

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Sturton le Steeple Parish Council
held on October 14th 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, M Bowler

Also Present: Cllr Limber

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The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

10.26.01 Welcome

Cllr Byatt opened the meeting. Due to illness the Clerk sent apologies, in her absence Cllr Jewitt agreed to take minutes

10.26.02 Apologies for Absence

Clerk.

10.26.03 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

10.26.04 Police Report PC Sam Wood

Not in attendance, no report or apologies received. No police attended the North Leverton beat surgery as attending to an emergency.

10.26.05 Planning Matters

New Applications

None

Applications awaiting decision

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

Discharge 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

Applications Complete

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

Other Planning matters

a) UKAEA STEPS project update

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

b) West Burton Decommissioning

Cooling towers to be demolished 10/12/26. 2 chimneys and western towers to be demolished Q1 2027

c) Upgrade to the National Grid

Update to say that the planning inspectorate have received the application (16 Oct 2026) and they will write again to provide information on how to have out say.

10.26.06 RES Steeple Renewables

The Secretary of State has granted permission for the development which was a very disappointing result, there is no scope to appeal the decision. Cllrs will be meeting with Rt Hon Robert Jenrick later in the month to discuss if there is any action we are able to take. The Health Impact Assessment is inadequate, however, Cllr Byatt noted that within the Planning Inspectorate report to the SoS, Nottingham County Council stated that it was meticulous. We are interested to know if the consultees that reviewed the health impact assessment and our subsequent relevant representation have public health knowledge and experience. Cllr Byatt would like to have this reviewed by the Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB). Action for Cllr Byatt to summarise for Cllr Limber key areas of concern, focus on health and decide whether to escalate to UK Health Security Agency [UK Health Security Agency - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-health-security-agency)

Public Health England. We had general feedback that the response both written and recorded when Jenrick raised in Parliament to the secretary of state was that the process was pre-determined, the consultation was flawed and had been a poor use of resident's time and that it is not evident that our comments have meaningfully influenced the design of the DCO.

10.26.07 Parish Council Vacancies

Matt Bowler attended the meeting and was co-opted into one of the vacant seats. His appointment was proposed by Cllr Warburton seconded by Cllr Appleyard with all members voting in agreement. There remains 3 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.

10.26.08 HOLCIM – Wildlife Enhancement Fund

Discussed applying for the fund for the planting of trees, this would need to be done by an organisation outside of the Parish Council. Cllr Appleyard to check the application for funds can be shared externally

10.26.09 Reports and Updates from County and District Councillors

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

Cllr Limber – report below:

Warren Limber - County Councillor for Tuxford Division

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) has now officially lodged a request for a judicial review with the High Court regarding the Government's Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) policies. The proposals have been paused by the Secretary of State in Nottinghamshire but have not been withdrawn. The County Council's position is that the Government selected an option that did not meet its own criteria. The judicial review is intended to challenge this decision.

SEND Reform Programme NCC is starting a new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) reform programme, supported by £6 million of Government funding through the Experts at Hand grant during the first year of delivery. As part of this programme, NCC will establish a new multi-agency alternative education team to support children who are out of school, attending school very infrequently, or at risk of becoming disengaged from education. The aim is to ensure that families receive support earlier, before difficulties become more serious, while providing schools with faster access to specialist advice and guidance.

Crackdown on Illegal E-Scooters and Modified E-Bikes NCC has passed a motion calling for a major crackdown on illegal and modified scooters and e-bikes. Some of these vehicles are reportedly capable of reaching speeds of up to 72 mph, posing significant safety risks and contributing to growing concern about anti social behaviour

A1 Safety Concerns and Litter in Tuxford I raised a question with the County Council's highways portfolio holder, calling for NCC to put pressure on National Highways to install temporary fencing along the A1 at Tuxford. Children can currently access the A1 through a large gap, creating a serious safety concern. Bassetlaw District Council has installed fencing around the park on the inside, but unfortunately, it stops short of the gap and therefore fails to address the underlying problem. I will continue to press for action to ensure this dangerous access point is properly secured. I also asked NCC to put pressure on National Highways to remove the litter accumulating along the A1 in the

Tuxford area. The amount of rubbish has become an eyesore, and I believe action is needed to improve the appearance of the area and keep it clean.

Tackling Illegal Fly-Tipping I have been working alongside Cllr Simon Richardson and Cllr Matthew Evans to tackle illegal fly-tipping in our rural communities. Too often, waste is brought in by people from outside the area and dumped in our villages and countryside, where there are fewer cameras to help identify offenders. Fly-tipping damages our local environment, creates additional costs and leaves residents to deal with the consequences. We are working to push for stronger enforcement and more effective measures to identify offenders and deter those who use our rural communities as dumping grounds. I will continue working with fellow councillors to address this issue and protect our villages and countryside.

On local issues Cllr Limber is pushing for road repairs on the Sturton the Wheatley Road, he is aware that better communication is required regarding the badger set traffic lights. BDC meetings are now available to view online.

