

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Sturton le Steeple Parish Council
held on December 10th 2025, at 7.00 pm at The Village Hall in Sturton le Steeple**

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

Also Present: Clerk & RFO: Julie Tisi

Public:

Guests: James and Julie Barlow (Fields For Farming)

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

Public Forum

Members of FFF attended the meeting to discuss the funding application request they have submitted to the PC, members of the public have also been asking for updates on other planning matters within the Parish, they discussed adding information to the flyers which they plan to issue to all households updating them on the current progress of the RES application and actions being taken currently by the FFF group.

They also queried why we did not seem to be receiving support from our District Cllr or BDC in terms of the RES application. BDC failed to attend the recent hearings that were being held at the West Retford Hotel which was found to be extremely disappointing. Clerk will write to Cllr McFarland (head of Bassetlaw Reform) and Alistair Curran (Head of Planning) to express concerns over the lack of support being provided.

12.25.01 Welcome

Cllr Appleyard opened the meeting and welcomed guests.

12.25.02 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Knight, Jewitt, Frankish and County Cllr Limber. Cllr Dixon not in attendance, no apologies received.

12.25.03 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

12.25.04 Planning Matters

New Applications

None

Applications awaiting decision

Erect Single Storey Extension and Carry Out External Alterations to Agricultural Barn and Parking

Area (Pursuant to GDPO Part 3 Class R for Change of Use From Agricultural Unit to Use as Commercial, Business and Service (Class E)) Barn At Grange Farm Three Leys Lane Fenton Nottinghamshire DN22 9HF Ref. No: 25/00976/FUL | Received: Fri 22 Aug 2025 | Validated: Mon 06 Oct 2025 | **Status: Awaiting decision**

Demolish Three Barns and Storage Tank and Change of Use of Agricultural Yard into Residential Development for 9 Dwellings Land And Buildings East Of North Street Farm North Street Sturton Le Steeple Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 25/01026/FUL | Received: Tue 09 Sep 2025 | Validated: Thu 18 Sep 2025 | **Status: Awaiting decision PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AGENT HAS RESPONDED TO OBJECTIONS RECEIVED, THESE ARE AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON THE BDC PLANNING PORTAL**

Change of Use from Agricultural Land to Residential Garden Rose Cottage Leverton Road Sturton Le Steeple Nottinghamshire DN22 9HE Ref. No: 25/00778/COU | Received: Fri 04 Jul 2025 | Validated: Mon 18 Aug 2025 | **Status: Awaiting decision**

Demolition of Existing Garages and Store and Erect a Double Garage 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**

Applications Complete

None

RES Sturton Renewables

Members of the PC and FFF attended the RES hearings last month at West Retford Hotel, the hearings were held over a 2 day period with representations being made on behalf of residents and the PC by members of the FFF group and Parish Cllrs. The hearing explored the procedural timeline for the application as well as deadlines. The examining authority will complete the process by March when recommendations are put to Parliament.

Other Planning matters

- a) UKAEA STEPS project update
Cllr Appleyard attended a workshop in Worksop last week. The DCO is due to be submitted on the 15th January. It is estimated that they will create 330 STEP Fusion direct employed roles by the end of 2029. During peak construction this could rise to 8,000 (2035 onwards).
- b) West Burton Decommissioning
Cllr Appleyard attended a West Burton and Cottam liaison meeting.
West Burton is now 56% through the demolition process. The boiler house is due to be removed in the 1st qtr of 2026 with the tower and chimney being demolished in 1st qtr 2027, the completion date is scheduled for February 2028.
Cottam demolition is now 80% complete, with no further explosions to follow. The plan is to place a 1-gigawatt datacentre on site along with 2 small modular reactors, with capacity to house more.
- c) Upgrade to the National Grid
No Update
- d) Neighbourhood Plan Review
Cllr Frankish not in attendance to carry forwards to January meeting

12.25.05 Police Report

No report received.

