

Minutes amended by Councillors. To be formally approved at next meeting on 6 July 2015

Minutes of the

Stubton Annual Parish Council Meeting

held on

Monday 18th May 2015

Present:

Mr M Davis
Mr R Thornton
Mr H Wilson
Mrs A Wise

Apologies were received from Mrs L Stevenson

1. **Election of Officers for the year 2014/2015**

Mr H Wilson, in the Chair, stood down and the Chair was taken by Mr R Thornton.

Mr H Wilson was proposed as Chair by Mr R Thornton and seconded by Mrs A Wise and Mr E Critchley
There were no other nominations and Mr Wilson was elected.

Mr H Wilson, in the Chair, asked for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mr R Thornton was proposed by Mr H Wilson and seconded by Mr M Davis and Mr J Rose.
There being no other nominations and Mr Thornton was elected.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Martin Davis to the Parish Council and also newly elected District Councillor Sampson.

Declarations of interest: Cllrs Thornton and Wilson declared themselves as members of reVOLT but no financial gain was involved.

2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2015 were read and approved.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

3.1 The drainage dyke on Fenton Road was to be repaired by Lincs Highways during week commencing 25th May when the road would be closed

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4. **Cllr Sampson**

4.1 Cllr Sampson expressed his pleasure at being elected to serve as a District Councillor. He went on to explain that following the recent elections the District Council now comprised 44 Tories 5 Independents 3 Labour and had 2 vacancies.

- The membership of committees etc would be decided at the first full Council meeting to be held on 21st May.
- 4.2 Regarding Stubton Neighbourhood Plan, this was passed by the Cabinet on the 13th April and would be discussed at Full Council on 21st May. This is the final stage of approval for the Council prior to the village referendum which it is hoped will be taking place on 2nd July 2015.
- 4.3 Having just held an election Lincs County Council are now investigating the possibility of becoming a Unitary Authority which would, it is believed, save a great deal of money. This would mean abolishing all District Councils with the Authority's business being run from Lincoln.
5. **Wind Farm Update**
- 5.1 The Planning Application submitted by RWE was refused at a Planning Meeting held on the 17th March 2015. The opposition group reVOLT is still in operation pending the possibility of an Appeal by RWE. However a scoping application for 6 x 360ft (110 metres) turbines at Long Bennington had been submitted to SKDC and of course, a full planning application is still awaited for Fulbeck.
6. **Neighbourhood Plan**
- 6.1 Following excellent work during the previous year, it is hoped that the village Referendum will be held on 2nd July 2015.
7. **Defibrillator**
- 7.1 The Chairman thanked those in the village who had attended the meeting in order to hear about the defibrillator. It was explained that The Community Heartbeat Trust would provide training and also act as co-ordinator between Stubton, the Ambulance Service and BT. The cost for installing the defibrillator and refurbishing the telephone box would be between £1800 and £2000. Therefore villagers would need to be willing not only to train on the use and maintenance of the equipment but fund raising would be required in the first place. Following discussion it was agreed to arrange a presentation, for the village, by the Heartbeat Trust and move forward. The Trust had stressed that they would prefer the initiative to be community led rather than Parish Council led as the defibrillator is a community facility.
8. **Legislative Requirements**
- 8.1 New legislation was being introduced from July 2015 relating to the availability of Parish Council information. All notice of meetings and agenda must be published 3 days in advance of the meeting on an easily accessible, free website and following the meeting, the Minutes should also appear on this website within a month. It was arranged that the Clerk would sent the relevant information to Cllr Davis, who runs the village website, and he kindly agreed to publish the details.

9. **Any Other Business**

- 9.1 The village BBQ was arranged for 14th July and finer details will be arranged at the next PC meeting.
- 9.2 **The Annual Audit** information has to be submitted to Grant Thornton by 15th June. The Audit figures were discussed. The Council agreed the Audit was a correct record of the Council's expenditure and gave its approval. Arrangements will be made to forward the information to the independent internal auditor.
- 9.4 The Annual Governance Statement was discussed and approved as it was agreed that proper plans were in place to ensure good practice.
- 9.5 **Village Speed Signs:** following enquires made of the Road Safety Partnership it was agreed to apply for the 30mph speed signs which are mounted on lamp posts. The Clerk will action this as soon as possible.
The wheelie bin speed signs are not available but appear to be under review.
- 9.6 **Beeswax:** information had been received that the footpath between Stubton and Littlegates was to be sprayed off during the following week, making the footpath accessible once more. Cllrs Thornton and Wilson were in regular contact with Beeswax and were hopeful of achieving a result regarding the request for permissive footpaths being granted. They would maintain the pressure!
- 9.7 Cllr Davis suggested having plaques made to be placed at the base of the flagpole giving the details of why a particular flag is flying. It was agreed that this was an excellent idea.
- 10 The next meeting of the Parish Council was arranged for Monday 6th July 2015 at 7.30pm in the village hall.