

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

Also present: Clerk S Stilliard; Paul Neal prospective Parish Councillor

Sturton Parish Residents: 3

Guests: PCSO Dave Airey; John Ogle

PUBLIC FORUM:

A resident raised concerns about the Tarmac Quarry – firstly the entrance to the quarry from the Gainsborough Road which does not, as was stipulated by planning, prevent lorries exiting the site from turning right into the village.

Secondly the bridge over the catchwater drain which is massive and has caused the closure of several footpaths. What can be done to address these issues?

Cllr Appleyard responded with an update from a meeting held with Tarmac on March 2nd that both these issues had been raised and Council is awaiting Tarmac's response. Notts CC footpaths team is also involved re the contravention of planning which did not allow for footpath closures. Cllr Appleyard is monitoring the situation daily and Tarmac have admitted that they are in the wrong. A further meeting between the PC and Tarmac is scheduled for March 21st.

Another resident raised the issue of restricted byways in Sturton being used by residents in cars, parking at the end of the byway in order to walk their dogs / use as a cut through for example. **Action Clerk to ensure this information is shown on the Parish web site**

The resident also queried the signs which indicate that the North Street bridge is suitable for 7.5 tons per axle weight, whereas their understanding was that it had been strengthened to take 40 tons, which is necessary for their laden farm vehicles.

Action Clerk to check with Notts CC and try to ensure that the correct signage is displayed

District & County Councillor Report - apologies from DCllr Hugh Burton due to illness

CCllr John Ogle reported from a meeting in Tuxford, attended by Paddy Tipping; Chief Inspector Andrew Hill and Inspector Andrew Bellamy. John asked if Bill Bailey would be replaced on his retirement later this year because rural policing is vital to village communities. Mr Tipping said that savings had to be made and most crime was committed in Nottingham city but Chief Inspector Hill was more positive in his response to concerns from the public about a lack of policing in Nottinghamshire's villages and the importance of a police presence on the ground in rural areas. MP Robert Jenrick is also lobbying for a like for like replacement for Bill Bailey

CCllr Ogle also raised the issue of road safety and 'Village Gateways' creating a pincer effect to reduce speeding. Depending on the results of local elections this may become more of a priority.

PLANNING MEETING:

Declarations of Interest. None at this stage

New Applications – none

Applications awaiting decision

[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: **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: **Granted under Householder permitted development**

[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: **GRANTED**

[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: **GRANTED**

[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: **Decided**

Council noted that there had not yet been a planning application for these houses although the ground works were starting.

Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan – Monitoring Group

Cllr Marchant reported from the meeting that was held on Thursday March 2nd. Several members of the group aired their frustration with current planning decisions which ignore the SWNP but recognised that this was likely to continue until the new Bassetlaw Local Plan is adopted. Natalie Cockrell from the BDC Neighbourhood Planning team attended the meeting and advised that site allocations were the only way to control the type of new housing built, however this relies on landowners and developers working with the PCs and it would still not totally preclude 5 bed detached homes being built.

Natalie also advised if Sturton Ward is considering amending their existing plan (to allocate sites for example) they wait until the Autumn in order to integrate with the BDC Local Plan, rather than making changes 'blind'. The meeting agreed to wait until later in the year but renamed the group 'Sturton Ward Monitoring Group'. Cllr Marchant asked Council if they wished to join the group which was unanimously agreed. Cllr Marchant remains in the chair, although he will step down asap.

Natalie confirmed that £15k would be available to each Parish to pay for amends / new Neighbourhood Plans so South Leverton and Treswell may want to apply for these costs rather than join Sturton Ward, as one entity (which would also involve reforming the group) would only be eligible for one payment of £15k.

Cllr Fleming mentioned the new BDC Housing Strategy which recognised the need for 4,000 smaller dwellings in the region i.e. supporting the SW Neighbourhood Plan.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

03.17.01. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Lodge and DCllr Burton which were accepted by the PC

03.17.02. Comments from the Chair – Agenda changes.

2 items of correspondence to be added to the agenda at Point 9

03.17.03. Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality

No declarations at this stage.

03.17.04. Police Report.

Police Report. – PCSO Dave Airey reported to Council that there were no crimes in the village during February.

It is important to let residents know that since the turn of the year there have been a number of vehicles broken into and tools stolen, especially works vans, across Retford and Harworth, including Bassetlaw rural parishes. We would like to remind all van owners to remove tools from their vehicle when it is left for long periods of time and overnight. Vans should be clearly marked that all tools have been removed. All works equipment, whether you can remove it or not, should be permanently marked, in a visible place, with the vehicle's registration number. Anyone with any information about the thefts or anyone who is offered tools for sale in suspicious circumstances should contact Nottinghamshire Police on 101 or, alternatively, CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111. For more information and advice about securing your commercial vehicles please visit www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/

The Force receives many calls from members of the public wishing to report unwanted calls on their landline numbers. BT is offering customers a new service to prevent nuisance calls to all existing and new BT home landline customers.

BT blacklist. BT continually monitors for the worst nuisance call offenders and once they identify them, will automatically divert them for you. The service is turned on by default when you get BT Call Protect.

Personal blacklist. You can create your own blacklist of up to 100 numbers, including the last call you received, by dialling 1572, or by going online. Future calls from those numbers will divert to your junk voicemail box. If BT sees that lots of customers are adding the same number to their personal blacklists they will add it to the BT blacklist.

Call Protect also allows you to divert particular types of calls – those from international, withheld and unrecognised numbers.

In all three cases, nuisance calls are directed to a junk voicemail box (completely separate from your regular answerphone) so the phone will not ring at all, and diverted callers will instead be directed to leave a message.

