

Sturton le Steeple Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Sturton le Steeple Parish Council held on June 11th 2025, at 7.00 pm at The Village Hall in Sturton le Steeple

Present Councillors E. Byatt (in the Chair), A. Frankish P. Appleyard, R. Warburton, A. Jewitt, L. Clapperton & A Bradley

Also Present: Clerk & RFO: Julie Tisi

Public: 1 MOP

Guests: Dist Cllr M Turner

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

Public Forum

06.25.01/2 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Cllr Limber

06.25.03 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 – Quarry, RES

Cllr Frankish - Village Hall

Cllr Jewitt – Car Meets

06.25.04 Planning Matters

New Applications

Discharge of Condition 3 (Construction Management Plan) of 24/01358/FUL Installation of Underground Cable Land At South Road Sturton Le Steeple Nottinghamshire

Ref. No: 25/00555/COND | Received: Fri 16 May 2025 | Validated: Wed 21 May 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision. Proposal is contained within the West Burton site; therefore, the PC have no comment

Applications awaiting decision

Demolition of Existing Garages and Store and Erect a Double Garage Open for comment icon
Bridge Farm Fenton Lane Sturton Le Steeple Nottinghamshire DN22 9HF

Ref. No: 25/00447/HSE | Received: Tue 15 Apr 2025 | Validated: Mon 28 Apr 2025 | Status: Awaiting decision

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

Applications Complete

None

Other Planning matters

RES Sturton Renewables

Plans were due to be submitted today; however, we have been unable to obtain information. Cllr Turner will investigate what process will be followed and report back to the PC.

UKAEA STEPS project update

Cllrs Frankish, Appleyard and Byatt attended the event alongside Dist Cllr Turner. Questions as to how to protect the land around the village were raised, along with the effect on having multiple projects connecting to the grid.

Contacts were established who we will aim to meet with/invite to future meetings

Cllr Turner informed the PC of a community fund that will be made available to local villages and asked to consider projects to apply for the funds.

West Burton Decommissioning

No update

Upgrade to the National Grid

No update

06.25.05 Police Report

None received. Clerk did write and request police attendance to the meeting to discuss traffic calming measures, no response received.

06.25.06 Parish Council Vacancies

Advertised on noticeboards, further requests for Cllrs to be placed on Facebook page and website

06.25.07 Reports and Updates from County and District Councillors

Cllr Limber sent apologies.

Cllr Turner has been liaising with Cllr Limber regarding issues raised by a resident on Gainsborough Road/Sandhill Lane. Cllr Appleyard has tried to contact VIA on several occasions to discuss but has not received a response. Clerk to liaise with Cllrs Turner/Limber and VIA and will aim to receive a response within 2 weeks. It was suggested that VIA attend the village to look at traffic issues within the Village and to discuss long term solutions.

No response has been received from Environmental Services with regards to the bins, Cllr Turner will escalate further if unable to receive an update by the end of the week

Cllr Turner has £1000 available in grants to be shared between 3 parishes, PC to look into what projects this could be used against

Cllr Turner advised all Cllrs/residents to install the MyNotts App and to report any issues they find across the village directly to the Notts County Council.

06.25.08 Traffic Speeding/Calming Measure

Gainsborough Road/Sandhill Lane – as above

Road safety / parking at school drop off and pick up times

The PC discussed 3 possible solutions to improve parking at the school. Cllr Byatt will put together a proposal and speak with the Headteacher, to be discussed further at the July meeting. This is an issue that historically the PC have investigated with VIA, the Diocese and the School and so far, have been unable to find a solution that receives backing, but will investigate once again.

06.25.09 Highways and Public Safety

a) PROW Wooden Footbridge (nr Quarry) repairs

Inspection and survey have taken place and repairs will be made in due course; the PROW team have deemed that the footbridge is safe enough to remain open in the meantime.

06.25.10 Road Closures

None at time of printing minutes

06.25.11 The Lengthsman

PC asked that the Lengthsman get a weed spraying license and would be happy to contribute to the cost of this, in the meantime Cllr Bradley will spray weeds in the playing field and any other areas as required.

Clerk to ask that the Lengthsman focus on:

Weeding of reflection garden and around the VH

Clearing pond of debris

Cllr Appleyard will meet with the Lengthsman in coming weeks to show him how to maintain the willow arch so that he is able to maintain going forwards.

