

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Sturton le Steeple Parish Council
held on July 10th 2024, at 6pm at The Village Hall in Sturton le Steeple

Present Councillors A. Frankish (in the Chair), E. Byatt, P. Appleyard, A. Bradley, L Clapperton, S. Evans, R. Warburton, Cllr Ogle (in part)

Also Present: Clerk & RFO: Julie Tisi

Public: 0 members of the public

Guests: 0

The meeting commenced at 6 pm

Public Forum

07/01 Welcome

The Chair welcomed all Cllrs and Robert Warburton who is attending the meeting with the intention of being co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

07/02 Apologies for Absence

To council resolved to accept apologies from Cllrs Naish and Werth.

07/03 Comments from the Chair

No comments

07/04 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.

Cllr Bradley disclosed interest in the Solar Farm and Quarry

07/05 Planning Matters

New Applications

Erect Single Storey Side Extension, 3 Cross Street Sturton Le Steeple Nottinghamshire DN22 9HL
Ref. No: 24/00662/HSE | Received: Tue 11 Jun 2024 | Validated: Thu 13 Jun 2024 | **Status: Awaiting Decision –**

Erect Single Storey Front Porch Extension, Jasmine Cottage North Street Sturton Le Steeple Nottinghamshire DN22 9HP Ref. No: 24/00625/HSE | Received: Tue 04 Jun 2024 | Validated: Thu 06 Jun 2024 | **Status: Awaiting decision**

Applications awaiting decision

Construction of a Domestic Garage Hawthornes Cross Street Sturton Le Steeple Nottinghamshire DN22 9HL Ref. No: 24/00563/HSE | Received: Thu 16 May 2024 | Validated: Tue 21 May 2024 | **Status: Awaiting decision**

Reserved Matters Application Pursuant to Application 22/01123/OUT Landscaping, Layout, Scale and

Appearance Land At Roses Farm Station Road Sturton Le Steeple Nottinghamshire

Ref. No: 24/00173/RES | Received: Mon 12 Feb 2024 | Validated: Fri 23 Feb 2024 | **Status: Awaiting decision**

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: Wed 22 Feb 2023 | **Status: Awaiting decision**

Applications Complete

Single Storey Rear Extension Crossways Cross Street Sturton Le Steeple Nottinghamshire DN22 9HW

Ref. No: 24/00341/HSE | Received: Fri 22 Mar 2024 | Validated: Wed 27 Mar 2024 | **Status: Grant**

Other Planning matters

1) UKAEA STEPS project update

A public meeting is to be held at Trinity Arts Centre Gainsborough on the 23rd July. Cllr Frankish is unable to attend and has invited other Cllrs to take his place at 2pm.

2) West Burton Decommissioning

Cllr Frankish in discussion following residents' complaints regarding burning onsite. West Burton have confirmed that they do not dispose of waste via burning. It is also to be noted that there are currently no future dates set for demolition work.

3) Wood Lane Solar Farm

No update. Update at the next meeting

4) Bole Battery Storage

No update. Application still not showing on any planning portal. Remove from agenda until further correspondence received.

5) Upgrade to the National Grid

Work to repair damaged grass verges has been carried out with the exception of Gainsborough Road which is due to be completed soon. A public consultation is to be held at the Village Hall on the 13th July and a questionnaire has been issued to residents.

a) Transformer on North Street corner

Cllr Appleyard in discussion regarding the replacement of a pole mounted transformer, further information to follow when available.

6) Village Communication

Dist. Cllr Naish has not supplied this information due to increased workload, will remove from agenda and update when available.

07/06 Police Report

Shared ahead of the meeting with the Cllrs, Clerk to upload the report to website. Speed camera van has been out in Leverton, the PC would like to request presence on Gainsborough Road at the T junction, clerk to arrange.

07/07 Parish Council Vacancies

Robert Warburton made an expression of wish to be co-opted to one of the vacant seats, all members in agreement. Robert Warburton invited to join the PC, Clerk will issue all relevant documentation and update BDC with details of appointment. Adrienne Jewitt has also expressed interest in applying for one of the vacant seats but was unable to attend tonight's meeting, this would leave one remaining seat.

07/08 Christian Heritage

a) Update from Cllr Clapperton

Thanks to hard work and many hours of time Cllr Clapperton has secured £10k worth of funding from BDC Rural prosperity fund. The fund will cover the cost of a sculpture centrally placed in the reflection garden and will be designed to represent the strong links held with Christian heritage. Following on from recent updates Cllr Clapperton has been in talks with 2 sculptures/artists and presented the Cllrs designs for the centre piece alongside costings. At a unanimous vote the PC agreed to commission sculpture Richard Johnson who has proactively spent time in the Village aiming to capture within his design important aspects of the Villages history. In due course the Parish Council will be delighted to share the chosen design.

07/09 Reports & updates from County and District Councillors

Cllr Naish sent apologies

Cllr Ogle on attendance and welcomed questions from the PC following the recent election:

Cllr Frankish asked what impact the recent election would have. Cllr Ogle stated that funding may change but there was no immediate impact

Cllr Ogle stated that following a recent Mayoral election, whereby Clare Ward was sworn into seat, he had hoped to see devolution funds dispersed to repair potholes in the areas but has been informed that further funds are not available. Cllr Ogle invited residents to make complaints to Notts CC regarding this matter.

