

# Sturton le Steeple Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
at 7.30pm in Sturton Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Howard (Chair), Cllrs P Appleyard, A Bradley, P Neal

**Also present:** Clerk S Stilliard

**Sturton Parish Residents:** 3

**Guests:** DCllr Hugh Burton; PCSO Dave Airey

## **PUBLIC FORUM:**

A resident asked if Laura Summers had responded to his question about whether hunt followers are allowed on restricted byways. Laura Summers had provided a detailed note on the definitions of restricted byways and about recent footpath closures which the Clerk read out. She also provided a map of all the Sturton area public rights of way which will be put on the web site / in Clays Contact for residents. **Action Clerk**

**District & County Councillor Report** - DCllr Hugh Burton offered congratulations to CCllr John Ogle for his re-election. DCllr Burton reiterated that residents and Councillors can contact him with any issues that they would like him to be involved in and he is already taking an interest in the SW Neighbourhood Plan and will help where he can. The upcoming election in June is taking up a lot of time at a District Level as might be expected.

**There was a request at this point to bring the Police Report forward which was approved by Council**

## **Police Report. –**

PCSO Airey said that he was very happy to attend community events in Sturton to promote crime prevention and talk about improving household security. For example, he could attend the School Fair on June 10<sup>th</sup>. **Action Clerk to liaise between the School and Dave to facilitate this**

PCSO Dave Airey said that there were no reported crimes in the village during April. In the Parish for 2015/6 there were 8 crimes reported (including Bole and Fenton) whereas in the year just ended there were 25 crimes reported – a significant uplift. 10 years ago the crime figure for the whole beat area was 185 so crime levels have dropped significantly in that period.

There has been a noticeable increase in the number of trailers being stolen recently and unattended cars have also been seen with the windows down, as well as pedal cycles left insecure outside shops and in front gardens. Check car windows and sun roofs are closed when you park, remembering not to leave anything inviting on display in your vehicle.

As we move into May and the prospects of better weather, remain vigilant around all aspects of home and vehicle security. Be especially careful to lock house doors and leave windows on locks – even if you are only in the back garden. If you do leave windows and doors open and a burglary occurs, you could receive a further nasty shock when you try to make an insurance claim. A lot of insurance companies are now reducing payments, or even refusing to pay out altogether, if doors and windows have been left open arguing that it is your own negligence that has led to the theft.

Trading Standards have received reports that there is a scam E mail circulating stating that people are entitled to a refund of their TV licence fee. The aim of the E mails is to steal bank details. The link in the E mail sends people to a website that looks like the TV Licensing own website with a form to complete. Always be suspicious of unsolicited E mails that are supposedly from a trusted organisation because the address can be easily faked. Never click on any links before stopping to check that they are genuine. Genuine E mails from TV Licensing will never ask you to provide bank details or personal information.

Rhodri Williams, from Nottinghamshire County Council Trading Standards Department has forwarded the following seven ways to spot if E mails you have been sent are scams:

The senders address doesn't match the website address of the organisation it says it is from. Roll your mouse pointer over the sender's name to reveal its true address.

The E mail does not use your proper name – using something like “Dear customer” instead. There's a sense of urgency, asking you to act immediately.

There's a prominent website link which may seem like the proper address, but with one character different. There's a request for personal information. There are spelling and grammatical errors.

The entire text of the E mail is within an image rather than the usual text format and the image contains an embedded hyperlink to a bogus site. Again, roll your mouse pointer over the link to reveal its true destination.

For further details regarding TV licences and how to obtain a refund please visit their official website at [www.tvlicensing.co.uk](http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk)

The team would like to hear from any residents who would like some crime prevention advice, or just a reassurance visit. My contact number is 07525 226838 and my E mail address is [david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

PC 1695 Bill Bailey is the beat manager for this area. His contact number is 07910 336844 and his E mail address is [Bill.bailey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Bill.bailey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk) Please do not use these telephone numbers to report crimes. Our works numbers should only be used for non-urgent matters – including seeking advice and/ or information. Thanks for all your continued vigilance and support.

