

Sturton le Steeple Parish Council

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

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

Also present: Clerk S Stilliard.

Sturton Parish Residents: 2

Guests: PCSO Dave Airey;

PUBLIC FORUM:

A resident raised the issue of waste bins, which are being used for disposal of dog mess, situated near to the pub garden / green area where food is being served. Also a concrete bench in the same area needs a new wooden plank to repair it.

Action Cllr Appleyard to ask the Lengthsman to repair the seat and to move the waste bin to a location nearer to Cross Street.

Since the Reindeer pub is now dog friendly the council will consider purchasing a dedicated dog poo bin with a lid and bags, to be located in this area. **Action Clerk to obtain prices and inform NottsCC that the existing black bin has been moved**

Another resident having written to Tarmac (widely copied to other stakeholders) about the damage to roads caused by their lorries and contractors, said that their schedule of movements is not being adhered to and that Tarmac branded lorries constituted only a small percentage of the lorry movements through the village – however they are of course responsible for their contractors and must be held accountable for them.

Cllr Appleyard explained that Notts CC had allowed the traffic movements – the Parish Council have no power to make these decisions in regard to either roads or byways. However the PC remains vigilant on behalf of residents.

District & County Councillor Report – none available

PLANNING MEETING:

Declarations of Interest. None at this stage

New Applications

[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**

Council felt that the house was very large and not in keeping with the village and certainly not in keeping with the spirit of the Neighbourhood Plan re style and size of house. **Action Clerk to make these comments by Feb 10th**

Applications awaiting decision

[Erect Single Storey Garden Room Extension to Front Elevation of Property](#) Oak Barn Station Road Sturton Le Steeple Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9HS Ref. No: 17/00008/LBA | Received: Wed 04 Jan 2017 | Validated: Wed 04 Jan 2017 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

[Remove Chimney at Rear of Property to Roof Line and Rebuild Chimney to same Profile.](#)

Church Farm Church Street Sturton Le Steeple Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9HQ Ref. No 16/01718/LBA | Received: Fri 09 Dec 2016 | Validated: Mon 19 Dec 2016 | Status: **Awaiting Decision**

[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**

Decisions

[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: **Decided**

[Discharge of Condition 3 of Planning Application 16/01405/FUL - Remove Existing Double Garage and Erect Two Storey Annex Dormer Bungalow](#) Woodland Farm Wheatley Road

Sturton Le Steeple, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 9HU Ref. No: 17/00123/COND
Received: Mon 23 Jan 2017 | Validated: Mon 23 Jan 2017 | Status: **Decided**

Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan – Monitoring Group

A meeting has been arranged for Thursday March 2nd at 7pm to be held in Sturton Village Hall. This is open to all councillors from Sturton Ward and South Leverton who are interested in joining a new Neighbourhood Planning Group **Action Clerk to issue an agenda to all Councillors prior to the meeting**

Councillors continue to feel that Parish Councils are being treated with disdain by BDC and not only with respect to Planning issues but also re speeding traffic and dangerous road conditions which are flagged up but not attended to, despite being acknowledged as hazardous. **Action Clerk to write to BDC expressing these concerns with help from Cllr Fleming**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

02.17.01. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Lodge, which were accepted by the PC

02.17.02. Comments from the Chair – Agenda changes.

4 items of correspondence to be added to the agenda at Point 10

02.17.03. Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality

No declarations at this stage.

02.17.04. Police Report.

Police Report. – PCSO Dave Airey reported to Council that there were 2 crime in the village during January – damage to posts outside a property in the village and theft of tools and diesel fuel at Littleborough.

There has been a rise in crime across the whole beat area – at twice the level since this time last year. There have been several thefts of cars where keys are left in the ignition whilst defrosting windscreens for example. It is very easy to lose a car this way and insurance would be invalid.

Wildlife crime continues to be a priority and over the last few months the Bassetlaw Rural beat team has taken part in several special operations and a number of unregistered quad bikes have been recovered as a result.

Through funding from local District and County Councillors all three village stores, at Clarborough, North Leverton and South Wheatley, are able to supply PIR shed and outbuilding alarms at competitive prices. They also have a stock of “No uninvited callers” stickers which are available free of charge and a limited number of UV property marking pens to give away. These are used by householders to mark personal property and are very helpful in finding properties rightful owners should the same be recovered by the Police. Small quantities of 24-hour segment timers are also available – these too are free of charge.

Notts County Council Trading Standards are warning people to be aware of bogus telephone calls purporting to be from a solicitor. Officers are issuing the warning as a report has been made by a Nottinghamshire resident stating that they have received a cold call in which a recorded message told them that they were being prosecuted and that they needed to press button “1” to contact their solicitor. It is likely that if the instructions had been followed, the resident would have been drawn into a scam involving an attempt to extract money or personal/ bank details.

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

02.17.05. Traffic Speeding / Calming Issues

02.17.05.1. Trentside Traffic Calming Group

Following the intervention of Robert Jenrick MP, a meeting has now been arranged with Kevin Greaves for the Traffic Calming Group on 13th March. The group will then meet on March 22nd to review the outcome. **Action Cllr Taylor to invite John Ogle to the review meeting**

02.17.05.2. Speed Limits – Wheatley Road

A purchase order has been raised to move the speed sign and buy another sign and it is scheduled for March. **Action Clerk to chase**

02.17.06. The Lengthsman Scheme.

2.17.6.1 Jack’s hourly rate

Council agreed that Jack’s hourly rate would be increased to £7.50 from the beginning on March.