07/10. Traffic Speeding / Calming Issues

a) Update on Interactive speed sign(s)

Whilst a replacement camera has been agreed, as yet there is no date to have this installed.

b) Data Visualisation

Data has not been pulled as yet from cameras

07/11. Highways and Public Safety

a) Street lights & pot holes – Report to Notts CC

Residents can report potholes via the Notts CC website:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes/report-a-pothole>

b) Road Sweeping

Clerk has requested road sweeping from Aiden O'Connor at VIA, dates to be confirmed

Following on from correspondence from a resident and a discussion held with Cllr Ogle the PC will contact Highways again with regards to a new sign at Bole corner indicating no through access for HGV's. Clerk to write to Cllr Ogle and Aidan O'Connor.

07/12. Road closures

No planned closures in place

07/13 The Lengthsman

Weeds around village hall to be sprayed.

07/14 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 12th June

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

07/15 Matters Arising – Non-Agenda items

Reindeer Inn requested £150 towards the cost of the Sturton Rocks event which raised money for the school. All Cllrs in agreement.

Residents asked on Facebook who is responsible for the maintenance of public rights of way. These are maintained by Notts CC and can be reported via the website:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-environment/walking-cycling-and-rights-of-way/rights-of-way/report-problem>

07/16.Flooding

a) Notts CC update

Planned works to improve the drainage at the bridge is scheduled to begin on the 29th July. Thanks to Cllr Appleyard who has worked with Matt Duckworth at Notts CC to get this issue resolved.

07/17.Correspondence

a) Hunt exercising dogs in Countryside around village

Resident has withdrawn his query

b) Car Meets

3 vehicles have been seen leaving the village at excessive speed. Organisers will issue a warning to offenders and ban from future events if the behaviour continues. Clerk will ask PCSO John Dale if he is able to attend the next meet. The Parish Council will monitor data from speed signs going forwards.

c) Wagon Wheel Cottage overgrown conifers.

The conifers have overgrown into the road meaning that straw being transported through the village is being pulled onto the road, this problem is two-fold, it is unsightly and it is also causing drain blockages. All residents are reminded that they have responsibility for the maintenance of roadside hedges/trees so that they do not become a danger to road users. When residents fail to attend to these issues Notts CC can make sure work is carried out. The owner of the tree or hedge would normally have to pay for the necessary work. Where trees or hedges are posing a danger to road users by obscuring traffic signs/signals and Notts CC own the tree or hedge, they will prune the branches. If the tree or hedge is on private land, they can take legal action to force the owner to remove the danger within 14 days. If the owner does not take action, Notts may carry out the work and recover costs from the owner. Issues can be reported via the <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/trees-hedges/report-a-tree-or-vegetation-problem>

07/18. Village Hall

AGM held in June, there has not been much response received for volunteers to assist with the management of the Hall. The Parish Council are now the sole trustees but a management committee is still required. Cllrs Frankish and Evans will look at creating role specific job descriptions to make it clearer what help is needed. Still awaiting firm costings for the land transfer, current quotes range from around £3k up to £4.5k.

07/19.Finance

a) Monthly bank reconciliation

The current bank balance is £55,685.03

Resolved that reconciliation is correct and approved by Cllrs Frankish

b) Resolve to pay all outstanding invoices as presented on the payment sheet

Schedule of Payments - June 2024					
Date	Reason	VAT No	Net Total	VAT	Total
04-Jun-24	B/P to: HMRC Cumbernauld		£7.60	£0.00	£7.60
04-Jun-24	B/P to: Julie Tisi May Salary and Expense		£368.72	£0.00	£368.72
04-Jun-24	B/P to: Darbys Payroll Support	745392121	£33.00	£6.60	£39.60
04-Jun-24	B/P to: Holmes Groundcare Churchyard		£139.00	£0.00	£139.00
04-Jun-24	B/P to: Holmes Groundcare		£174.00	£0.00	£174.00
04-Jun-24	B/P to: Jack Foster Lenthsmen		£180.00	£6.60	£173.40
28-Jun-24	B/P to: Julie Tisi Julie Salary and Expense		£400.32	£0.00	£400.32
28-Jun-24	B/P to: HMRC Cumbernauld		£34.80	£0.00	£34.80
30-Jun-24	Unity Trust Service Charge		£18.00	£0.00	£18.00
		Total Payments	1,355.44	13.20	1,355.44
18-Jun-24	E.ON NEXT ENERGY L		£640.88	£0.00	£640.88
		Total Receipts	640.88	0.00	640.88

Resolved that payments are correct; BACS payments will be approved by Cllrs Frankish

Fields for farming have sent an invoice for the cost of promotional activities/printing to the PC, this is within the £300 previously agreed and all agreed that payment should be made

07/20.Reports from other groups and committees

a) Playpark and Playing Fields

A quote of £1000 received to repair the S shaped bench, all agreed to instruct the work to go ahead. Newly installed benches still need to be bolted down. Still awaiting delivery of the new playpark signs

b) Quarry Liaison Committee

No update

c) Sturton Renewables RES

No update

d) Church Update

- Quality/frequency of grass cutting

Cllr Clapperton has spoken to members of the Church committee who would like the current grass cutting situation to continue next season.

e) Reflection Garden watering/update

Cllr Clapperton alongside a group of volunteers have been working on weeding and watering the garden. A long-term solution to watering is needed, will place on next agenda.

f) Willow Structure volunteers required for maintenance

Cllr Clapperton will approach the gardening group and ask if they would be willing to help maintain, the willow currently does need to be tidied up.

07/21.Village update

a) Monthly defibrillator check

Complete

The meeting closed at 7.46pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 11th September 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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