

Sturton le Steeple Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2016
at 7.30pm in Sturton Hall.

Present: Cllr Taylor (in the Chair), Cllrs B Marchant, P Appleyard, R Fleming, G Taylor, A Bradley, L Lodge, M Hodgson

Also present: Clerk S Stilliard.

Sturton Parish Residents: One.

Guests: PCSO Dave Airey; Tim Deal and Kevin Mawby from Tarmac; CClr John Ogle

PUBLIC FORUM: 10 minutes was allocated for residents to speak

One resident was present and commented on Tarmac lorries / dumper trucks using Low Holland and bridle paths to gain access to the quarry site - no council actions required – covered as below

Kevin Mawby – site manager for Tarmac - said that these lorries should not have been using the above route and all Tarmac vehicles and contractors will now be mapped with their speed and routes logged. Any not using the prescribed routes will be given one warning and thereafter banned from Tarmac quarries - this should solve the issue.

Tarmac has issued a programme of works with all the main stages of work planned and this will be updated weekly and sent to the Sturton web site for public access. The entrance construction should be complete by Xmas for example

Highways have been contacted to see if they would move the 30 MPH speed limit further away from the village towards Gainsborough, but they can see no justification for doing this.

Tarmac has contacted the resident at St Ives – close to the site - and has done some fencing and bunding work to give extra protection from lorry traffic. Tarmac also dug out their dyke and re-stoned their drive. **Action Kevin Mawby to ensure that resident is now happy**

Tarmac would like permission to take concrete lorries down a couple of byways when they need to construct a concrete pad over the oil pipeline, taking 2/3 mixer loads. This may be in breach of planning consent and may also cause damage to the paths which are restricted byways. Tarmac will need to approach planning and the appropriate landowners for permission if there is no other option – such as using hoses to pipe concrete across the drain where they have access.

Action Tarmac

Council thanked Tarmac for restoring the footpath where it had been excavated near the Catchdrain

CCllr John Ogle informed Council that the draft BDC plan, which will allow 20% increase in housing development within Village Clusters, removes the 'non-sustainable' reason for rejecting planning permission and the capacity of schools and doctors will also not be sufficient reason to refuse planning in a village. This may lead to commuters and residents increasing traffic on rural roads.

The decision on Devolution has been held up pending a judicial review in Derbyshire where the residents don't want to join with Sheffield although the council supports it (similar to Bassetlaw). A decision is expected on December 6th and if it is dismissed it is likely that this will be the result for Bassetlaw as well. If not there is a referendum to fall back on due to the number of signatures collected in this district.

May 2017 elections will focus on priorities for candidates and a high priority for those wanting a change in administration will be highways and village safety. **Action Cllr Taylor to invite CClr Ogle to the next meeting of the Traffic Calming meeting**

CCllr Ogle wished the Council a Happy Xmas which was reciprocated.

PLANNING MEETING:

Declarations of Interest. Cllr Hodgson declared an interest re the naming of his house – Diogenes – which has now been confirmed by Bassetlaw

New Applications –

[Reserved Matters Application Following Outline Application 15/00669/OUT to Seek Approval for Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale - 5 Dwellings and Construction of New Access](#) Land To The South Of Rose Cottage Leverton Road Sturton Le Steeple Nottinghamshire.
Ref No:16/01540/RES | Received: Fri 04 Nov 2016 | Validated: Thu 10 Nov 2016 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Council felt that this is not in line with the objectives of the Sturton Ward Neighborhood plan which states the need for smaller homes to reflect the needs of local people and future generations. This planning application (like most recent applications within Sturton Ward) is for 4 bed houses which are also not appropriate to the scale of the surrounding properties. There is no mention of the NP within the application and yet the letter from Secretary of State Gavin Barwell MP says that Neighbourhood Plans should have full legal effect.


