

Sturton le Steeple Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 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: DCllr Hugh Burton: Jeannette Walker

PUBLIC FORUM: 10 minutes was allocated for residents to speak

One resident attended and made the point that there are now 15 waste disposal licences allowing bio solids to be spread on farm land within a 3km radius of Sturton and its outlying hamlets. This could possibly result in the increase of lorries driving through the villages.

He also raised a concern that racing pigeons from the North East were landing in the area (several had been collected from him by owners from Hull and Grimsby for example) as they followed the Trent on their flight paths and a larger number than usual are being lost this year. He would like residents to be aware that only feral pigeons can be shot and that it is illegal to shoot racing pigeons.

Jeannette Walker of Bassetlaw District Council presented a proposed garden waste collection service which would be chargeable at £30 per year, for which residents would receive a 240 litre brown bin collected 2 weekly. Garden waste placed in these bins would be recycled as compost for farm land instead of being incinerated when placed in green bins. Bassetlaw residents indicated in a consultation process that they would be interested in this service and it is being trialled from March 2017 – November 2017 in areas most receptive to the scheme.

Residents will still be allowed to put garden waste in green bins during the trial, as well as take garden waste to the tip. Tree stumps or large branches and grass sods will not be collected – only material which can be chipped. Once the scheme has begun residents will be able to join at any time but the fee will still be £30

Jeannette asked the council to encourage Sturton residents to register their interest on-line or by post (via leaflets provided) by the end of November. The more that do this, the more likely it is that Sturton will be included in the trial scheme. Decisions on which areas will be included will be made by the end of December and if Sturton is included those residents who have registered interest will be contacted directly in January 2017.

Action Cllrs to distribute leaflets in the post office, pub and add the scheme to the website and notice board to encourage residents to register if interested

PLANNING MEETING:

Declarations of Interest. None declared.

Applications – 16/01262/HAZ. Hazardous Substances Consent for the storage of Various hazardous substances. West Burton Power Station. No more detail available at this stage

Action clerk – no objections or comments from the council

Decisions – None

Other Planning Issues – None

Other matters

Council understands that the owner of the property Eastmede in Freemans Lane considered that Cllr Marchant should have declared an interest before making comments about the property's double garage at the September PC meeting. Cllr Marchant noted that the issue was not on the agenda but he was asked for information by the Council during the meeting and he provided what he had noted since the new building dominates his garden. No decisions were taken by Council and it was agreed that no influence was exerted by Cllr Marchant.

Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan – Monitoring Group

Dave Langmead to arrange a meeting with Bassetlaw planners including Cllr White and Jo Davis to discuss the Sturton Ward Neighbourhood Plan and its weight in determining planning decisions within the Ward **Action Dave Langmead to report following this meeting**

Bassetlaw Initial Draft Local Plan

The new draft local plan was presented at the recent Bassetlaw conference and will be on the agenda at the Rural Forum on October 17th. Consultation on the plan will open on October 17th and continue to 9th December.

A key change proposed is that there will be main centres within Bassetlaw such as Worksop and outlying villages will be grouped in 'functional clusters'. Sturton will form part of the 'Trent Corridor Cluster' with the rest of Sturton Ward, South Leverton, Rampton etc.

There is a recommendation to remove village boundaries to be replaced with criteria for development to give some control of housing development – such as not more than 20% uplift in housing in each village

The creation of a new village with 2/3,000 houses and a school has also been proposed

The process of plan development and consultation will take 2 years to 2019 and a key question is what will happen in the interim, recognising the conflict between the need for many more houses and adherence to local neighbourhood plans. Will Sturton Ward be able to vary the Neighbourhood Plan to reflect changes that Bassetlaw make and how can we do this?

Action Clerk to circulate the link to the Consultation site to all councillors for their comments and consideration at the next meeting

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10.16.01. Apologies for Absence

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

10.16.02. Comments from the Chair – Agenda changes.

None

10.16.03. Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality

No declarations at this stage.

10.16.04. Police Report.

Police Report. –

PCSO Dave Airey reported three crimes in the village last month. These was a theft from a motor vehicle in North Street where a works van was broken into and an attempted burglary

on Wheatley Road where damage was caused to a shed but no entry gained. In Littleborough a lock was also smashed on an outbuilding but nothing was stolen.

Mass market fraud is a topic that is frequently brought up in conversation. There have been a number of television programmes aired recently and newspaper reports published around this topic. Many people are lured by the thrill of a surprise win and find themselves parting with large amounts of money in order to claim fake prizes. There is a huge range and variety of mass market mail, some of which will be obviously fraudulent. Whatever the case, you should always be wary of what you reply to.

You cannot win money or a prize in a lottery if you have not entered it. You cannot be chosen at random if you do not have an entry.

As another year draws to a close and Halloween/ Mischievous Night and Bonfire Night approaches, it would be a good time to remind everyone of the rules and regulations associated with the use and possession of fireworks. Every year the Police get numerous complaints about the misuse of fireworks and, as we know, people are still maimed and killed by their misuse. On the flipside, for this beat area, over the last few years we have received very few complaints relating to the use and abuse of fireworks.

