

Minutes of the

Stubton Parish Council Meeting

held on

Monday 6th July 2015

Present Mr H Wilson Chair
 Mr R Thornton Vice Chair
 Mr M Davis
 Ms L Stevenson

Apologies were received from Mrs A Wise.

1. Declarations of interest: Cllrs Thornton and Wilson declared themselves as members of reVOLT but no financial gain was involved.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as a correct record.
3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - 3.1 Defibrillator: Having spoken to the Heartbeat Trust it was agreed to hold the presentation on the defibrillator in September in order to avoid the holiday period.
 - 3.2 Drainage Ditch: The work to repair the ditch on Fenton Road was postponed whilst a Health and Safety check was carried out due to the sewerage effluent which the ditch carries. This is now complete and the work is due to take place on the 9th and 10th July.
 - 3.3 Windfarm: Following the result of the General Election, the Government have issued a new policy regarding windfarms. It is generally felt that this precludes RWE making an appeal regarding Temple Hill and will prevent both the proposals for the Long Bennington and Fulbeck windfarms from moving any further forward. However, the “devil could be in the detail” and a careful watch is being kept on developments.
 - 3.3.1 In this respect a discussion took place regarding the PC writing to EnergieKontor asking their position concerning the Fulbeck proposals. Cllr Sampson explained that Fulbeck Parish Council were in correspondence with Michael Briggs, who was currently on holiday, and it was agreed that Cllr Sampson would keep Stubton PC informed of developments.
 - 3.4 Beeswax: The footpath between Littlegates and Stubton has recently been mown but there was no news regarding the permissive footpath requests.

- 3.5 Village Speed Signs: The Inspector from the Road Safety Partnership was due to visit and he will assess the placement of the speed signs. The Clerk will ask again about the signs for distribution to households to put on their wheelie bins. It was acknowledged that not all property owners would be willing to use their bins to display these signs.

4. **Cllr Sampson**

- 4.1 Cllr Sampson congratulated the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and the Parish Council on the success of the referendum for the Plan. This would now be taken into account alongside the SKDC planning policies.
- 4.2 Details were then given regarding the meeting held on 23rd June of the northern parish cluster of SKDC and the southern parish cluster of NKDC regarding wind farms. The speakers were Messrs Miley, Kingscott and Grosvenor. Two important points were discussed at length which were the ground water displacement which would occur due to the groundworks which are necessary for the turbines. Secondly was “Reverse Landscape” which would certainly be the case should the Nocton Fen application be approved. Reverse Landscape is the result of the distances over which the turbines can be viewed.
- 4.3 Information was then passed on regarding the mortgage scheme being run by SKDC in conjunction with Lloyds Bank. This was about to enter its third phase for properties mainly in the “PE” postcode area where properties were more expensive. The first two phases had covered areas outside this postcode.
- 4.4 The result of a recent by election had seen 2 more Independent Councillors elected.

5. **Neighbourhood Plan**

- 5.1 The referendum on the 2nd July had been a huge success with 58.6% of the electorate voting. 90 votes were made; 83 in favour of adopting the Plan and 7 votes against. Congratulations to the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and thanks to all in the village who took the trouble to vote. Thanks also to John Rose for flying the flag today in honour of the vote.

6. **BBQ**

Taking place on the 14th July; bar staff were organised, meat was ordered and bread, sauces etc would be purchased. Numerous bbq's were booked together with chefs. The Bennetts were kindly on onion duty, Karen will be door person and Tom is organising the raffle. It was hoped for sunshine and dry!

7. **Planning**

- 7.1 An application for the development of a barn at Rectory Farm into a dwelling had been received. Alison Burton whose property adjoins the building had not received a copy of the application; the Clerk will follow this up and Cllr Wilson will visit Mrs Burton in the meantime to ascertain her views before returning the relevant forms to SKDC. Cllr Wilson also intended to visit Mr and Mrs Bird to ask if they would speak with the delivery men and builders on the site regarding consideration for the residents of Church Lane.

8. **Any Other Business**

- 8.1 Cllr Stevenson informed the meeting that the plans for the Level Crossing works were on hold and that Network Rail were assessing each crossing independently. It was agreed to write to Network Rail to ask about the situation and their potential plans for it.
- 8.2 The Clerk would write to Highways regarding:
- The trees/bushes blocking the distance view of the lights at the crossing
 - The re-surfacing of Church Lane which was promised but not carried out due to a question over telegraph wires; when is it happening.
- 8.3 Cllr Wilson will make enquiries regarding the plaques for the base of the flag pole giving information on the flag.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th September 2015