

Sturton le Steeple Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Sturton le Steeple Parish Council held on June 14th 2023, at 7.30 pm at The Village Hall in Sturton le Steeple

Present Councillors A. Frankish (in the Chair), P. Appleyard, J. Marshall, A Bradley, E Byatt, B. Werth, G Burgin

Also Present: Clerk & RFO: Julie Tisi

Guests: none present

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

Public Forum

No residents present

06.23.01 Welcome

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

06.23.02 Apologies for Absence

It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllrs Moore and Howard

06.23.03 Comments from the Chair

Acknowledged that this was Cllr Byatts first meeting since being elected.

06.23.04 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

06.23.05 Planning Matters

New Applications

Discharge of Conditions 6, 8, 12, 13 and 15 of P.A. 21/01552/VOC - Variation of Condition 2 on P. A 20/00117/FUL - Extend the Temporary Period of Permission to 40 Years from When the Site Becomes Operational Reference 23/00523/COND | Alternative Reference PP-12060035 | Application Received Tue 25 Apr 2023 | Application Validated Fri 28 Apr 2023

All agreed neutral on this application

Applications awaiting decision

Erect Front Porch Extension, Rear Orangery Extension and Rear First Floor Dormer Extension
Lealholm Cross Street Sturton Le Steeple Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9HW

Ref. No: 23/00417/HSE | Received: Fri 31 Mar 2023 | Validated: Thu 06 Apr 2023 | **Status: Awaiting decision**

All agreed to support this application

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

Previously discussed no further comments

Other Planning matters

West Burton STEPS project update

Public meeting being held at Trinity Arts Gainsborough 14th June from 3pm, event has been publicised. Update in Cllr Naish's report

Cottam and West Burton Solar Projects

No update

Cottam Power Station

No update

Wood Lane Solar Farm

Residents of the parish should have received a newsletter from Scottish Power which was sent on request of the Parish Council, this give a good update of the project progress

West Burton Decommissioning

Public consultation period was very short, PC did request an extension so that they could discuss and make comment but this was refused by BDC Planning Department. Cllr Frankish will be arranging a meeting with contact on site and asked if anyone would be interested in joining.

Bole Battery Storage

The project looks likely to be back on track, to be discussed when information is available

Upgrade to the National Grid

Infrastructure could end up very close to the village, to be discussed when information is available

West Burton Solar Farm

Update in Cllr Naish's report

Tillbridge Solar Farm

Information received that has been shared, public meetings are running

Cllr Frankish asked Cllrs if they would be willing give focus to areas of planning and feedback to the PC at meetings. It was agreed going forwards that Cllr Appleyard would focus on Solar Projects (West Burton, Wood Lane and Tillbridge) Cllr Marshall will focus on Battery Storage, Cllr Frankish will focus on STEPS and West Burton Decommissioning, Cllr Werth will focus on National Grid

It was also asked by Cllr Byatt if the resident who attended previous has received any resolution to the issues raised at previous meetings. Cllr Appleyard will visit the resident to discuss if the cabling issue has been resolved. Clerk will follow up with Cllr Ogle and check whether there has been any progress on fitting road signs.

A discussion ensued and all Cllrs agreed that the PC need to look at ways to have better engagement with residents, whether this be by use of Apps/Social Media. To be discussed further at next meeting.

06.23.06 Police Report

Clerk spoke to PCSO Dale about continued issues with door to door sales/aggressive attitudes. PCSO Dale advised that residents ask sellers for the sponsorship companies names and he will liaise directly with them when issues occur. He stated that he had stop a few door to door sellers in neighbouring villages over the last couple of weeks, all of whom were legitimate.

06.23.07 Reports from District Councillor Naish

B&Q DISTRIBUTION CENTRE OPENING

A new distribution B&Q centre has opened at Blyth this week. Employing 100 people, it is the first B&Q facility to serve both stores and home delivery at the same time.

Please use this link for more information:

<https://www.doncasterfreepress.co.uk/business/bq-opens-huge-new-distribution-depot-near-doncaster-creating-100-jobs-4159767>

COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP FUND

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has launched the third round of its £150 million Community Ownership Fund. Opening on Wednesday 31st May, the fund gives voluntary and community groups the chance to apply for funding to acquire important assets and run them for the benefit of the local community. **The third round will:**

- Reduce the match funding requirement;
- Increase the amount of funding all projects can bid for from £250,000 to £1 million;
- Allow parish councils to apply in the same way that community groups can.

The deadline for applications for this funding round is Wednesday 12th July.

Please use this link for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/community-ownership-fund-round-3-how-to-express-your-interest-in-applying>

FREE SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP FOR BUSINESSES

A fully-funded workshop has been organised to assist small and large businesses with their social media approaches on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. The key details are as follows:

- Tuesday 13th June
- Middletons Yard, Worksop, S80 2FT
- 10:00 to 16:00

To book your free place, please contact Fiona Humpage on 01909 533 498 or email fiona.humpage@bassetlaw.gov.uk.

