

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Sturton le Steeple Parish Council
held on September 9th 2026, at 7.00 pm at The Village Hall in Sturton le Steeple**

Present Councillors E Byatt (in the Chair), P. Appleyard, R. Warburton, A Jewitt, M Knight

Also Present: Clerk & RFO: Julie Tisi

Public: 1

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

09.26.01 Welcome

Cllr Byatt opened the meeting. We would like to thank Lynn Clapperton for her outstanding contribution to our community and for leading the projects for the reflection garden sculpture and industrial bench using EDF donation. Lynn also made many valuable contributions during the Steeple Renewables planning inspectorate examination. We wish Lynn every success in the future.

09.26.02 Apologies for Absence

None.

09.26.03 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 Jewitt declared an interest in the Reindeer Inn

09.26.04 Police Report PC Sam Wood

STAKEHOLDER June/July/August 2026 STURTON LE STEEPLE

E-SCOOTERS

With it being the summer holidays and an increase in children riding e-scooters please can I make parents aware of the below:

Any privately owned e-scooters cannot generally be used on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes.

*** They are usually only legal on private land with the landowners permission ***

The biggest dangers of e-scooters are as follows:

Head injuries: Riders are extremely vulnerable because there is little protection in a crash. Falls can cause concussions or traumatic brain injuries, especially if a helmet is not worn.

Road Traffic Collisions: E-Scooters can be difficult for drivers to see and collisions with cars, cyclists or pedestrians can result in serious injuries.

High Speeds: Many e-scooters can travel at 15-25 mph (or more if modified). At these speeds even a simple fall can cause fractures, facial injuries or several gravel rash.

Poor Stability: Standing upright on a narrow platform means riders have less balance than a bicycle, especially when braking or turning suddenly.

Battery fires: Lithium-ion batteries can catch fire if damaged, modified or charged with the wrong charger. These fires spread rapidly and are difficult to extinguish.

Weather Conditions: Rain, Ice, wet leaves, low sun are all factors of making riding escooters more difficult.

Pedestrian hazards: Riding on pavements can endanger pedestrians, particularly children, older adults and people with visual impairments.

Any parents thinking of buying their children these E-scooters please be mindful of the above. ***If you as a family already have them please supervise your children at all times on private land which has been agreed with the land owner.***

Latest crime figures STURTON LE STEEPLE

0139_11062026 - Abandoned car

0083_18062026 – IPHONE alert of an accident – Called in error

0548_28062026 – DV incident

CR0922_23072026 – Issues with children on e-scooters

0828_03082026 – Stolen farm equipment

0471_04082026 – Suspicious incident – door to door sales

0727_05082026 – Intruders at West Burton Power Station

0100_06082026 – Intruders on farmers land

Dates to Remember

15th October 2026 at 18:00 hours

Sturton le Steeple Community Centre car park These are the details for next local Beat Surgery. PC Wood and PCSO Dale will be in attendance to answer your questions. I will also bring along the crime figures for Sturton Le Steeple

If anyone has any queries before this meeting please feel free to email me. My contact details are: Samantha.Wood@Notts.Police.Uk

09.26.05 Planning Matters

New Applications

Discharge of Condition 9 (Construction Environmental Management Plan) of P.A. 22/01713/FUL - Construction and Operation of a Battery Energy Storage System with an Electrical Output Capacity of up to 500MW and Associated Development Including Power Inverter Systems, Electrical Banking Station, Electrical Cabling including Below Ground Cabling to 400KV Switchyard, Welfare Facilities, Internal Access Roads, Site Security Infrastructure, Lighting, Boundary Treatments, and Landscaping. Land And Buildings At West Burton Power Station North Road West Burton Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 26/01002/COND · Received: Fri 14 Aug 2026 · Validated: Mon 17 Aug 2026

Dicharge of Conditions 6 (Elevations) and 7 (External Details) of P.A. 22/01713/FUL Construction and Operation of a Battery Energy Storage System with an Electrical Output Capacity of up to 500MW and Associated Development Including Power Inverter Systems, Electrical Banking Station, Electrical

Cabling including Below Ground Cabling to 400KV Switchyard, Welfare Facilities, Internal Access Roads, Site Security Infrastructure, Lighting, Boundary Treatments, and Landscaping.
Land And Buildings At West Burton Power Station North Road West Burton Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 26/00977/COND · Received: Mon 10 Aug 2026 · Validated: Tue 11 Aug 2026

Installation of Portable Relay Room and Associated Works. West Burton Power Station North Road West Burton Nottinghamshire DN22 9BL Ref. No: 26/00791/FUL · Received: Mon 29 Jun 2026 · Validated: Tue 30 Jun 2026

Applications awaiting decision

Applications Complete

Erection of a New Modular Data Centre Building Land Off South Road West Burton Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 26/00498/FUL · Received: Tue 28 Apr 2026 · Validated: Fri 29 May 2026 **GRANTED**

