't know calls you up and say "Can you hear me?" then you should put the phone down straight away. That is because fraudsters are using a simple, but effective, new phone scam which could cost you a lot of money if you answer the question with a "Yes". At the moment, it is prevalent in America but there are warnings it is likely to move to this country. The scam uses voice signatures to try and charge you for products, or services, that you've never used. This is how it works: A local number will ring you; The person on the phone will then introduce themselves and the company they supposedly work for; They then ask "Can you hear me?"; Your answer is recorded, and if you say "Yes", your response will be edited and then used to charge you for products, or services, without your knowledge. If you try to disagree with them, they will then play back their recording of you saying "Yes", and threaten to take legal action if you don't pay up. A spokesperson for Action Fraud offered the following advice: "If you receive a call from an unrecognised or withheld number and the caller asks "Can you hear me?" just hang up.

Dave's full report can be seen on-line and in the next edition of the Clays Contact magazine.

Dave asks that residents please continue to report ALL suspicious persons, vehicles and activity to the control room on 101. Where a crime is in progress, or has just occurred, please continue to use the 999 number. Calls of this nature do make a difference in helping to drive crime figures lower.

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

04.17.05. Traffic Speeding / Calming Issues

04.17.05.1. Trentside Traffic Calming Group

Following the intervention of Robert Jenrick MP, a meeting was held with Kevin Greaves on 13th March at which he said that Notts CC would not be able to commit any funding to the scheme. However, another meeting is being scheduled for 3-4 weeks' time and after that there will be a meeting of the Traffic Calming Group

04.17.05.2. Speed limits Gainsborough Road

CCllr Ogle is making representations to Notts Highways department about reducing the speed limit on the approach to the Tarmac Quarry entrance from Gainsborough direction. Even Tarmac is concerned the effect on speeding vehicles of slow moving lorries turning left into the site. There will be circa 1,000 lorry movements per week when the quarry is active.

04.17.06. The Lengthsman Scheme.

Clerk will inform the lengthsman of any jobs that need doing in the village following each PC meeting from now onwards and another Cllr will be appointed to check work on the ground from May. **Action Clerk to inform Jack about footpath clearance and to concrete in the new dog waste bin with help from Cllr Neal.**

Clerk to inform BDC when bin in place so they know to empty it

04.17.07. Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2017

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

04.17.8. Matters Arising – Non-agenda items.

Cllr Fleming suggested that the PC should not discuss 'rumours' raised by residents at meetings. He also raised the issue of off road vehicles speeding through the village at 60-80 MPH at weekends. PCSO Dave Airey had promised to investigate but without knowing the culprits or registration numbers there is little that can be done. Residents are urged to call 101 to report any more incidents so that the police are aware of it.

04.17.9. Correspondence.

There were 3 items of correspondence:

- Letter to Mr Garrett from Mike Hankin at Notts CC planning department – already covered
- A reply to Cllr Fleming from Pauline Laughton at VIA East Midlands confirming the correct weight allowance for the bridge at Common Lane as 40 tons and that the incorrect signs would be removed as soon as possible.
- Letter about footpath closures between West Burton and Cottam Power Stations due to National Grid works on overhead power lines from 7th April to 7th July. The communication contained the wrong map for Sturton **Action Clerk to query this and see if it can be reissued to residents**

04.17.10. Emergency Planning – Cllr Bradley

Nothing to report

04.17.11. Highways and Public Safety

04.17.11.1. Street Lights and Pot Holes.

The interactive speed sign on Cross Street has still not been repaired and is awaiting a part **Action Clerk to chase this**

04.17.11.2. Other Issues / Matters to Report.

Restricted byways - already covered in the Public Forum

04.17.12. Heritage Projects / Segelocum

Archaeologists on site are hoping to do some auguring this week and someone dealing with thefts from this type of dig has been invited to the site. There are plans to extend the dig and apply for more lottery funding to facilitate this, involving Historic England in this next phase.

Further information can be found on the Sturton Ward website at

<http://www.sturtonward.org.uk/segelocum-archaeology-project/>

04.17.13. Finance

04.17.13.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

The monthly bank reconciliation to the 28th March 2017 was agreed and signed off by the Chair.

04.17.13.2. Accounts for Payment.

The following amounts were agreed to pay – for previous month unless stated:

Action Cllrs Fleming and Howard to authorise & Clerk for cheques.

S A Stilliard – Net salary and expenses	£ 310.16
S Rockcliffe – Website work and server rental	£ 16.00
J Foster – Lengthsman work	£ 94.25
Smith of Derby – annual clock service	£ 211.20
Holmes Groundcare – playing field grass cut	£ 149.00
Glasdon UK – dog waste bin	£ 152.00
Buzz off pest solutions – mole treatment for playing field	£ 60.00
Foljambe Estate – rent for village hall and field	£ 10.00

04.17.13.3. Online versus cheque payments

Authorisation of online payments is causing issues for Councillors and Council agreed to revert to using cheques to pay bills from May 2017. **Action Clerk**

04.17.13.4. Clerk's annual pay increase

Council agreed to increase the Clerk's salary by one NALC salary scale point from April 2017.

Action Clerk

04.17.14. Reports from Other Committees

04.17.14.1. Playing Field – Cllr Appleyard.

The equipment on the field is all fine

04.17.14.2. Sturton Hall Management Committee

There will be another Village Ventures performance of either a play or music and it is hoped that following the high quality of the last event – A Big Fat Cowpat Wedding – that Sturton residents will support the next event.

There are new signposts due for the Village Hall for the main road and side of the building

04.17.15. Sturton Quarry

Another meeting was held between Sturton PC and Tarmac on March 21st also attended by DCllr Burton and CCllr Ogle. Progress had been made and repairs to the roads and byways are ongoing. Work on the bridge over the catchwater drain, which was the main issue of contention, has been stopped awaiting the results of footpath diversion orders. Tarmac will be removing the concrete block on the south side of the Catchwater Drain, however currently they intend to leave the concrete block in situ on the other side of the Drain, because they are of the opinion that the stoned route that they have provided at this location is also on the definitive line of the path. Notts CC footpaths team is not sure that this is correct and is awaiting information that will clarify the locations of the definitive lines of Footpath No's 15 & 39. Tarmac is also considering alternative designs for the final bridge construction which will avoid the height and rake which was of concern to the PC.

Tarmac is liaising with Notts CC highways on the shape of the exit from their site onto Gainsborough Road such that lorries are forced to turn right avoiding the village.

Tarmac is expecting to leave the site by Friday 7th April until there is a resolution on the bridge above.

04.17.17. Village Update

04.17.17.1. Monthly Defibrillator Check

The defibrillator is being checked monthly by Cllr Appleyard

04.17.17.2. Any other matters to report

Cllr Bob Fleming tendered his resignation and the Chair thanked him for everything that he has done for the village over many years and wished him well in his 'retirement'.

Cllr Neal asked that the anniversary of the Pilgrim Fathers (2020) be added to the agenda since the village may need to gear up to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the coverage and likely visitors, particularly from USA, in the next few years. **Action Clerk**

Council wanted to offer and record their thanks to Dave Jackson for his public spirited work in edging and siding the footpaths in Leverton Road to Fenton. He has made a great job of the work which is noted and appreciated.

04.17.18. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 9th May 2017 in Sturton Hall and will include the AGM and Annual Parish Meeting as a result the meetings will start at 7.00pm.

Action Clerk to issue 3 agendas for May

Remaining meeting dates for 2017 are:-

June 6th / July 4th / September 5th / October 3rd / November 7th / December 5th

Sara Stilliard – Clerk, tel. 881582

NB. Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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