

Sturton le Steeple Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th July 2016
at 7.30pm in Sturton Hall.

Present: Cllr Howard (Chair) Cllrs B Marchant, P Appleyard, & A Bradley.

Also present: Clerks D Langmead and S Stilliard.

Sturton Parish Residents: One. **Guests:** PCSO Dave Airey & CCllr J Ogle.

PUBLIC FORUM: 10 minutes was allocated for residents to speak

A resident brought the issue of dog fouling in Low Holland to the attention of Council. The resident confirmed that the matter has been reported to the District Council although a request was made for more signage. It was agreed to contact the Dog Warden to arrange a visit to assess the situation and for some signs to be put up along the road-side. **Action Clerk.**

The resident also spoke about a number of incidents where birds have been shot including a sparrow hawk and some pigeons. The matter has already been reported to the Police and as this is a Police matter, Council noted the incident for future reference.

PLANNING MEETING:

Declarations of Interest. None declared.

Applications - None

Decisions

Proposed Quarry – Land at Sturton Le Steeple

To vary conditions 8 & 11 of planning permission 1/46/11/00002/R to enable the quarry access road to be constructed in two stages. The Initial stage incorporates the construction of a 500m section of bound surface adjacent to Gainsborough Road which shall be used for the removal of the first 100,000 tonnes of mineral, thereafter the second stage shall provide for the full surfacing of the haul road along its entire length for the removal of the remaining mineral in the permitted reserve. **Permission Granted.**

A copy of the decision notice can be found at : -

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planningsearch/plandisp.aspx?AppNo=v/3481

[Erect First Floor Side Extension and Single Storey Rear Extension](#). Planning Application Hawthornes Cross Street Sturton Le Steeple Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9HL. Ref. No: 16/00510/HSE | Received: Tue 12 Apr 2016 | Validated: Wed 13 Apr 2016 | Status: Pending Consideration. **Permission Granted**

Other Planning Issues – None

The Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan – Monitoring Group.

Cllr Marchant spoke about his attendance, as a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, at the consultation event in Wheatley Village Hall on the proposed development of c16 houses to be built behind the Sun Inn off Retford Road. He reported that at this stage it is simply an exercise to obtain outline planning permission, with all matters reserved, for the development. However, what may be put before the Parish Council in Wheatley by a developer after the land has been sold may look very different. It is hoped however that the land owners who have put a lot of effort (and money) into an attractive design for the outline planning application, will have some influence in the final design for the full planning permission application to follow.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

07.16.01. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lodge, Taylor, Fleming and Hodgson which were accepted by Council.

07.16.02. Comments from the Chair – Agenda changes.

None.

07.16.03. Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality

No declarations at this stage.

07.16.04. Police Report.

Police Report. –

PCSO Dave Airey reported four crimes in the village last month – the theft of 75 plants from the tubs on Station Rd/Gainsborough Road corner; criminal damage to birds in Low Holland; an attempted theft of plant from property in Wheatley Road; and a theft of galvanised animal troughs and a watering can from a garden in North Street. So far this year, from 01/04/2016, there have been twenty nine crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with twenty reported in the same period last year. As such, although early in the tracking year, these figures equate to an increase in reported crime in that period of nine crimes.

Dave further reported on one of the incidents namely a theft from motor vehicle. This related to the entering of a secure and unattended van and an item being taken from within. Recently, there has been an increase in numbers of this type of crime across Bassetlaw where vans are being targeted. Dave recommends that residents consider removing all attractive items to criminals from vans prior to securing the vehicle and says that any small items including loose change and even sweets are attractive to criminals in their pursuit of gain.

Dave mentioned that the number of people registering for ‘Nottinghamshire Alert’ is steadily rising each month. This, coupled with the improved Nottinghamshire Police website gives residents wider access to regular updates from the Police and other agencies around recent crimes and trends along with advice and support if required.

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

07.16.05. Traffic Speeding / Calming Issues

07.16.05.1. Trentside Traffic Calming Group

Council noted that the next meeting of the group would be taking place on July 26th.

Action Clerk for Agenda.

07.16.05.2. Speed Limits – Wheatley Road

The Clerk reported that he has still not received a response from Helen North who is dealing with our case. **Action Clerk to follow up.**

07.16.06. The Lengthsman Scheme.

Council requested that the pavement between the post box and the first house on the right after the box going towards Wheatley should be sided back. The monthly Lengthsman invoice was signed off.