Erection of Garden Pod. Field View Freemans Lane Sturton Le Steeple Nottinghamshire DN22 9HN Ref. No: 26/00612/HSE · Received: Thu 21 May 2026 · Validated: Fri 22 May 2026 **GRANTED**

Removal of Hedgerow to Facilitate Rewiring of Overhead Route Land And Buildings At West Burton Power Station North Road West Burton Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 26/00631/HDG · Received: Tue 26 May 2026 · Validated: Tue 26 May 2026 **WITHDRAWN**

Install Replacement Windows and Doors The Old Chapel 3 North Street Sturton Le Steeple Nottinghamshire DN22 9HP Ref. No: 25/01354/HSE | Received: Fri 05 Dec 2025 | Validated: Mon 08 Dec 2025 **WITHDRAWN**

Other Planning matters

a) UKAEA STEPS project update

General news updates are via <https://stepfusion.com/news-and-events/>

b) West Burton Decommissioning

Demolition took place on the 19th August, it was noted that households did not received written notice of this event.

c) Upgrade to the National Grid

DCO has now been pushed back to October.

Cottom Update – Correspondance received from EDF below:

I am writing to provide you with an update on our Cottam small modular reactor (SMR) project.

You may remember that we introduced our plans for four SMRs at the site of the former Cottam power station at our meeting in November 2025. We have progressed our plans since then, including submitting an application to the Government's Advanced Nuclear Framework in July 2026.

On Thursday 3 September, the National Energy System Operator (NESO) will announce that it intends to give the project a rare, designated status, subject to consultation. This is a positive step forward for the project and means it would have a guaranteed place in the connections delivery pipeline for the mid-2030s. It also makes the Cottam SMR project the first in the country to be prioritised under NESO's reform of the connections process.

We expect to provide a wider update on progress in developing our proposals for the former Cottam power station site at our next Local Community Liaison Committee meeting in October and will continue to keep you informed.

09.26.06 RES Steeple Renewables

Secretary of State requested additional information from the applicant, they have provided a response. The PC will not be making further comments at this stage. The outcome decision should be made in October

09.26.07 Neighbourhood Plan

Due to the Bassetlaw Local Plan consultation, the neighbourhood plan discussion will be put on hold. Cllrs to review the local plan and discuss at the October meeting, at which point they will decide if they want to make comment.

09.26.08 Parish Council Vacancies

There are currently 4 vacancies on the PC, if you would be interested in joining the Council please contact the clerk via clerk@sturtonlesteeplesparishcouncil.gov.uk or attend one of our meetings to observe what we do. The PC have received a letter of interest from Matt Bowler who has been invited to the October meeting.

09.26.09 Reports and Updates from County and District Councillors

Cllrs Turner and Limber not in attendance, no report or apologies received.

09.26.10 Traffic Speeding/Calming Measure

Cllr Jewitt – Speed Watch, no update, carry forwards to October, there has not been any police presence at car meets to date. Clerk to make PC Wood aware of the final meeting dates of the year

09.26.11 Highways and Public Safety

a) School Parking. Pre application advice from BDC will cost £610, with the complete application process and relevant assessments coming to around £3000. Cllr Byatt will contact the school to ask if they would be willing to contribute to the cost. Clerk to liaise with NALC for advice on the use of funds for an area that would be primarily used by the school.

b) Village Entrance sign from Wheatley. Cllr Appleyard to provide what3words location for the proposal for re-siting of the sign.

09.26.12 Road Closures

Station Road Bridge – October 30th 2026

Saundby Road September 11th – October 22nd

Station Road – September 28th – 30th Anglian Water - New Connections

Gainsborough Road August 21st – October 14th

Full details can be found via the website <https://www.viaem.co.uk/via-in-nottinghamshire/roadworks-in-nottinghamshire/>

It has been noted that diversion signs are often unclear and advance warning signs should be placed earlier. Clerk to ask Cllr Limber to look into this as the current system is causing confusion and frustration to residents.

09.26.13 The Lengthsman

Tasklist for September:

Remove damaged 30 mpg signs

Goal mouths and rubber matting in playpark need treated/weeded

Mow inside play park

Liaise with Cllr Appleyard re: willow maintenance

Liaise with Gemma Vaccari re: VH garden maintenance

Provide quote to repair leaning fence in playpark, quote to treat post and rail fencing around VH

Laura will continue maintaining the reflection garden and planters.

09.26.14 Minutes from Meeting held on 8th July 2026

Approved and duly signed by Chair

09.26.15 Matters Arising

White lines have been applied throughout the village, but no road repairs have been made.

Clerk to raise with Cllr Limber the need for an onsite inspection from the VIA manager which was discussed earlier in the year

30mph for a reason signs are damaged/worn. Clerk to request replacement signs, if available.

We would like to recognise the work of Andrew Bradley who has been liaising with the landowner, Police and Bassetlaw re: security and restricting unlawful access following the illegal rave.

