Sturton le Steeple Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Sturton le Steeple Parish Council held on April 19th 2023, at 7.00 pm at The Village Hall in Sturton le Steeple

Present Councillors A. Frankish (in the Chair), P. Appleyard, J. Marshall, K. Howard, B. Werth, County Cllr J Ogle (in part)

Also Present: Clerk & RFO: Julie Tisi

Public: Emily Byatt

Guests: none present

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

Public Forum

Resident expressed concern about people coming down the lane and taking photographs of her house, this includes protestors of the Fusion plant. She is feeling unsafe in her home and feels the need to keep doors locked and windows closed. This issue has been raised with the police who have not responded nor provided any assurance that anything will be done. It is understood that the lane in question is unadopted but it is not known if it is a private road. Would it be possible for the Power Station to erect a sign stating no access from the lane.
There is also a large increase in the number of HGV's in the village, there is no sign at Bole stating no access, resident emailed Cllr J Ogle in October, his response will be forwarded to the PC.
Road closures in the village are becoming increasingly problematic with no advance warning in place.
Clerk will contact VIA and the Power Station

A resident from Low Holland attended to discuss a Police Investigation into a missing cat which they have in evidence it was caught in a trap. Although the Police were told the cat was released it has not returned home and the resident was expressing his concerns for other residents in the village with pets to remain vigilant.

04.23.01 Welcome

The Chair welcomed all Cllrs and members of public to the meeting.

04.23.02 Apologies for Absence

It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllrs Moore and Bradley

04.23.03 Comments from the Chair

No comments

04.23.04 Declarations of Interest

To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests pursuant to section 31 Localism Act 2011 from councillors on matters considered at this meeting.
No Disclosures

04.23.05 Planning Matters

New Applications

Erect Front Porch Extension, Rear Orangery Extension and Rear First Floor Dormer Extension Lealholm Cross Street Sturton Le Steeple Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9HWRef. No: 23/00417/HSE | Received: Fri 31 Mar 2023 | Validated: Thu 06 Apr 2023 | **Status: Awaiting decision**

All agreed to be in support of this application

Listed Building Consent to Replace Existing Windows for New Hardwood Windows Manor Farmhouse Fenton Lane Sturton Le Steeple Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9HFRef. No: 23/00372/LBA | Received: Tue 21 Mar 2023 | Validated: Thu 30 Mar 2023 | **Status: Awaiting decision**

All agreed to be in support of this application

Applications awaiting decision

Demolition of an Existing Derelict Bungalow and Erection of a Detached House and Garages with New Vehicular Access. Littlewood House Wheatley Road Sturton Le Steeple Retford Ref. No: 23/00199/FUL | Received: Mon 13 Feb 2023 | Validated: Mon 13 Feb 2023 | **Status: Awaiting decision**
Since publication of Agenda this application has been granted.

Change of Use from Agricultural Land to Domestic Use including erection of Stable Block and Exercise Arena (Retrospective) Manor Farmhouse Three Lays Lane Sturton Le Steeple Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9HF Ref. No: 22/01280/COU | Received: Tue 20 Sep 2022 | Validated: Tue 03 Jan 2023 | **Status: Awaiting decision**

Other Planning matters

West Burton STEPS project update

No further update since website and facebook page were updated.

Cottam and West Burton Solar Projects

Remove from future agenda's.

Cottam Power Station

No update

Wood Lane Solar Farm

Attended quarterly update. Engagement sessions are being offered, discussed updated being included in future newsletters. There have been no material changes to plans and work due to commence after harvest. The build schedule is approximately 9 months and there is a transport plan to ensure construction traffic and contractors use the main roads to access the site and limit village through traffic for Sturton and Wheatley.

04.23.06 Police Report

PC Dale sent his apologies. The PC would like to discuss door to door sales with him and ask for the Police Official Line to give to residents, however would advise residents that feel under threat to contact the Police.