Action Clerk to respond to BDC planning department on behalf of the PC objecting on the above grounds

[Discharge of Conditions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 on P/A 15/00669/OUT - 5 Dwellings and Construction of New Access](#) Land To The South Of Rose Cottage Leverton Road Sturton Le Steeple Nottinghamshire
Ref. No: 16/01604/COND | Received: Thu 10 Nov 2016 | Validated: Wed 16 Nov 2016 Status:

Awaiting decision – no comments required

This is part of the above application and standard procedure for the developer to submit details of materials etc. before planning will be granted

Decisions

[Remove Existing Double Garage and Erect Two Storey Annex Dormer Bungalow](#)  Woodland Farm Wheatley Road Sturton Le Steeple Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9HU Ref. No: 16/01405/FUL | Received: Thu 13 Oct 2016 | Validated: Thu 13 Oct 2016 | Status: **Granted**

[County Council Application for the Proposed Use of Ash Processing Plant](#) EDF West Burton Power Station North Road West Burton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9BL
Ref. No: 16/01441/CDM | Received: Mon 17 Oct 2016 | Validated: Mon 17 Oct 2016 Status: **Decided – no objections**

Other Planning Issues – None

Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan – Monitoring Group

A reply to the SWNP Monitoring Group letter to Gavin Barwell MP has been received which suggests both that the NP is now law but also that the Neighbourhood Planning bill will give NPs ‘full legal effect at the earliest opportunity’ – something of a contradiction. Sturton Ward may need to revise its plan in the future to consider site allocations and align more with the upcoming Bassetlaw Local Plan

Action Clerk to circulate Gavin Barwell MP’s letter and send our response to John Mann citing the above Planning Application as another test of the SWNP

Bassetlaw Initial Draft Local Plan

Council’s comments on the new Local Plan proposals have to be submitted by Friday 9th December.

Action Cllr Marchant to send comments to Clerk for submission

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

12.16.01. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Lodge and Cllr Howard – due to illness, which were accepted by Council.

12.16.02. Comments from the Chair – Agenda changes.

None

12.16.03. Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality

No declarations at this stage.

12.16.04. Police Report.

Police Report. –

PCSO Dave Airey reported 2 crimes for the Parish during November – theft of a vehicle from North Street and criminal damage to a dwelling in Watkins Lane.

The number of crimes in the whole beat area was up by 9 between April – November this year compared with the same period last year, but 2015 had been a very low crime year. The introduction of PCSOs seems to have encouraged more people to report crimes and Dave Airey thanked the Parish Council and CCllr Ogle for their help and support during the year and also wanted to thank community members for their vigilance and support in helping to minimise crime in the area.

Council thanked Dave Airey for his work on behalf of the Parish and wished him a Happy Xmas which was reciprocated.

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

12.16.05. Traffic Speeding / Calming Issues

11.16.05.1. Trentside Traffic Calming Group

The scheduled December meeting of the Traffic Calming group has been postponed until January when hopefully there will be a response from Kevin Greaves to the proposal from the group. He has been reminded that his response is expected

12.16.05.2. Speed Limits – Wheatley Road

Dave Langmead reported that Helen North, who is dealing with our case of signage to be adopted, is on holiday and that we now await a progress report on the timing of the installation. Nothing else to report **Action Dave Langmead.**

12.16.06. The Lengthsman Scheme.

Cllr Appleyard reported that Jack Foster is doing a good job, working 4 hours a week for Sturton le Steeple. He should be directed to clear only drains and paths which may become slippery outside public buildings or pose a threat to water soak away. He now has his Hi Vis Jacket

Action Cllr Appleyard

12.16.07. Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 2016

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

12.16.8. Matters Arising – Non-agenda items.

The web site needs to be updated with details of the Clerk and Vice Chair and change of address for Cllr Hodgson – **Action Clerk**

The condition of North Street, as a result of farm lorries churning up the verges and distributing mud all over the road, has been raised by residents. The weight of lorries using the bridge is also a concern.

Action Clerk to write to the landowner to ask if they can clear the road now that deliveries / work is complete

The Hub in Retford were due to charge Sturton £200 for creation and display of an information board promoting tourism in the village. They did not submit an invoice at the time and have now asked for the money.

