

Sturton le Steeple Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2017
at 7.30pm in Sturton Hall.

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

Also present: Clerk S Stilliard.

Sturton Parish Residents: None.

Guests: PCSO Dave Airey; CClr John Ogle

PUBLIC FORUM: Presentation by Steven Adams – Notts CC Broadband Engagement Officer
Steven told Council that Notts CC has a contract to manage funding from the government to help increase the uptake of Fibre Broadband in the county, particularly in rural areas – aiming for 97% coverage across Notts. The higher the uptake of Broadband the more investment BT will make to fill in the gaps – this is called ‘Gain Share’. The gaps will include small settlements where the number of homes may not justify the installation of a Fibre cabinet. However, the use of this investment will still be subject to financial modelling to ensure the best return for the money. There will be Market Research by the Notts Broadband Engagement team to map Broadband speeds in the county and at individual house level and then it will become clear which areas need the most investment. If residents are having problems with their Broadband it is best to complain to the ISP first, followed by BT but they can also contact enquiries.broadband@nottscc.gov.uk

District & County Councillor Report

CCllr Ogle also raised the issue of poor Broadband speeds and intermittent service in rural areas despite the roll out of Fibre Broadband. CCllr Ogle is aware of the problems in Milton, East Markham and South Leverton and homes at the edges of villages furthest away from the Green Junction boxes. These problems are almost certainly down to issues with the copper wire that runs from the Green Fibre cabinets to homes. It will be very expensive to install Superfast cabling to individual houses, although this may be rolled out in cities in the future. BT are supposedly improving the infrastructure so that rural areas can receive superfast Broadband. Cllr Ogle would like to hear from any residents with Broadband problems and they can e-mail him direct at cllr.john.ogle@nottscc.gov.uk

Action Cllr Howard / Clerk to add this request for Broadband feedback to Facebook and the Website

CCllr Ogle informed Council that the results of the judicial review of Devolution in Derbyshire has ruled that the decision to join Sheffield City Region was illegal because the residents of Chesterfield were not asked if they wanted to join. Cllr Ogle confirmed that, in his opinion, it was looking very unlikely that Bassetlaw will join Sheffield this year. Cllr Ogle also commented that Unitary Authorities could be a good thing in that they cut layers of people at the top, rather than at an operational level and in order to avoid Councillors travelling too far for Planning meetings for example, there could be a Northern and Southern based Unitary Authority.

PLANNING MEETING:

Declarations of Interest. Cllr Appleyard declared an interest in Oak Barn and Gainsborough Road Farm

New Applications

[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**

Council agreed that the extension seemed to be in keeping with the rest of the building and cannot be seen from the road and as such were happy to support the application **Action Clerk**

Applications 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**

Council have already responded to say that although the bricks being used to rebuild the chimney are not really in keeping with the rest of the building the repairs need to be done and there are no objections from the PC.

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[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**

[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**

Decisions - none

Other Planning Issues – Due to problems associated with the above address Bassetlaw District Council wishes to confirm the current address in use: -

Property Name	Street	Locality	Postcode
Gainsborough Road Farm	Gainsborough Road	Sturton le Steeple	DN22 9HT

This was confirmed by Council. **Action Clerk to pass this information to BDC**

Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan – Monitoring Group

Following several planning decisions in Sturton and Wheatley Parishes where applications have been supported by BDC in contravention of the Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan – the current Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group is feeling very demoralised and wants to dissolve the group – this does not apply to Cllr Marchant however.

Sturton Parish Council considered that a Monitoring Group should continue to monitor or amend the Sturton Ward Plan to give it more teeth / make it more prescriptive in line with the new BDC Local Plan - which is due to be adopted in 2019. It was agreed that Sturton PC should be part of a 4-council group. **Action Clerk to inform the other Parish Councils of this and facilitate a meeting.**

However, several Councillors felt 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. If this continues it will become harder to recruit councillors to PCs to administer any services on behalf of residents or indeed Bassetlaw Council. **Action Clerk to write to BDC expressing these concerns**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

01.17.01. Apologies for Absence

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

01.17.02. Comments from the Chair – Agenda changes.

None

01.17.03. Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality

No declarations at this stage.

01.17.04. Police Report.

Police Report. – PCSO Dave Airey reported to Council that there were 2 crimes in the village during December – on the 8th a cycle was stolen and on the 12th there was a burglary at Littleborough. There is also a burned-out car on the roadside travelling towards Gainsborough.

There has been a spike in crime on the beat area in the last month with an increase in burglary of dwelling crimes reported across East Bassetlaw over a two-day period in December, around the 28th and 29th of that month. A Nottinghamshire Police Alert was sent out, to those registered on the system, to advise local parishes of these happenings.

Following the Christmas period and, in some cases, visits to January sales, residents should be careful in how they dispose of packaging to avoid advertising new purchases to criminals.

Vehicles are still being left insecure overnight and, in a lot of cases, items, which are attractive to criminals, are being left inside on full view to the same.

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.

