

Sturton le Steeple Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 2016
at 7.30pm in Sturton Hall.

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

Also present: Clerks D Langmead and S Stilliard.

Sturton Parish Residents: One.

Guests: PCSO Dave Airey

PUBLIC FORUM: 10 minutes was allocated for residents to speak

One resident was present - no council actions required

PLANNING MEETING:

Declarations of Interest. Cllr Bradley declared an interest

Applications – [Remove Existing Double Garage and Erect Two Storey Annex Dormer Bungalow](#)

Woodland Farm Wheatley Road Sturton Le Steeple Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9HU Ref. No: 16/01405/FUL | Received: Thu 13 Oct 2016 | Validated: Thu 13 Oct 2016 | Status: Awaiting decision

Action Clerk to approve on behalf of the council

[County Council Application for the Proposed Use of Ash Processing Plant](#) EDF West Burton Power Station North Road West Burton Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9BL

Ref. No: 16/01441/CDM | Received: Mon 17 Oct 2016 | Validated: Mon 17 Oct 2016 Status: Awaiting decision

Action Clerk to approve on behalf of the council

Decisions – None

Other Planning Issues – None

Other matters

EDF will be moving very large equipment on Friday 4th November between Cottam and West Burton Power Stations. Police will escort the slow-moving traffic from 9.30 am and some roads will be closed. Leaflets have been delivered to homes in affected villages.

Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan – Monitoring Group

The monitoring group held a meeting with John Mann MP and have now written to Gavin Barwell to ask for his support to improve the weight given to Neighbourhood Plans in planning decisions, particularly as he has said that where there is no District Council plan in place a Neighbourhood Plan, which was subject to a referendum, should take precedence. This will be further tested as a Wheatley planning application progresses through the process. Sturton Ward may need to revise its plan in the future to consider site allocations and align more with the upcoming Bassetlaw Local Plan

Action clerk to circulate response from Gavin Barwell when received

Bassetlaw Initial Draft Local Plan

There will be a drop in session on Monday 7th November at Wheatley Village Hall where anyone who has not heard the presentation of the Draft Plan can attend

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

11.16.01. Apologies for Absence

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

11.16.02. Comments from the Chair – Agenda changes.

None

11.16.03. Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality

No declarations at this stage.

11.16.04. Police Report.

Police Report. –

PCSO Dave Airey reported no crimes for the parish during October.

Speeding vehicles have been a top priority for the whole of rural Bassetlaw during October and speed checks were in operation over the weekend of 22/23 October and a number of offenders were prosecuted although there were none in Sturton le Steeple or South Wheatley.

Nottinghamshire Police conduct a number of operations throughout the year. One of these operations is called “Fatal Four” – this operation takes place throughout the year, but is heavily publicised in the local press in the run up to Christmas and the New Year.

“Fatal Four” relates to inconsiderate and/ or inappropriate driving particularly in relation to

- Persons driving vehicles in excess of the speed limit.
- Persons driving vehicles, and/ or passengers, not wearing seat belts.
- Persons driving vehicles whilst using mobile phones.
- Persons driving vehicles whilst under the influence of drink and/or drugs.

These operations take place at all locations across the county including both urban and rural areas.

On Halloween Night this year there were very few incidents reported of anti-social behaviour across the Bassetlaw Rural area and there were no reported incidents on this beat area.

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

11.16.05. Traffic Speeding / Calming Issues

11.16.05.1. Trentside Traffic Calming Group

Dave Langmead reported that a proposal had been submitted to Kevin Greaves at NCC Highways, based on the Leicestershire example – each village will have mobile motor vehicle speed indicator which records all traffic speed data 24/7. This will allow the Traffic Calming Group to target the mobile speed calming signs more effectively i.e. where more vehicles are being driven in excess of the speed limit and at what time of day. The proposal asks for Highway’s endorsement, marketing effort and some funding for this pilot scheme, such that they get the kudos at very little cost.

Action Dave Langmead re Highways response to the proposal

11.16.05.2. Speed Limits – Wheatley Road

Dave Langmead reported that Helen North, who is dealing with our case of signage to be adopted, is on holiday and that we now await a progress report on the timing of the installation.

Action Dave Langmead.