The PC are disappointed that the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick cancelled the meeting to discuss policing matters in the area, Clerk to attempt to book a new date

Dog poo bins. A friendly reminder to all dog walkers; please carry your waste bags home or use the nearest bin. Leaving bags hanging in trees is unsafe and unsightly. BDC have confirmed that they will not collect dog waste from Freemans or Springs Lane, which is why the bins were removed. Let's work together to keep our paths clean and pleasant for our community.

PC agreed to arrange for 2 brown bins for the 2027 season

09.26.16 Correspondence

- a) Concern raised over trespass, Clerk has responded, no further action required
- b) Fast fibre broadband, Sturton is listed on the scheduled roll out for 2026/2027, no further action required
- c) Shelter in playpark, resident contacted the PC to suggest a shelter in the field, such as the one at the school, would be a welcome addition to the playing field. Cllr Jewitt has already been raising funds for a shelter, there is currently around £2,500 short fall. PC would be happy to contribute for the installation however, further quotes are required. Cllr Jewitt to arrange and will also liaise with resident who raised the request. To discuss at October meeting

09.26.17 Village Hall –

- a) September Fundraising Event -VH will be holding an event in the Village Hall on the 26th September with live music and bar

09.26.18 Finance

- a) Monthly bank reconciliation

It was resolved that the bank reconciliation was correct and signed accordingly current balance of the account as of 31st August 2026 was £46812.01

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

Sturton le Steeple Parish Council Payments and Receipts July 2026							
<u>Date</u>	<u>Voucher No</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Gross Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Cost to Sturton le Steeple</u>	<u>Deposits/ BACS</u>
03 July 2026	30		ICO Annual Fee	47.00	0.00	47.00	
06 July 2026	31		Holmes Churchyard	385.28	64.20	321.08	
06 July 2026	32		Holmes Grass Cutting	419.72	69.96	349.76	
24 July 2026	33		Hall Hire	30.00	0.00	30.00	
24 July 2026	34		Laura's Cleaning Reflection Garden	115.87	0.00	115.87	
24/07/2026	35		Sturton Friends Hall Hire	21.00	0.00	21.00	
30/07/2026	36		Lengthsman Alan Price	235.00	0.00	235.00	
30/07/2026	37		MacVenture Playing Equipment Swings	390.00	65.00	325.00	
30/07/2026	38		J Tisi Salary and Expense	449.20	0.00	449.20	
31/07/2026	39		Unity Trust Service Charge	7.00	0.00	7.00	
			Total	£2,100.07	£199.16	£1,900.91	£0.00

Sturton le Steeple Parish Council Payments and Receipts August 2026							
<u>Date</u>	<u>Voucher No</u>	<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Gross Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Cost to Sturton le Steeple</u>	<u>Deposits/ BACS</u>
05/08/2026	40		Michael Johnson Interpretation panel	1,080.00	180.00	900.00	
05/08/2026	41		PKF Littlejohn External Audit	252.00	42.00	210.00	
25/08/2026	42		Adam Clapperton Gardening/lengthsman	80.00	0.00	80.00	
25/08/2026	43		Laura's Cleaning Reflection Garden	72.00	0.00	72.00	
25/08/2026	44		Holmes Churchyard	192.65	32.11	160.54	
25/08/2026	44		Holmes Grass Cutting	419.71	69.95	349.76	
25/08/2026	45		Sturton Friends Hall Hire	21.00	0.00	21.00	
25/08/2026	46		Hall Hire	30.00	0.00	30.00	
31/08/2026	47		Unity Trust Service Charge	7.00	0.00	7.00	
31/08/2026	48		J Tisi Salary and Expense	455.69	0.00	455.69	
			Total	£2,610.05	£324.06	£2,285.99	£0.00
Payments marked in red not authorised in time to be carried over to September							

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

- c) Replacement of village flags, Cllr Jewitt has order, clerk to issue expenses claim
- d) Insurance Renewal has not been received yet, to place on October agenda
- e) VH Garden Maintenance it was agreed that the VH would be responsible for associated costs going forwards, Gemma Vaccarri to liaise with the lengthman to issue a works list

09.26.19 Reports from other groups and committees

- a) Bike Track, no further update
- b) Quarry Liaison Committee, no further update
- c) Playpark Annual Inspection, booked for October
- d) Fencing, clerk to ask Lengthsman to quote for repair
- e) Swing Installation, due on the 8th October, Cllr Appleyard will remove current swing and section of the area in the week prior to installation

09.26.20 Village update

- a) Defibrillator check – Complete

09.26.21 Emergency Plan Review

Clerk to make further amendments and send to the Cllrs so that it can be approved at the October meeting

Items for next agenda:

To discuss relocation of post office salt bin and bench
Cost of interpretation panel

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 9th 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:

Julie Tisi– Clerk, Tel. 07557 762 012 – clerk@sturtonlesteeplesparishcouncil.gov.uk