Action Cllr Appleyard

Council also noted that the short section of hedgerow adjacent to the cattery is again overhanging the footpath restricting free passage along the path. It was agreed to request the owner to cut the hedge back. **Action Clerk.**

07.16.07. Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2016

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

07.16.8. Matters Arising – Non agenda items.

Council noted that information on the defibrillator and the spare pads have now been passed to Cllr Appleyard who will be carrying out the regular inspections of the kit.

07.16.9. Correspondence.

The following items were noted by Council this month: -

- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine

07.16.10. Emergency Planning – Cllr Bradley

No issues to report.

07.16.11. Highways and Public Safety

07.16.11.1. Street Lights and Pot Holes.

No issues to report this month.

07.16.11.2. Other Issue / Matters to Report.

Cllr Appleyard reported that there clearly is a problem with some of the drains and off-lets on Gainsborough Road and it was agreed that photographic evidence should be obtained and forwarded to CCllr Ogle for reporting to the County Council. **Action Cllr Appleyard**

07.16.12. Heritage Projects.

07.16.12.1. Segelocum

Cllr Appleyard attended the Launch Event held on the 28th June where an audience of around 90 listened intently to details of the findings of the geophysical surveys carried out at the end of last year. Council noted that there would now be some variations to the original plan so that a full investigation of the new road and associated ribbon development can be made.

07.16.13. Finance

07.16.13.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

The monthly bank reconciliation to the 15th June 2016 was agreed and signed off by the Chair.

07.16.13.2. Accounts for Payment.

The following accounts were agreed to pay: **Action Clerk.**

D Langmead – Clerks salary and expenses	£	332.32
S Rockcliffe – Website work	£	16.00
J Foster – Lengthsman work.	£	110.38
Buzzoff Pest Solutions – Mole Treatment on the Playing Field	£	60.00
Yellow Bus Catering – Catering for the Segelocum Launch Event (HLF a/c)	£	625.00
Holmes Groundcare – Grass Cutting, Village - May	£	357.60
Holmes Groundcare – Grass Cutting, Churchyard - May	£	284.46
Chris Sharpe – Reimbursement for roll-up banner (HLF a/c)	£	88.49

07.16.14. Reports from Other Committees

07.16.14.1. Playing Field – Cllr Appleyard.

Council noted that the problem with the roundabout would be assessed by Cllrs Appleyard and Bradley on Wednesday 6th. It was agreed that they would also carry out a thorough check of all of the play equipment with any H & S issues being reported straight away.

Action Cllrs Bradley and Appleyard.

Council also noted the lack of signage concerning dogs on the playing field and agreed to purchase additional signs to achieve a better chance of compliance. **Action Clerk.**

07.16.14.2. Sturton Hall Management Committee – Cllr Appleyard

Cllr Howard reported that their bid for a particular play from the Village Ventures Group has been successful and that the play would be performed in the afternoon of the 16th October along with 'high tea'. The event will shortly be advertised. **Action Cllr Howard.**

07.16.14.3. The Parish Forum, Regional Conference, SLCC and NALC Issues – The Clerk

Nothing to report this month.

07.16.15. Sturton Quarry

See Planning Meeting minutes above.

07.16.16. Parish Council Vacancy

As last month. It was agreed to maintain the advertising until the post has been filled and that Councillors will continue to 'prospect' amongst residents living within 3 miles of the village. It was also suggested to add to a leaflet on Speedwatch to go to all residents in September.

Action All Councillors and Clerk.

07.16.17. Clerk's Retirement

Council noted that following the interviews on the 16th June, Sara Stilliard has been appointed to the position of Clerk to the Parish Council with effect from the 1st October. Council noted that Sara has already been appointed Clerk to South Leverton Parish Council and also to the Clerk for the other two Sturton Ward Councils, effectively taking over from the existing Clerk to the 4 parish Councils. There will be a 2 month overlap in order to offer the Council a seamless handover of duties.

07.16.18. Village Update – Non Agenda Items.

CCllr John Ogle discussed the on-line consultation document which is clearly bias towards agreeing to the already-made decision. Councillors agreed that it is a box ticking exercise which is designed to agree with the Sheffield City Region devolution deal. Council agreed to obtain a copy of the full devolution document and then write to the Secretary of State to highlight the decision making process and to enquire on the alternative of a Unitary Authority for Nottinghamshire excluding Nottingham.

Action Cllr Marchant and Clerk.

07.16.19. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 6th September 2016 in Sturton Hall starting at 7.30pm.

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

Dave Langmead – Clerk, tel. 884756,

NB. Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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