10.26.10 Traffic Speeding/Calming Measure

Cllr Jewitt – Speed Watch, no update, police have not been in attendance at any meetings, car meets are now finished for the year. Will organise getting a schedule in place for next year

10.26.11 Highways and Public Safety

a) School Parking.

A quote of £3000 received for formal drawings plus a £600 application fee. NALC suggested that the school rent directly from the Diocese and the PC offer a grant towards costs, to be discussed in further detail at the November meeting.

b) Village Entrance sign from Wheatley.

To be carried over to November

10.26.12 Road Closures

Station Road Bridge – October 30th 2026

Saundby Road September 11th – October 22nd

From 09:00 Monday 2nd November 2026 Until 23:59 hours Friday 26th March 2027 the following roads will have temporary speed restrictions:

Gainsborough Road, Sturton le Steeple – From a point 200 metres North of its junction with Station Road to its junction with Sturton Road, West Burton

Sturton Road, West Burton - for its entire length

Sturton Road, Bole – From its junction with Sturton Road, West Burton for its entire Length.

Bole Corner Roundabout, Bole – For its entire length.

Saundby Road, Bole – From its junction Bole Corner Roundabout, Bole for a distance of 110metres in a Northerly direction

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

10.26.13 The Lengthsman

Graffiti at skate park to be forwarded to Community Service Group as they have the right chemicals to remove.

Can the Willow structure be repaired or should we look at replacing/removing

Reports received that branches have been cut back on Low Holland and placed in the dyke, ensure Lengthsman is disposing of them correctly as dykes need to be kept clear.

Broken 30 signs still to be removed

Footpaths overgrown and littered with conkers

Planters overgrown, hedge to be cut back once the planter have been moved.

10.26.14 Minutes from Meeting held on 9th September 2026

Approved and duly signed by Chair

10.26.15 Matters Arising

10.26.16 Correspondence

- a) Infrastructure Proposal: Dedicated Cycle Path Connecting Retford, Sturton le Steeple, and Gainsborough

To be referred to County Council as the PC do not have the capacity to get involved at this stage

- b) Flood Aware Notts CC

Information with hyperlinks to be added to facebook

10.26.17 Village Hall –

- a) Andrew Frankish Resignation, he is currently mentoring Gemma and plans to fully handover by the end of the year
- b) New Banking Signatory Cllrs Bowler and Jewitt agreed to become signatories, Clerk will complete paperwork
- c) Re-assign duties – to be carried over to November
- d) Grant finding payment – to be carried over to November

10.26.18 Finance

- a) Monthly bank reconciliation

It was resolved that the bank reconciliation was correct and signed accordingly current balance of the account as of 30th September 2026 was £54,597.30

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

Sturton le Steeple Parish Council Payments and Receipts September 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>
01/09/2026	49		Lengthsman Alan Price	300.00	0.00	300.00	
18/09/2026			BDC Precept	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,944.50
24/09/2026			E.ON Solar Panel Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,370.54
25/09/2026	50		AIGIBL Insurance Renewal	2,085.87	0.00	2,085.87	
25/09/2026	51		Laura's Cleaning Reflection Garden	40.50	0.00	40.50	
25/09/2026	52		Holmes Grass Cutting	209.86	34.98	174.88	
25/06/2026	53		Hampshire Flag Company (A Jewitt expense)	161.99	27.00	134.99	
25/09/2026	54		Sturton Friends Hall Hire	21.00	0.00	21.00	
28/09/2026	55		HMRC Tax and NI	183.82	0.00	183.82	
28/09/2026	56		Lengthsman Alan Price	250.00	0.00	250.00	
28/09/2026	57		J Tisi Salary and Expense	560.15	0.00	560.15	
30/09/2026	58		Unity Trust Service Charge	7.00	0.00	7.00	
			Total	3,820.19	61.98	3,758.21	12,315.04

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

c) Midyear Budget Review

To discuss at November meeting

d) Request for funding for reflection garden

Gardener has requested £50 for some seasonal planting, all members agreed

e) Interpretation panel

Cllr Byatt met with Lynn Clapperton, on balance the overall project was value for money, the PC therefore will not challenge or complain about this high cost, last minute item.

10.26.19 Reports from other groups and committees

a) Bike Track, no further update

b) Quarry Liaison Committee, Cllr Appleyard in discussion with the quarry about tidying the entrance to the site. He has asked the quarry about a grant for the Church (new toilets and kitchen facilities), the quarry will be running on generators for a further year

c) Fencing, awaiting quotes

d) Swing Installation – swings have now been installed. Thanks to Cllr Appleyard and James Barlow for removing the old swings, a skip maybe required for the removal of the concrete

e) Shelter in playpark – funding from Cllr Turner received, further discussion in November, need to assess if planning is required

f) Relocation of post office salt bin and bench – locations to be discussed in November

10.26.20 Village update

a) Defibrillator check – Complete

10.26.21 Emergency Plan Review

To discuss at November meeting

Items for next agenda:

Local Plan Review

The meeting closed at 21:04

Date of next meeting Wednesday 11th November 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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