

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Sturton le Steeple Parish Council
held on March 12th 2025, at 7pm at The Village Hall in Sturton le Steeple**

Present Councillors E. Byatt (in the Chair), P. Appleyard, , S Evans, Cllrs Frankish, A Bradley, L Clapperton

Also Present: Clerk & RFO: Julie Tisi, Dist Cllr for Tuxford Emma Griffin, County Cllr Ogle

Public: 1

Guests: 1 Fields for Farming

The meeting commenced at 7 pm

Public Forum

Member of public attended the meeting to express concerns over the cumulative impact of the proposed developments in and around Sturton. They provided a map to demonstrate all of the areas that would be affected should all proposals be granted. Concerns over road safety, environmental impact and risk to health raised. The PC acknowledged the concerns and are in agreement with many of the points raised.

Fields for Farming

Dave Langmead attended on behalf of Fields for Farming (FFF), he issued the Cllrs with a print out of the summary document which has been drafted in the form of a press release. The consensus of which is that the RES proposal is one development too many for the Village, who have already either supported or been in agreeance to the need for STEP, the Quarry, solar farm and the National Grid update. They plan to send the press release out both locally and nationally. A request was made for a combined approach to say no to the RES proposal. Cllr Griffin was in attendance at the meeting and made the PC and FFF aware that Rt Hon Robert Jenrick would be visiting Sturton on the 28th March, Cllrs Appleyard and Frankish agreed to meet with him.

25/03/01 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

25/03/02 Apologies for Absence

The PC resolved to accept apologies from Cllr Warburton and Jewitt

25/03/03 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 declared an interest in the Quarry and RES Solar

25/03/04 Planning Matters

Planning Matters

New Applications

None at the time agenda was printed

Ongoing Applications

24/00509/PREAPP Proposed National Strategic Infrastructure Project Consultation from The Planning Inspectorate on Behalf of the Secretary of State for a Scoping Opinion - Proposed development of a Solar Farm located in Bassetlaw comprising up to 400MW of solar energy

generation and a 200MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). Renewable Project Land
Littleborough Road Sturton Le Steeple 28th January 2025

Change Of Use And Conversion Of Existing Outbuilding To Form New Detached Residential Dwelling
With Associated Parking & Amenity Space Littlewood House Wheatley Road Sturton Le Steeple
Nottinghamshire DN22 9HU Ref. No: 24/01268/FUL | Received: Mon 04 Nov 2024 | Validated: Thu
07 Nov 2024 | **Status: Awaiting decision**

Installation of Underground Cable Land On, And Land Between, Gainsborough Road And South
Road, Sturton Le Steeple Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 24/01358/FUL | Received: Mon 25 Nov 2024 |
Validated: Wed 27 Nov 2024 | **Status: Awaiting decision**

Applications Complete

None since last meeting

- a) Sturton Renewables RES
As discussed under public forum
- b) UKAEA STEPS project update
No Update
- c) West Burton Decommissioning
No update
- d) Upgrade to the National Grid
Cllr Appleyard attended recent meeting

NALC – Instruction of Professional Support in Planning Matters

NALC have advised under S137 the PC have the capability to pay for professional assistance to guide them through the National Infrastructure projects within the village, however there is only a small budget available to do this. It was suggested that Clerk speak with neighbouring parishes to ask if they would be willing to join a joint parish action group (JPAG). Clerk to gather information and to be discussed at the April Meeting

25/03/05 Police Report

No update.

25/03/06 Bassetlaw Spring Clean 29th March – 12th April

Date to be confirmed via Facebook

25/03/07 To set meeting dates for 2025/2026

It was resolved that the PC would continue to meet on the second Wednesday of every month, with exception of August when no meeting is held

25/03/08 Parish Council Vacancies

There is currently 1 remaining vacant seat on the Parish Council, if you are interested in the role of Parish Councillor, please contact clerk@sturtonlesteeplesparishcouncil.gov.uk for more information. Cllr Frankish to post vacancy on FB page and refresh the poster on the noticeboard.

25/03/09 Christian Heritage

The sculpture is now in place and the Cllrs are very happy with the result. Cllr Clapperton stated that BDC have provided excellent support throughout the process. An unveiling ceremony is planned for Saturday the 29th March at 11am, it is understood that BDC Press Officer will be in

attendance, further information will be shared via social media. Many thanks to Cllr Clapperton for all of the time and effort she has dedicated on this project.

25/03/10 Reports & updates from County and District Councillors

Cllr Naish not in attendance, no report received.

Cllr Ogle in attendance alongside the conservative candidate for the May elections Cllr Griffin who currently holds the Dist. Cllr seat for Tuxford.

Cllr Ogle explained some of the options for a possible Unitary council in the future, further information will follow once available

Under the Mayoral Devolution deal Notts CC Highways have been awarded further funds.

Purdah begins on the 25th March

This will be Cllr Ogle's final meeting as County Cllr, the PC would like to thank Cllr Ogle for his support and input over the years.

25/03/11 Traffic Speeding / Calming Issues

Awaiting repair and updated software to allow for data to be pulled from the signs. It was discussed that the working signs could be moved to a different location if required.