This month there have been four reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with four reported incidents for January and six reported for the same month in 2016. The anti-social behaviour umbrella covers a wide range of incident types including hoax calls to the emergency services, found/ abandoned vehicles and wildlife/ animal issues. Very few of the anti-social behaviour incidents this month, and in previous months, are youth related.

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

03.17.05. Traffic Speeding / Calming Issues

03.17.05.1. Trentside Traffic Calming Group

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 report back at the next PC meeting**

03.17.05.2. Speed Limits – Wheatley Road

The new speed signs have been erected in the village however there is an issue with the visibility and positioning of a couple of the signs **Action Clerk to direct highways to Cllr Bradley for help in positioning the speed limits**

03.17.06. The Lengthsman Scheme.

03.17.06.1 Training courses

Council agreed to fund the following training courses for Jack Foster – Manual Handling and Mower usage. **Action Clerk to source the training**

03.17.06.2 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. The contract was signed by the Chair on behalf of Sturton Parish Council

03.17.07. Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2017

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

03.17.8. Matters Arising – Non-agenda items.

Cllr Appleyard made a request for Laura Summers from Notts CC Footpaths to be invited to talk to the PC at their April meeting about what is allowed re restricted byways and plans for footpaths in the face of Tarmac actions. **Action Clerk to extend invitation to Laura Summers**

03.17.9. Correspondence.

There were 4 items of correspondence:

- Letters of support from John Mann MP and Ralph Foljambe re the Tarmac Quarry issues
- Details of a Neighbourhood Planning event in Bingham
- Health Watch consultation aimed at residents – **Action Clerk for Website and Clays Contact**

Cllr Hodgeson had received correspondence from a parishioner which noted that the minutes of the last PC meeting had not referred to the article in the Retford Times relating to the Tarmac quarry issues. Cllr Fleming replied that the opportunity for the article had arisen after the PC meeting and it was felt that the subject needed an urgent, wider audience. Council asked that if this happens again all councillors be notified before publication.

The resident also noted that cameras have been installed at Cllr Appleyard's home and he confirmed that they are pointing at his drive for home security, not into the road.

Finally it was asserted that the Parish Council had raised objections to the Quarry when the original application was made by LaFarge.

03.17.10. Emergency Planning – Cllr Bradley

A resident of West Burton asked if they could have a grit bin since there is no provision for salt for this area of the village. **Action Clerk to ask Notts CC if this is possible and also request a grit bin for Low Holland**

03.17.11. Highways and Public Safety

03.17.11.1. Street Lights and Pot Holes.

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

03.17.11.2. Other Issues / Matters to Report.

Cllr Appleyard asked if EDF might consider using their road sweeper on the Sturton roads to help with the mud and debris the village is currently experiencing. **Action Clerk to ask EDF**

03.17.12. Heritage Projects / Segelocum

Further work awaiting permission from Heritage England

Further information can be found on the Sturton Ward website at

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

03.17.13. Finance

03.17.13.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

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

03.17.13.2. 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	£ 269.16
S Rockcliffe – Website work and server rental	£ 16.00
J Foster – Lengthsman work	£ 19.50
NALC – annual subscription	£ 103.85

03.17.14. Reports from Other Committees

03.17.14.1. Playing Field – Cllr Appleyard.

The equipment on the field is all fine

An early cut of the playing field is required **Action Clerk to instruct Holmes Groundcare asking them to avoid the corners where bulbs have been planted.**

03.17.14.2. Sturton Hall Management Committee

The next meeting of the Committee is on March 13th

The Village Hall Emergency doors have been replaced with new doors

03.17.15. Sturton Quarry

A meeting was held with Tarmac and included the Notts CC planning officer and DCllr Burton and CCllr Ogle. Points of concern were strongly made by Councillors Appleyard, Marchant and Fleming in respect of:-

- The height of the bridge over the catchwater drain – Tarmac agreed to review its construction
- Blocked footpaths – Notts CC now involved as planning consent has been contravened
- Design of entrance to the Quarry – modifications have been accepted by Tarmac
- Extra footbridge suggested - the village side of the large bridge - to allow villagers to walk without a major diversion

In addition, CCllr Ogle has applied to Highways for a reduction of the speed limit on the Gainsborough Road north of the entrance to the Quarry.

The PC is awaiting details of changes to address these concerns and there will be a further meeting on March 21st

03.17.16. New Parish Councillor

Paul Neal was co-opted onto the Council as the final member of the Parish Council. The Council welcomed him to his new role. **Action Clerk to register Paul with Bassetlaw's legal team**

03.17.17. Village Update

03.17.17.1. Bottle bank

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.**

03.17.17.2. Monthly Defibrillator Check

The defibrillator is being checked monthly by Cllr Appleyard

03.17.17.3. The Noticeboard

Cllr Marchant kindly volunteered to post agendas / minutes / other notices on the 3 notice boards in the village **Action Cllr Marchant**

03.17.17.4. Any other matters to report

It was noted that a fence near the Reindeer Inn is broken. This is owned by the Foljambe estate and Paul Neal is arranging for its repair. **Action Cllr Neal**

Cllr Marchant noted that the bulbs given to the village by the Rotary Club (to celebrate the eradication of Polio) are now in bloom in the village

Council decided that it would buy a dog waste bin to be sited near the Reindeer Inn and relocate the Notts CC bin in that area. **Action Clerk to purchase bin and Cllr Neal to tell Clerk where bins are located for information to Notts CC Waste Department**

03.17.18. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 4th April 2017 in Sturton Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Remaining meeting dates for 2017 are:-

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

Distribution list: All Parish Councillors, CCllr J Ogle, DCllr H Burton, Clays Contact, Steve Rockcliffe, PC Bill Bailey, PCSO Dave Airey, Notice board & file.

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