It was noted that Dave Langmead will continue to work with the Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group, the Trentside Traffic Calming Group and the speed limit signs for Wheatley Road

Action Dave Langmead

11.16.06. The Lengthsman Scheme.

Cllr Appleyard reported that Jack Foster is doing a very good job and working 4 hours a week for Sturton le Steeple. He has been clearing paths of leaves – to be directed to clear only drains and paths which may become slippery outside public buildings. Residents are responsible for clearing paths outside their homes

Action Cllr Appleyard

11.16.07. Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2016

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

11.16.8. Matters Arising – Non agenda items.

A BT phone box on Cross Street, Sturton le Steeple is planned to be removed since there have only been 17 calls from it during the last 12 months. A sticker will be put on the box in case residents wish to make a comment by calling the number displayed

Action Clerk to indicate that the council are impartial in the removal

Cllr Marchant updated the Council on the result of a complaint made to Bassetlaw District Council by a resident in respect of his alleged impartiality apropos a planning issue. The Council Monitoring Officer found that there was insufficient evidence to point to a specific breach within the Code of Conduct by Cllr Marchant.

11.16.9. Correspondence.

No items of correspondence this month

11.16.10. Emergency Planning – Cllr Bradley

The FOC salt from NCC has been delivered and James Bartle still has half a ton of grit left from previous years so no more grit or salt required at this stage.

Action Cllr Bradley to put grit into the Village Hall container so that the lengthsman has access to it when required. Container will need to be cleared first – Action Cllr Appleyard to assist

11.16.11. Highways and Public Safety

11.16.11.1. Street Lights and Pot Holes.

There are a couple of street lights which are hidden in trees

Action Cllr Appleyard to report this via Fix my Street

11.16.11.3. Other Issue / Matters to Report.

None this month

11.16.12. Heritage Projects.

11.16.12.1. Segelocum

Everything is being organised to allow permission to be given for field work and digging to start.

Further information can be found on the Sturton Ward website at

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

11.16.13. Finance

11.16.13.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

The monthly bank reconciliation to the 26th October 2016 was agreed and signed off by the Chair.

11.16.13.2. Accounts for Payment.

The following accounts were agreed to pay – for previous month unless stated:

Action Cllrs Fleming and Marchant to authorise & Clerk for cheques.

D Langmead – Clerks salary and expenses	£329.03
S Rockcliffe – Website work	£ 16.00
KR Hewitt – Playing field hedge	£ 60.00
J Foster – Lengthsman work	£179.87
Holmes Groundcare – Grass Cutting, Village	£357.60
Holmes Groundcare – Grass Cutting, Churchyard	£284.46
S A Stilliard – salary and expenses	£300.75
Brian Shead – bulbs	£100.00
S A Stilliard – SLCC membership	£ 40.25

11.16.13.3. Account closure and Authorities

The account which is no longer bearing any interest has been closed and combined with the main Parish Council account

Sara Stilliard has been added with the authority to view and submit payments but not authorise – as the new Clerk

Action Clerk

11.16.14. Reports from Other Committees

11.16.14.1. Playing Field – Cllr Appleyard.

New steps have now been fitted by Cllr Appleyard and the bin has been returned to the playing field but in 2 parts – **Action Cllr Appleyard to contact Environmental Health to get it repaired.**

The slide needs attention as the retaining section on one side is failing. **Action Cllr Appleyard to review this and consider metal side panels to replace the wooden ones**

The ramp is still an issue and will be carried forward to the next PC meeting.

11.16.14.2. Sturton Hall Management Committee

Cllr Howard reported that the performance of “My Big Fat Cowpat Wedding” at Sturton Hall on Sunday 16th October was considered to be a ‘treat’ but not well supported by Sturton residents. It may be worth trying another event at a different time / day with a different genre or a series of smaller events. Money does need to be raised to maintain the hall

Action Cllr Howard and Village Hall committee

11.16.14.3. The Parish Forum, SLCC and NALC Issues

Nothing to report

11.16.15. Sturton Quarry

A meeting will be held with Tim Deal – Project Manager for Tarmac in the village Hall on November 17th at 10am

Action Clerk to issue agenda for the meeting

11.16.16. Parish Council Vacancy

Council 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.

Action All Councillors.

11.16.17. Village Update – Non Agenda Items.

Cllr Marchant has 1,000 crocus and daffodil bulbs which he will plant on 9th November, hopefully with help from councillors and residents. These are to mark World Polio Day – The Rotary Club is working with Bill Gates' Foundation to help eradicate polio. The purple crocuses represent the purple stain on children's fingers that signal they have been vaccinated.

Action Cllr Marchant and others to help plant bulbs to allow grass cutting if possible

There is a Xmas craft fair at Sturton Village Hall on November 26th at which the Songbird choir (from Wheatley) will be performing

The Hub in Retford were due to charge Sturton £200 for use of their notice board to publicise the Neighbourhood Plan. They did not submit an invoice at the time and we may receive on retrospectively.

Cllr Fleming has Great Crested Newts next to his garage and in his field – this may affect planning applications if they are widespread in the village

11.16.18. Date of Next Meeting

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

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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