<p>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</p>
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01.17.05. Traffic Speeding / Calming Issues

01.17.05.1. Trentside Traffic Calming Group

Dave Langmead has formally complained to the Chief Executive of BDC re the total lack of response from Kevin Greaves to the proposal from the Trentside Traffic Calming Group. The next meeting of the Traffic Calming group has been postponed until a response is received.

01.17.05.2. Speed Limits – Wheatley Road

A purchase order has finally been raised to move the 30 MPH speed sign and buy another sign.

Action Clerk to follow up and advice re timing of the work

01.17.06. The Lengthsman Scheme.

Council asked that the Clerk confirm the basis of Jack's 'contract' with Sturton PC. It was assumed that he works to complete the tasks required, rather than a set number of hours per week. Cllr Appleyard confirmed that Jack had done what was asked of him during December for example.

A letter setting out Jack's terms of reference will be sent to him. **Action Clerk to send this letter when approved by Council**

Jack's hourly rate of pay will also be reviewed at the February PC meeting. **Action Clerk for the February agenda**

01.17.07. Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2016

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

01.17.8. Matters Arising – Non-agenda items.

The Hub in Retford will be charging Sturton £200 for creation and display of an information board promoting tourism in the village. Council agreed that the PC would pay it on receipt of an invoice

Action Cllr Marchant to request an invoice

01.17.9. Correspondence.

There were 6 items of correspondence:

- Training session on Neighbourhood Planning on 20th February – **Action Clerk and other Cllrs wishing to attend**
- Notts Mineral Plan – no action required
- Offer of training on playground inspections from NALC – no action required
- Western Power offer of severe weather bulletins – **Action Clerk to register for them**
- Consultation on other Parishes Neighbourhood plans - no action required
- Police and Crime Commissioner budget consultation - no action required

01.17.10. Emergency Planning – Cllr Bradley

Nothing to report

01.17.11. Highways and Public Safety

01.17.11.1. 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 and this is in hand **Action Cllr Appleyard to report when done**

The surface of North Street has virtually disappeared and there are very large potholes in the road making it treacherous for walkers and cars. **Action Clerk to report this to Via.**

Cllr Appleyard to get photos and measurements of the pothole to support the complaint.

01.17.11.2. Other Issues / Matters to Report.

None to report

01.17.12. Heritage Projects / Segelocum

Work has finally started. Auguring starts on January 11th and Field Walking on January 12th to prove the methodology. Further information can be found on the Sturton Ward website at <http://www.sturtonward.org.uk/segelocum-archaeology-project/>

01.17.13. Finance

01.17.13.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

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

01.17.13.2. 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	£ 301.08
S Rockcliffe – Website work and server rental	£ 16.00
J Foster – Lengthsman work	£ 105.63
HMRC – tax for Oct - Dec	£ 191.40

01.17.13.3. **Budget for 2017/8**

The draft budget for 2017/8 was discussed by Council who agreed that the precept should be raised from £16,600 to £18,100 to allow money to be spent on refurbishing play equipment and speed calming measures in the village. This equates to a band D payment of £93 per year (an uplift of 6.8% or 50p per month) **Action Clerk to inform BDC of precept request**

01.17.14. Reports from Other Committees

01.17.14.1. Playing Field – Cllr Appleyard.

Some of the play equipment is looking tired and needs painting for example. The ramp needs to be reviewed. There is a case for seeking funding to carry out these works and / or replace some equipment. **Action Clerk to try and find a source of funding**

Cllr Appleyard to review and report re the ramp at next PC meeting

01.17.14.2. Sturton Hall Management Committee

Council noted that new doors have been installed in the Hall now

Cllr Howard raised a request from the hirer of the Hall (for a wedding) for a bouncy castle to be set up on the playing field. The PC has no objection. **Action Cllr Howard to check with the Village Hall Committee**

01.17.14.3. The Parish Forum, SLCC and NALC Issues

Nothing to report

01.17.15. Sturton Quarry

A request has been made to the PC from Tarmac to allow lorry movements through the village, to complete bridge works at the end of Cow Pasture Lane, between January 16th – 31st. The PC does not have the authority to agree to this which is in the hands of Notts Planning Department. However, Council agreed that it would be best to assist Tarmac in their efforts to complete the work quickly and hope that the good will is appreciated. Cllr Howard proposed that Tarmac leaflet all Sturton residents who would be affected by this lorry traffic, informing them of the numbers of vehicles and the duration of the work and also that Tarmac should avoid school drop off times. There is also a requirement to make good any damage to the surface of roads / byways etc.

Action Clerk and Cllr Appleyard to write to Tim Deal of Tarmac and Mike Hankin of Notts CC with this response / requests

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

01.17.16. Parish Council Vacancy

Cllr Hodgson said that the new Landlord of the Reindeer Public House – Paul Neal – would be interested in becoming a Councillor. Paul to be invited to the next PC meeting

Action Cllr Hodgson

01.17.17. Village Update – Non Agenda Items

Nothing to report.

01.17.18. Date of Next Meeting

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

Meeting dates for 2017 are:-

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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