Action Clerk to inform him of this

Jack continues to do a good job in the village. Moving forward towards the better weather his workload will become more defined and it will become easier to manage. Additional to his usual work Jack has washed the bottle bank and put all the empties from the floor in the banks.

2.17.6.2 Training courses

In order to comply with the Council’s duty of care the lengthsman must be trained in any potentially dangerous task such as hedge cutting and manual handling. A formal log of training needs and skills matrix will be kept. **Action Clerk to source the training that Jack will need and liaise with other councils employing him as lengthsman so that costs can be shared where appropriate.**

2.17.6.3 Lengthsman contract / renewal of contract with Sturton as Lead Council

Bassetlaw has confirmed that the lengthsman grant will be paid again this year at the same rate as last. A contract has to be signed by participating councils and this sets out the duty of care to Jack Foster. **Action Clerk to send a copy to Jack and ensure he is working safely and as instructed by the Council**

02.17.07. Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 20167

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

02.17.8. Matters Arising – Non-agenda items.

The monthly defibrillator check to be added to agenda from March **Action Clerk**

02.17.9. Correspondence.

There were 6 items of correspondence:

- Housing Strategy consultation – **Action Cllr Fleming to respond on behalf of the PC**
- Letter from the new Chair of NALC – No action required
- Bassetlaw Spring Clean 15th – 28th May – **Action Clerk to apply for gloves etc**
- Plunkett Foundation Call to Action letter – No action required
- E-mail from resident who would like to use the boat slipway at Littleborough – **Action Clerk to inform him that this is not Parish Council owned**
- Details of Bassetlaw Parish Forum on Feb 27th and Rural Conference on March 27th both at Retford Town Hall between 7-9pm

02.17.10. Emergency Planning – Cllr Bradley

Blue salt bins are half full now – **Action Cllr Bradley to keep an eye on this**

02.17.11. Highways and Public Safety

01.17.11.1. Street Lights and Pot Holes.

Street light which was hidden in trees is now clear.

A streetlight in Freemans's lane (first on right) and lamp number 2 outside the Church are both on during the day **Action Clerk to report**

The interactive speed sign on Cross Street has still not been repaired **Action Clerk to chase this**

Several of the worst potholes in North Street have now been filled as a remedial measure prior to a full survey of the road when the weather is better and Tarmac has completed its work. **Action Clerk to thank the relevant department within BDC for their speedy response**

A resident of North Street has been scything back the grass from the pathways between Sturton and North Leverton, noticeably at the turn for Fenton, and the Parish Council would like to express its thanks to him for doing this.

02.17.11.2. Other Issues / Matters to Report.

The surface of Church Street is also in a very poor state of repair. **Action Clerk to report this – a survey as for North Street is ideally required**

02.17.12. Heritage Projects / Segelocum

Work has been carried out and material found was functional grey wares with a few pieces of colour cast and Samian – higher status fine wares. There was also a fragment of green glazed Medieval pottery. Further information can be found on the Sturton Ward website at <http://www.sturtonward.org.uk/segelocum-archaeology-project/>

02.17.13. Finance

02.17.13.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

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

02.17.13.2. 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	£ 266.04
S Rockcliffe – Website work and server rental	£ 16.00
J Foster – Lengthsman work	£ 87.75
NNATIC - The Hub	£ 200.00

02.17.14. Reports from Other Committees

01.17.14.1. Playing Field – Cllr Appleyard.

All fine apart from being very wet **Action Clerk to try and find a source of funding Cllr Appleyard to review and report re the ramp at next PC meeting**

02.17.14.2. Sturton Hall Management Committee

The next meeting of the Committee is on March 13th

There was a comment that it is taking too long to provide a receipt following payment for the hire of the hall. **Action Cllr Howard to ask that receipts be raised more quickly if possible**

02.17.15. Sturton Quarry

Tarmac has sent a response to all the concerns raised over the last month since the last PC meeting. This response to be posted on the Sturton Web site **Action Cllr Appleyard**

Cllr Hodgeson raised the point that the Osberton Estate owns many of the damaged byways and that they should be kept informed / copied in all significant correspondence **Action Clerk**

The Parish Council decided to write to Tarmac and Notts CC, outlining the details of all the damage caused by the movement of Tarmac vehicles and their contractors' vehicles and the remedial action that the PC expects to be completed. This to be sent asap allowing Tarmac time to formulate plans prior to the next liaison meeting to be held in Sturton Hall at 10 am on Thursday 2nd March

Action Clerk to send letter to Tarmac / Notts CC with copies to Notts CC Highways; Osberton Esate and John Mann MP

02.17.16. Parish Council Vacancy

Paul Neal (Landlord of the Reindeer Public House) was proposed as a Councillor by Cllr Hodgeson and seconded by Cllrs Marchant and Taylor. **Action Paul Neal to attend the next PC Meeting to be co-opted onto the council and registered correctly**

02.17.17. Village Update – Non Agenda Items

Bottles are still being left on the ground next to the bottle bank because the banks are full. **Action Cllr Howard to ask Susan from the Village Hall Committee to check on the bottle banks weekly and if they are full report it to have them emptied.**

02.17.18. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 7th March 2017 in Sturton Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Remaining meeting dates for 2017 are:-

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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