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

10.16.05. Traffic Speeding / Calming Issues

10.16.05.1. Trentside Traffic Calming Group

Cllr Taylor said that the group was hopeful of getting teams out in the area – there are now 7 volunteers in South Leverton, 3 in Sturton and 3 in Treswell. Dave Langmead has met with Ian Parker of Highways who is very positive about a plan for the Trent Valley, particularly as there will be no cost to the County Council. Dave is preparing a proposal for a pilot Traffic Calming scheme at key pinch points including portable flashing signs, signage to indicate the Trent Valley Traffic Calming area and speed roundels. When Highways agree to the plan he will start to look for the relevant funding. Council noted that signs need to be different and highly visible so that they are less likely to be ignored, for example 3,2,1 signs and those on bus shelters as in East Drayton. The next meeting of the Traffic Calming Committee is October 26th

Action Dave Langmead

10.16.05.2. Speed Limits – Wheatley Road

Dave Langmead reported that he has received confirmation from Helen North who is dealing with our case at the County Council of the signage to be adopted and that we now await a progress report on the timing of the installation. **Action Dave Langmead.**

10.16.06. The Lengthsman Scheme.

Cllr Appleyard reported that Jack Foster is doing a good job and spreading his time equally between the 3 parishes.

10.16.07. Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2016

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

10.16.8. Matters Arising – Non agenda items.

Dave Langmead confirmed that following Council's letter to the Station Road property owner concerning the overgrown hedge overhanging the highway, the owner has contacted Dave pointing out that the hedge has been cut back. -

10.16.9. Correspondence.

No items of correspondence this month

10.16.10. Emergency Planning – Cllr Bradley

No issues to report.

10.16.11. Highways and Public Safety

10.16.11.1. Street Lights and Pot Holes.

There are a couple of street lights which are hidden in trees **Action Cllr Appleyard to report this**

10.16.11.2. Winter Preparation

Sturton will require the usual 5 FOC bags of salt which are to be delivered to the Village Hall storage container. No new Blue bins are required and Jack Foster has checked the yellow grit bins.

Action Clerk to order the salt

10.16.11.3. Other Issue / Matters to Report.

There are reports of dog fouling in gardens on Leverton Road. Council would like to remind residents that there are anti dog fouling signs throughout the village and would ask dog owners to adhere to these rules

10.16.12. Heritage Projects.

10.16.12.1. Segelocum

Dave Langmead reported that it is planned that there will be Auger training during October since Augers will be used as soon as permission is given to start work. Further information can be found on the Sturton Ward website at <http://www.sturtonward.org.uk/segelocum-archaeology-project/>

10.16.13. Finance

10.16.13.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

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

10.16.13.2. 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	£	342.58
S Rockcliffe – Website work	£	16.00
G Brown (Sturton) Ltd – Mending Play Equipment	£	42.80
J Foster – Lengthsman work	£	316.14
Holmes Groundcare – Grass Cutting, Village	£	357.60
Holmes Groundcare – Grass Cutting, Churchyard	£	284.46
Grant Thornton – Annual Audit Fee	£	240.00
North Leverton PC – Lengthsman Grant	£	962.50
South Leverton PC – Lengthsman Grant	£	962.50
N&S Wheatley PC – Lengthsman Grant	£	962.50
D Langmead – 6 months Lengthsman Lead Council payment	£	150.00

Council noted that the FIT payments to 10th September suggest that the council will be in credit by between £150 - £200 at the end of the year.

10.16.14. Reports from Other Committees

10.16.14.1. Playing Field – Cllr Appleyard.

The ramp is still an issue and will be carried forward to the next PC meeting. There has been no response from youngsters in the village

10.16.14.2. Sturton Hall Management Committee

Cllr Howard reported that ticket sales for the performance of “My Big Fat Cowpat Wedding” at Sturton Hall on Sunday 16th October have been very poor, not helped by the fact that Village Ventures Booklets have not been issued so the promised county wide advertising has not been forthcoming. This was a trial to see if the village wanted plays and music events and will not be repeated if it is not supported.

Action all councillors to promote the tickets to increase numbers for the event

Cllr Marchant reminded Council that the WI will be hosting a fashion show (ladies!) on Tuesday the 18th October starting at 7.30pm in Sturton Hall.

10.16.14.3. The Parish Forum, SLCC and NALC Issues

Council noted that the next Bassetlaw Forum will be held on 17th October at the Retford Enterprise Centre from 7pm to 9pm.

10.16.15. Sturton Quarry

Council noted that road construction has started and lorries are damaging grass verges. In view of this and concerns about the exit onto the Gainsborough Road it was agreed to push ahead with the agreed liaison meeting with Tarmac.

Action Clerk to arrange the meeting

10.16.16. 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.

10.16.17. Village Update – Non Agenda Items.

There was a request for £100 to buy spring bulbs for the village – unanimously agreed by Council. Any new bulbs to be planted in clusters to make it easier to mow around during grass cutting

Action Clerk to issue a cheque to Brian Shead.

10.16.18. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 1st November 2016 in Sturton Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Proposed dates for the remainder of 2016 are as follows: - 6/12.

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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