12.25.06 Reports and Updates from County and District Councillors

Cllr Limber not in attendance, no report received

Cllr Turner not in attendance, no report or apologies received

12.25.07 Traffic Speeding/Calming Measure

a) Road safety

Cllr Limber informed the Clerk that due to his working hours he has been unable to meet with the highways manager, he is aiming to do this in January

b) Update on parking at school drop off and pick up times

No response received as yet to letter sent to the land agent in November

12.25.08 Highways and Public Safety

Cllr Appleyard has spoken with Geoff Storey who has advised they have contacted highways to look into a speed reduction to 30mph, Clerk to contact Geoff to find out if VIA have responded

12.25.09 Road Closures

6th – 8th January Station Road

Cowpasture Lane will be closed to the public between 8th – 19th December

Quarry access road will be closed 16-18th December

12.25.10 The Lengthsman

Cllrs Appleyard and Bradley to meet with the Lengthsman on Friday the 19th to discuss what areas they would like to see work focussed on over winter.

12.25.11 Minutes from Meeting held on 12th November 2025

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

12.25.12 Proposed Conservation Area

Survey has gone out to some residents within the village, further updates to follow once consultation is complete. Residents have expressed that they don't feel that the consultation has been carried out well with many residents not being included at all, the information received also didn't include a boundary map. Clerk will contact Michael Tagg to provide feedback on the process.

12.25.13 Correspondence

None

12.25.14 Village Hall

a) Land Transfer

Cllr Frankish has forwarded information to the Cllrs regarding the land transfer, Cllrs have reviewed but raised concerns over the terms regarding potential lease of the hall in the future, all agreed that further information was required, will place on the January agenda for further discussion.

b) Insurance renewal

Renewal quote received, all agreed to accept the quote

12.25.15 Bench - Mike Johnson

Cllrs Appleyard, Bradley and Clapperton are working with EDF and the sculpture to finalise details.

12.25.16 Finance

a) Monthly bank reconciliation

It was resolved that the bank reconciliation was correct and signed accordingly current balance of the account as of 30th November 2025 £56,857

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

STURTON LE STEEPLE PARISH COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS						
30 November 2025						
November Payments						
Date	Transaction Code		Description	Total	VAT	Cost to Sturton
06/11/2025	25/069		Lengthsman Richard Clarke	284.00	0.00	284.00
06/11/2025	25/070		Holmes Groundcare Grass Cutting	182.55	0.00	182.55
28/11/2025	25/071		Sturton Friends	30.00	0.00	30.00
28/11/2025	25/072		Sturton Hall Room Hire	24.00	0.00	24.00
28/11/2025	25/073		J Tisi November Salary and Expense	466.02	0.00	466.02
28/11/2025	25/074		Sturton Friends	30.00	0.00	30.00
28/11/2025	25/075		A Bradley Hedge Cutting	60.00	10.00	50.00
30/11/2025	25/076		Unity Bank Service Charge	6.00	0.00	6.00
			TOTAL	1,082.57	10.00	1,072.57
			Receipts			
			Total			0.00

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

c) FFF Funding request

FFF have requested funding of £200 to pay for the printing of 2 lots of information flyers to be issued to residents, all Cllrs voted in agreement for doing so. Invoices to be sent to the Clerk for payment.

d) Budget for 2026-2027

Clerk is due to raise the Precept in January 2026 for the 2026-2027 financial year. The PC expect that they may have future legal costs to pay during the RES application process, however, they are mindful of the cost-of-living crisis. The PC have therefore resolved to raise the Precept by 3% in line with current inflation and will cover any additional costs using reserves.

e) Tree Cutting Quote

Quote of £1200 received to carry out further works and fell a couple of trees in the field, Cllrs voted to have the works carried out.

12.25.17 Reports from other groups and committees

a) Playpark Annual safety report

Some moderate issues were pointed out on the latest annual inspection, nothing which is of an urgent nature. The PC will therefore look into making repairs/deep cleaning equipment in Spring, Cllr Appleyard suggested the formation of a working group so that Cllrs could meet and work through the highlighted areas together. It has been suggested that the large swing could be replaced rather than repaired, this will be investigated next year and the Clerk will explore what funding options maybe available

b) Quarry Liaison Committee

Road closures listed above

- c) Church Update
No update

11.25.19 Village update

- a) Defibrillator check
Complete

The meeting closed at 9.08pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 14th January 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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