'FRIENDS OF BASSETLAW MUSEUM' EVENT

The Friends of Bassetlaw Museum (Amcott House, 40 Grove St, Retford DN22 6LD) have organised a fascinating evening looking at royal objects. This will take place on Thursday 15th June from 18:30 to 20:30 and will give people an opportunity to get closer to artefacts including:

- Medieval charters
- Artefacts relating to the origin of kingship in Britain
- Images of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I

Please use this link for more information:

<https://facebook.com/events/s/royal-objects-a-special-open-e/234575645871756/>

STEP EVENT: FUTURE SUPPLIER OPPORTUNITIES

STEP is the UK Atomic Energy Authority's programme to build a prototype fusion energy plant at West Burton. This will be taking place over the next 15+ years.

The next community event will be taking place at the Trinity Arts Centre in Gainsborough (DN21 2AL) on Wednesday 14th June. This will include a session on future supplier opportunities and timeframes with the UKAEA's Strategic Procurement Lead.

The full programme runs from 15:00 to 19:00 and will include:

- 1530: What is fusion - live & interactive
- 1630: Future supplier opportunities and timeframes
- 1715: What is fusion - live & interactive
- 1800: 'STARMAKERS: the Energy of Tomorrow' film

You can sign up to the newsletter for regular updates from the STEP team here:

<https://step.ukaea.uk/sign-up/>

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT EVENT

On Tuesday 6th June, 27 organisations will come together to showcase volunteering opportunities across the District at Worksop Town Hall. Attendees will include Barnados, Citizens Advice, National Trust, Rhubarb Farm and Sense.

- Tuesday 13th June
- Worksop Town Hall, Worksop, S80 1DG
- 11:00 to 15:00

If you're got some spare time on your hands and want to contribute to the local area or are looking to build up some work experience, please go along and speak to these well-known organisations.

06.23.08 Traffic Speeding / Calming Issues

The speed sign is now back with manufacturers. It was asked if data could be pulled from the interactive signs that would provide information on volume/speeding traffic. It was discussed if a Traffic Survey

could be carried out in the village. Clerk confirmed that these are available via Notts CC. **Action** Clerk will put in a request to this carried out.

06.23.09 Highways and Public Safety

Cllr Moore not in attendance but it is believed that the street light has now been repaired. Potholes have been temporarily filled

06.23.10 Road closures

None at time of meeting

06.23.11 The Lengthsman Scheme

No update

06.23.12 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on May 10th 2023

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

06.23.13 Matters Arising – Non-Agenda items

None

06.23.14 Correspondence

The PC acknowledge correspondence received regarding HGV's in the village.

06.23.15 Finance

Monthly bank reconciliation

It was resolved that the bank reconciliation was correct and signed accordingly.

06.23.16 June payments for approval

<i>Voucher</i>	<i>Cheque No</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>VAT No if Applicable</i>	<i>Net Total</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Total</i>
16	BACS	HMRC PAYE		£245.58	£0.00	£245.58
17	BACS	Darbys		£96.50	£19.30	£115.80
18	BACS	Jack Foster Lengthsman		£168.00	£0.00	£168.00
19	BACS	J Tisi May Salary/Expenses		£370.81	£0.00	£370.81
20	BACS	PWLB Loan		£579.02	£0.00	£579.02
21	BACS	NALC Cllr Training E Byatt		£45.00	£0.00	£45.00
22	BACS	Chris Holmes Churchyard		£126.00	£0.00	£126.00
23	BACS	Chris Holmes Groundcare		£316.14	£0.00	£316.14
24	BACS	Osbertron Trust Ground Rent		10.00	0.00	10.00
			Total	£1,957.05	£19.30	£1,976.35

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

Clerk raised whether the PC continue employing Darby's for payroll issues as is able to do this in house using HMRC basic tools. All agreed that they were happy for payroll to be ran in house. **Action** Clerk to contact Darbys and end contract.

Standing Order for Clerk's Salary

All agreed that going forwards clerks basic salary could be paid monthly by standing order. Any additional hours/expenses to be presented at each meeting

06.23.17 Reports from other groups and committees

Playpark safety report

Cllr Burgin to liaise with Cllr Bradley to have swing repairs completed.

Village Hall

a) Request for funding

Cllr Frankish informed PC that the Village Hall need to increase hall hire to avoid continuing running at a loss. He requested a one off donation from the PC to allow the Village Hall to temporarily employ a sales person who would actively seek to gain regular bookings from corporate bodies. Cllrs voted at 6 for and 1 against. **Action** Clerk to arrange a bank transfer

Update on the Reflection Garden

Work is now in progress and going well. Cllr Appleyard has discussed the possibility of obtaining a turbine blade from the powerstation as central feature and will update when he is able. The Power Station have also offered glass display cabinets and trophies/awards they have won over the years, to the PC.

Cllr Frankish has asked residents for their views about what they want as their centre piece in the garden in a recent Newsletter, as yet no one has made any suggestions.

06.23.18 Village update

Monthly defibrillator check has been carried out. Cllr Frankish suggested another training course maybe useful. **Action** Clerk to investigate

Cllr Frankish issued latest Newsletter to residents last week

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 12th July 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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