25/03/12 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>

Repairs have now been made to North Street flooding, Cllr Frankish informed the PC that the pavement at North Street has not been repaired, Clerk to file a further request with Notts CC

b) Waste and Dog Poo Bins

Clerk has not received a response from Environmental Health, to be followed up with a complaint if necessary. It has been noted that other parishes have seen a reduction in the number of waste bins over recent months.

25/03/13 Road closures

None at time of issuing minutes

25/03/14 The Lengthsman

PC to ask the lengthsman to cut grass inside playpark, around pond, monkey climber and goal mouths, plus to side up path from Gainsborough Road to Quarry. The PC will be purchasing garden mulch for the reflection garden, Lengthsman to be asked to spread when delivered. .

25/03/15 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 12th February 2025

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

25/03/16 Matters Arising – Non-Agenda items

RCAN have offered free mini PC's however it was agreed that these were not required.

25/03/17 Flooding

Playpark sunken trench now ready for repair, Clerk to contact Matt Duckworth and ask if this can be turfed rather than seeded.

25/03/18 Aggregate Industries Staff Volunteering Wednesday 19th February 2025

The Parish Council would like to extend thanks to volunteers from Aggregate Industries who spent the day volunteering in the village on the 19th February. A huge effort was made by staff who tidied the churchyard, made repairs to the swings in the playing field, worked on the willow structure, weeded the reflection garden and carried out litter picking. Also, thanks to Cllrs and members of the Church for helping to co-ordinate efforts.

25/03/19 Correspondence

Fields for Farming – cumulative impact of projects

The PC acknowledge receipt of the letter and will be looking to address issues raised.

Reindeer Inn Car Meet 27th April, request to use playing field

The PC unanimously agreed that the field should be for the use of families on a weekend and are therefore unable to facilitate this request.

25/03/20 Bassetlaw Design Code Consultation

No action required as Sturton have a design code within the Neighbourhood Plan

25/03/21 Social Media

Cllr Byatt feels that an increased social media presence is very useful and asked that all Cllrs share relevant information to the page.

25/03/22 Bassetlaw Boundary Code Review

Currently on hold.

25/03/23 Village Hall

a) Financial update – current balance £12,462.64

Cllr Frankish shared accounts that show an overall increase in revenue over the last 3 months.

Annual accounts for year ending 2024 have now been submitted to the Charity Commission

b) Charity Structure review - no update can be removed from next agenda

c) Land Transfer Update - no update

d) VAT reclaim – guidance from NALC did not clear up if the PC can claim VAT on the VH's behalf, Clerk has placed a request with the HMRC but as yet has not been provided with a definitive answer

It was agreed that the VH would investigate other cleaning options for the VH .

25/03/24 Finance

a) Monthly bank reconciliation

The bank balance as of 28th February is £50,864.81

Resolved that reconciliation is correct and approved by Cllr Byatt

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

Payments - February 2025					
Date	Reason	VAT No	Net Total	VAT	Total
05-Feb-25	Michael Johnson Sculpture	449958774	£7,000.00	£1,400.00	£8,400.00
19-Feb-25	Solopress (Appleyard printing expense)	17102458	£297.83	£59.57	£357.40
19-Feb-25	Sturton Hall Hall Hire		£48.00	£0.00	£48.00
28-Feb-25	HMRC January Tax		£21.60	£0.00	£21.40
28-Feb-25	Julie Tisi February salary/expenses		£423.55	£0.00	£423.55
28-Feb-25	Service Charge		£6.00	£0.00	£6.00
28-Feb-25	Lengthsman C Fox		£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
	Total Payments		£7,896.98	£1,459.57	£9,356.35
Receipts - February 2025					
10-Feb-25	Pilgrims Prophets Donation		£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
10-Feb-25	VIA Lengthsman		£960.00	£0.00	£960.00
11-Feb-25	BDC Heritage Grant		£7,000.00	£0.00	£7,000.00
	Total Receipts		£8,960.00	£0.00	£8,960.00

Resolved that payments are correct; BACS payments will be approved by Cllr Byatt

- c) Unity Trust Bank Update
Cllr Byatts application to become a signatory on the account has now been approved
- d) West Burton Donation
Mike Johnson has provided a proposal for a bench made in part using items donated by the Power Station, all Cllrs agreed that they would investigate this further
- e) Grass Cutting Quote
The PC agreed to accept the quote which was a minimal increase from last year. Clerk to ask Holmes to make the first cut ASAP.

25/03/25 Reports from other groups and committees

- a) Playpark and Playing Fields
I. Repair of benches - ongoing
II. Playpark repairs, small set have now been repaired, item can be removed from agenda
III. Resident has offered to design and install a bike track around the Playpark suitable for older children in the village, free of charge. All Cllrs agreed in principal and have asked to see designs to be considered at the next meeting

- b) Quarry Liaison Committee
Cllr Appleyard to attend a meeting on 13th March

- c) Church Update
Fence Repairs
A quote of £1200 has been received, the Church have been able to raise funds to cover 50% of the costs, it was proposed by Cllr Byatt, seconded by Cllr Clapperton and agreed by all that the PC cover the remaining £600, Cllr Bradley to arrange

25/03/26 Village update

- a) Monthly defibrillator check
Complete
- b) Community CPR Training
No update

AOB

The meeting closed at 9.16pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 9th April 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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