06.25.12 Minutes from Meeting held on 21st May 2025

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

06.25.13 Matters Arising and any other business

Message from James Naish advising that the Neighbourhood Plan will expire in 2026 and asked the PC to resubmit with some amendments for Sturton. Clerk to ask Wheatley PC what their plans are. Will discuss further at the July meeting.

06.25.14 Correspondence received at time Agenda was issued

a) Cars and coffee mornings

Request received to hold car meets once a month on a Sunday in the Playing field. The PC considered the request and supporting information but voted unanimously that the field should be available as an open recreation space for members of public to use on a weekend.

06.25.15 Village Hall

Trustees meeting held this evening, minutes available by contacting the Clerk

06.25.16 To discuss replacing defibrillator

All agreed that as the defibrillator was working that we would replace the battery this time and look at replacing the full unit in the future. Clerk to arrange for purchase

06.25.17 To discuss proposal of installation of bike track in playing field

Resident has kindly offered to install a bike track in the Playing field, free of charge. Cllr Byatt has been to Elkesley to look at a track that they have had recently installed. All Cllrs agreed in principle to the offer, however, some further information is required. Cllr Byatt will write back to the resident asking for clarification over some of the points raised. Clerk will contact Elkesley PC to ask what additional measures they put in place when installing their track.

06.25.18 Finance

Monthly bank reconciliation

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

To resolve to pay all outstanding invoices as presented on payment sheet

STURTON LE STEEPLE PARISH COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS						
31 May 2025						
May Payments						
Date	Transaction Code		Description	Total	VAT	Cost to Sturton
12 May 2025	25/008		B/P to: Holmes Groundcare	£291.84	£0.00	£291.84
12 May 2025	25/009		B/P to: Holmes Groundcare	£365.10	£0.00	£365.10
13 May 2025	25/010		B/P to: New Horizon Fencin	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,200.00
13 May 2025	25/011		B/P to: Darbys	£120.00	£20.00	£100.00
13 May 2025	25/012		B/P to: Christopher Fox	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00
13 May 2025	25/013		B/P to: Glenda James	£75.00	£0.00	£75.00
13 May 2025	25/014		B/P to: Lewis Evans	£1,400.00	£0.00	£1,400.00
31 May 2025	25/015		Service Charge	£6.00	£0.00	£6.00
28 May 2025	25/016		J Tisi May Salary (inc tx and NI)	£439.13	£0.00	£439.13
28 May 2025	25/017		J Tisi May Expenses	£14.32	£0.00	£14.32
28 May 2025	25/018		Sturton Friends	£16.00	£0.00	£16.00
28 May 2025	25/019		Cherry Lane Garden Centre (L Clapperton expense)	£25.91	£4.32	£21.59
Total				£4,073.30	£24.32	£4,048.98
May Receipts						
Date			Description	Total		
02 May 2025			HMRC VTR	£3,563.01	£0.00	£3,563.01
Total						£3,563.01

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

06.25.19 Reports from other groups and committees

a) Playpark safety report

- Tap to be installed to VH, Cllr Frankish is arranging
- Weeds need to be treated – Cllr Bradley to carry out
- A resident has reported damage in boundary hedge to Brickings Way, the PC will monitor and address at the next meeting
- Sunken area in playing field is being repaired on the 20th June

b) Quarry Liaison

- The access road has been completed apart from 2 concrete slabs that are to be installed and the surface course.
- The civils on the plant site are coming along well, the piling rig has now finished, they are now preparing for the installation of the processing plant and constructing our internal roads.
- The overburden strip is going well and all of the soil should be removed within the next 2 weeks
- Archaeologists are currently working in phase 1 and will be moving on to phase 2 once the overburden strip has been completed

c) Church Update
Heritage visits are due to take place this weekend

d) Fields for Farming

- Open letter has now been released, Cllr Turner agreed to share the letter
- Protest walk carried out on Sunday with 26 people in attendance

06.25.20 Village update

a) Monthly defibrillator check - Monthly defibrillator check complete

b) Proposed photography competition
Cllr Byatt proposed running a competition with small prizes available, all agreed. Further information to follow. Cllr Turner proposed that residents submit photos that document wildlife/birds/wildflowers that maybe at risk if the RES plans are granted.

AOB

Cllr Appleyard has now collected materials to be used in the bench from the power station and passed these over to Mike Johnson who will create draft designs soon, further information to follow, to add to July agenda

The meeting closed at 9.12 pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 9th 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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