Clerk to contact PC Dale

04.23.07 Reports from County Councillor J Ogle

Councillors raised that the roads are degrading and in some areas in serious need of repair. Cllr Ogle will investigate when area patching work will be carried out again. He encourages residents to report potholes directly with Notts CC and to follow up on this if work is not carried out in a reasonable time frame, residents should also log complaints when the Council have failed to repair/investigate potholes. Road budget stands at £30 million which is not sufficient to make all repairs. He informed the PC that residents can make a claim where damage to vehicles has been caused by potholes. This can be done by contacting riskinsurance@nottscc.gov.uk he advised sending photographic evidence with any correspondence. Using a ruler to also measure the depth of the pothole will be useful when making any complaint/claim. Potholes can be reported via the website https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes/report-a-pothole

04.23.08 Traffic Speeding / Calming Issues

The speed sign is now back but has not been calibrated due to servers being down.

Concern raised about speeding traffic/revving of cars at the Reindeer in car nights. It was suggested that the events be marshalled as the cars enter and leave the village.

Chair to speak to Manager of Reindeer Inn

04.23.09 Highways and Public Safety

Street light on North Street has still not been repaired, ongoing.

Concrete Slab on North Street, PC concerned that as grass grows and the slab is not visible it could become a Health and Safety issue.

Clerk to write to resident and ask that this be removed

04.23.10 Road closures

Station Road, Sturton le Steeple from its junction with Gainsborough Road in a north-westerly direction for 225 metres. From 08:00 hours on Monday 17th April 2023 until 16:00 hours on Thursday 20th April 2023. No yellow signs were erected to give advance warning prior to this work commencing

Clerk to contact highways and ask that sign/notices be placed in future

04.23.11 The Lengthsman Scheme

No update

04.23.12 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on March 8th 2023

It was resolved that the minutes were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record of the meeting.

04.23.13 Matters Arising – Non-Agenda items

No update on missing bin on North Street, carry over to May meeting

04.23.14 Correspondence

Donation to Reindeer Inn

Resident concern whether this was appropriate use of PC funds. Clerk sought advice from NALC regarding this matter, who confirmed that this would be an appropriate use of S137 funds. Cllrs voted at 7-1 in favour of supporting this request.

It was resolved that as the event is being held for the benefit of the residents to celebrate the King's Coronation, Section 137 would be used as this event is aimed to benefit the residents.

Improvements to Skate Park
In principle the Parish Council would support this request, subject to finances. All agreed that there was little for older children/teens to enjoy.
Parish Council to obtain some quotes, item to be carried forward

Missing Cat
Discussed under public forum

Request to advertise in Newsletter
All agreed to deny this request and felt that the Newsletter should contain only Parish News and Information

General conditions of road surface
Concerns raised with Cllr J Ogle

04.23.15 Finance
Monthly bank reconciliation / End of year update
It was resolved that the bank reconciliation was correct and signed accordingly.

04.23.16 April payments for approval

Voucher	*Cheque No*	*Reason*	*VAT No if Applicable*	*Net Total*	*VAT*	*Total*
1	BACS	Jack Forster Lengthsman		£204.00	£0.00	£204.00
2	BACS	Holmes Groundcare		£153.47	£0.00	£153.47
3	BACS	Holmes Groundcare Church Yard & Field		£122.50	£0.00	£122.50
4	BACS	PFK Littlejohn Audit	440498250	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00
5	BACS	J Tisi Expense		£74.40	£0.00	£74.40
6	BACS	J Tisi Salary		£280.00	£0.00	£280.00
			Total	**£1,034.37**	**£40.00**	**£1,074.37**

Resolved that payments are correct, BACS payments will be approved by Cllrs Frankish and Burgin

04.23.17 Reports from other groups and committees
Playpark safety report
Cllr Burgin to liaise with Cllr Bradley to have swing repairs completed.

Village Hall
To be carried forward, Cllr Frankish in process of getting a cashflow together, the Village Hall are now receiving some regular bookings.

Update on the Reflection Garden
Work to commence next month. The PC will be looking to put a team together to look after the garden once work is finished. A decision still needs to be made on the centre piece, will be discussed at next meeting.

04.23.18 Village update
Cllr Frankish is working on the next Newsletter.

Monthly defibrillator check has been carried out.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 10th May at 7.00pm

I declare that this is an accurate account of the meeting and agree to accept the minutes as a true account.

Signed: Chairman Sturton le Steeple Parish Council

Date:

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