Action Cllr Marchant to suggest a revised contribution based on his assessment of the notice board value

12.16.9. Correspondence.

Letter of thanks from Dave Langmead for his retirement gift
LCR Magazine

A letter offering a presentation on Fibre Broadband – **Action Clerk to arrange for the January PC Meeting**

A survey about smoking in Play Parks – **Action Cllr Appleyard to complete the survey**

12.16.10. Emergency Planning – Cllr Bradley

Nothing to report

12.16.11. Highways and Public Safety

11.16.11.1. Street Lights and Pot Holes.

Street light no 23 is hidden in trees. NCC have now written to the landowner asking them to clear the trees

Action Cllr Appleyard to report when done

12.16.11.3. Other Issues / Matters to Report.

Cross Street will be closed over a weekend - 7th / 8th January – by National Grid. This has been reduced from 4 days during the week (which would have caused much worse traffic issues for the village) and all other possible options have been ruled out since the hole in the road would prove to be a safety issue for traffic passing it. Residents will be leafleted before Xmas about this.

Action Clerk to communicate this to the Village Hall booking clerk – avoiding events if poss

11.16.12. Heritage Projects.

11.16.12.1. Segelocum

The kit for auguring has arrived. Still waiting for information from Retford Museum so that Heritage England can grant a licence and permission from Natural England for digging to start. There is also an agreement being sought with the Osberton Estate re. finds at the site. So the project is still on hold
Further information can be found on the Sturton Ward website at
<http://www.sturtonward.org.uk/segelocum-archaeology-project/>

12.16.13. Finance

12.16.13.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

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

12.16.13.2. Accounts for Payment.

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

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

D Langmead – Clerks salary and expenses	£ 331.20
S A Stilliard – Net salary and expenses	£ 260.20
S Rockcliffe – Website work and server rental	£ 32.00
J Foster – Lengthsman work	£ 61.75
Karen Howard – councillor expenses	£ 38.32
Brian Marchant – councillor expenses	£ 29.63
D Langmead – Segelocum expenses	£ 267.43
Sturton Hall – Sturton Hall precept	£2,300.00

12.16.13.3. Budget for 2017/8

Clerk circulated a draft budget for 2017/8 for consideration by Councillors for ratification in the January PC meeting

Action Councillors / Clerk to compile any comments / suggestions before Jan meeting

Action Clerk to circulate the rise in precept over the last 10 years

12.16.14. Reports from Other Committees

12.16.14.1. Playing Field – Cllr Appleyard.

The slide needs attention as the retaining section on one side is failing. The ramp is still an issue **Cllr Appleyard to review and report at next PC meeting**

12.16.14.2. Sturton Hall Management Committee

Cllr Taylor asked if the WiFi password could be made available to councillors who want to use laptops or tablets in council meetings.

There is also an issue with hot water in the kitchen

Action Cllr Appleyard to take up these issues with the committee

12.16.14.3. The Parish Forum, SLCC and NALC Issues

Nothing to report

12.16.15. Sturton Quarry

Covered in the public forum above

Next liaison meeting will be held in Sturton Hall on Thursday 2nd February at 10am

12.16.16. Parish Council Vacancy

Council agreed to maintain the advertising until the post has been filled and that Councillors will continue to 'prospect' amongst residents living within 3 miles. Cllr Hodgson to ask his neighbour again

Action All Councillors.

12.16.17. Village Update – Non Agenda Items.

12.16.17.1 Adoption of the obsolete phone box

Councillors decided not to adopt the phone box for £1 because it is not a traditional red box and therefore would not be a 'feature' for the village. **Action Clerk to tell relevant authority**

12.16.17.2 New landlord for the Reindeer Public House

Paul and Karen Neal are the new landlords of the village pub. Council welcomed them to the village

12.16.17.3 Parking outside the school

Cars being parked for long periods outside the school (not just for drop off and pick up) are causing traffic issues. Perhaps the school could ask parents to be more considerate of this and / or ask the new pub owners if their car park could be used during the school day

Action Clerk to e-mail Headmaster with these suggestions

12.16.18. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 10th January 2017 in Sturton Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting dates for 2017, which have been booked, are:-

February 7th / March 7th / April 4th / May 9th / 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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