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](mailto:bill.bailey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk) and [dave.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:dave.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)**

#### **PLANNING MEETING:**

**Declarations of Interest.** None at this stage

**New Applications** – none

**Applications 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: **Still awaiting decision**

**Decisions** – none

There was a discussion of the planning application P/A 15/00669/OUT where it appears that houses are already being built despite only outline planning permission being granted. The Planning web site shows that conditions have been discharged despite the PP being shown as OUT and not FUL

BDC Planning Department requested ideas for topics councillors would like to see covered in a training session. Cllr Howard suggested 'how the PC could have more influence on applications via the Neighbourhood Plan' and 'the difference between outline vs full planning permission'. **Action Clerk to respond accordingly**

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **05.17.01. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lodge (holiday), Marchant (not well) and Hodgeson (meeting), which were accepted by the PC

### **05.17.02. Comments from the Chair – Agenda changes.**

One item of correspondence added at point 9

### **05.17.03. Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality**

No declarations at this stage.

### **05.17.05. Traffic Speeding / Calming Issues**

#### **05.17.05.1. Trentside Traffic Calming Group**

Now have a go-ahead from the County Council for the majority of the proposed Traffic Calming Scheme. Meeting organised for 18<sup>th</sup> May so all involved can look again at the scheme in detail and discuss proposals.

#### **05.17.05.2. Speed limits Gainsborough Road**

Cllr Appleyard asked if Sturton could have a speed camera in the village to help reduce speeding traffic heading to and from the Power Station **Action Clerk to ask PCSO Airey**

**Action Cllr Howard to e-mail the school to remind teachers and parents about the new speed limits in the village**

**Action Clerk to remove this heading from the agenda**

### **05.17.06. The Lengthsman Scheme.**

Cllr Appleyard reported the following jobs that need to be done by the Lengthsman:-

- The grass on corners etc. will require, clearing up when the daffodils are cut down.
- Benches on park and around village require varnishing.
- The Willow structure requires sorting in the playpark.
- Consideration to edging back pathways
- Hedge trimming around VH once nest clear.

**Action Clerk to pass this list to Jack**

Other work Jack does includes:-

Mowing the playpark and around the VH

Keeping road gullies clear at potential times of flood in areas at risk

Removing excess leaves near church and school

Repairing goal mouths

Hedge trimming (with shears) around speed limit signs where the hedge trimmer can't reach.

Washing roads signs to remove "green"

Weeding round VH beds.

Small common sense jobs he comes across.

**05.17.07. Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

The minutes were approved by Council and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of proceedings the date on the draft minutes having been corrected

**05.17.8. Matters Arising – Non-agenda items.**

None

**05.17.9. Correspondence.**

There were 4 items of correspondence:

- Resignation letter from Gill Taylor
- Reboot – call for volunteers to research people with anxiety – leaflets to be put in village

**Action Cllr Howard**

- Letter from planning inspectorate re EDF development consent for Peaking Plant project at West Burton Power Station. **Action Cllr Appleyard to find out what this entails**
- Letter from John Mann re the election and arrangements whilst he is no longer an MP

**05.17.10. Emergency Planning – Cllr Bradley**

Nothing to report

**05.17.11. Highways and Public Safety**

**05.17.11.1. Street Lights and Pot Holes.**

The interactive speed sign on Cross Street has finally been repaired

Many of the small potholes in North Street have been repaired

The very smooth tarmac surface outside the Church is still dangerous and needs to be resurfaced **Action**

**Clerk to report**

The path outside the Reindeer Inn needs resurfacing – this is used by children going to and from the School

**Action Clerk to report**

There is a trench which has sunk – North Street outside Diogenes (the service connection refill has dropped)

**Action Clerk to report this**

**05.17.11.2. Byways**

Restricted byways - already covered in the Public Forum

**05.17.11.3. Other Issues / Matters to Report.**

A resident has reported that the hedges on Retford Road near to the Vicarage and Pennelly are very overgrown making it hard to walk along the pavement. **Action Clerk to write to remind them to cut back their hedges**

**05.17.12. Heritage Projects / Segelocum**

Cllr Howard attended a meeting on May 4th. The project is currently on hold whilst issues between the land owners and their land agents / tenants etc. are sorted out allowing the digs to recommence

Further information can be found on the Sturton Ward website at

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

**05.17.13. Finance**

**05.17.13.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.**

The monthly bank reconciliation to the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 was agreed and signed off by the Chair.

**05.17.13.2. Accounts for Payment.**

The following amounts were agreed – for previous month unless stated:

S A Stilliard – Net salary and expenses	£ 273.88
HMRC – tax for Clerk Jan - March	£ 191.40
J Foster – Lengthsman work	£ 184.45
Darbys Accountant – payroll services	£ 60.00

Holmes Groundcare – playing field grass cut x 2	£ 327.80
Holmes Groundcare – Churchyard and field cut	£ 142.50
Keren Tookey – internal audit of accounts	£ 75.00

An invoice from VIA East Midlands will be held pending the alteration to the final amount since there was a reduction due to a change in the speed limit sign put up in the village. **Action Clerk**

#### 05.17.13.3. Approval of Council's Annual Governance Statements

The Clerk listed the governance actions on the Council and it was agreed that these were all adhered to for 2016/7 and signed off by the Chair. **Action Clerk to submit to Grant Thornton**

#### **05.17.14. Reports from Other Committees**

##### 05.17.14.1. Playing Field – Cllr Appleyard.

The equipment on the field is all fine but looking very tired now. Need to decide if the Council embarks on a programme of repair or could afford to replace some of the equipment – see below at point 15.2

##### 05.17.14.2. Sturton Hall Management Committee

There are still children climbing onto the flat roof of the Hall which is both dangerous for them (risk of falling off and razor wire there) and causing damage to the roof (now leaking) and potentially to the solar panels – both of which will be very costly to repair. Council may be forced to consider CCTV to protect the hall and prevent this behaviour. Residents are reminded to keep their children off the Village Hall roof area please **Action Cllr Howard to assess the damage causing the leaks and any damage to Solar Panels**

#### **05.17.15. Sturton Quarry**

##### 05.17.15.1 Update – Cllr Appleyard

Tarmac has removed both the bridge abutments, one of which was definitely blocking the route of the path on the south side of the drain. They now await the definitive line of the affected footpaths from NCC. Tarmac has also transferred the Sturton Quarry into the company's Scotland and Northern Region. Due to the above and the fact that the project has stalled the meeting scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> May was cancelled. A meeting with Tarmac will be arranged when the project resumes. **Action Cllr Appleyard**

##### 05.17.15.2 Application for landfill tax grant for the village

Council agreed that it would apply for a Landfill Tax grant available via Tarmac – to be used to renew the old Playground equipment in the playing field. **Action Cllr Howard and Clerk**

#### **05.17.17. Village Update**

##### 05.17.17.1. Monthly Defibrillator Check

The defibrillator is being checked monthly by Cllr Appleyard

##### 05.17.17.2. Pilgrim Fathers 2020 events

The anniversary of the Pilgrim Fathers (2020) is being covered now (Retford Life May edition for example) and The Hub in Retford seems to be coordinating events **Action Cllr Neal to find out how Sturton can get involved**

##### 05.17.17.3. Parish Councillor vacancies

One vacancy has been advertised on the web site and Casual Vacancy forms for the second vacancy are available to be published in the village

##### 05.17.17.4. Update to web site information on budget for 2017/8

This section on the web site is out of date and needs to be updated with current budget / precept information **Action Clerk to prepare text for approval by Council**

05.17.17.5. Other matters to report

Cllr Bradley asked if Council would review Holmes Groundcare's contract in the June meeting to assess what they do versus what the Lengthsman could do

**Action Clerk to circulate HG contract to Councillors**

The bench on the church side of the pond is unusable and requires replacing or removing altogether.

**Action Clerk to see if the Rotary Club would fund a new bench / bike rack for bicycles**

**05.17.18. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7,30 pm

Remaining meeting dates for 2017 are:-

**July 4<sup>th</sup> / September 5<sup>th</sup> / October 3<sup>rd</sup> / November 7<sup>th</sup> / December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Sara Stilliard – Clerk, tel. 881582

**NB. Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting**

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