

Minutes amended by Councillors. To be formally approved at next meeting on 18 July 2016

Minutes of the

Stubton Annual Parish Council Meeting

held on

Wednesday 25th May 2016

Present: Mr M Davis
Mr R Thornton
Mr H Wilson
Mrs A Wise
Mrs L Stevenson

Apologies were received from District Councillor Sampson and Mr J Rose

1. Election of Officers for the year 2016/2017

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 L Stevenson

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 Mrs A Wise

There being no other nominations Mr Thornton was elected.

Declarations of interest: Cllr Thornton declared himself a member of reVOLT and VETO and Cllr Wilson declared himself a member of reVOLT but no financial gain was involved in either case.

2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2016 were read and approved.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Litterpick: This had been a successful event with an excellent turn out and an interesting collection of rubbish! Many thanks to all who attended.

3.2 Queen's Birthday Celebrations: Unfortunatley it was not possible to pursue any of the ideas originally put forward.

4. Wind Farm Update (EnergieKontor at Fulbeck)

4.1 Cllr Thornton confirmed that Mr Phil Moore had been appointed as the Planning Officer responsible for the EK application which was good news as it had been Mr Moore who dealt with the RWE application in previous years.

4.2 Mr Moore has inherited a situation where EK have over-run their deadline for providing extra information requests and are currently undertaking the

- compilation of photo montages from, specifically, Stragglethorpe towards the application site. EK are determined that there is no deadline for information.
- 4.3 As a result, Mr Moore, is consulting with SKDC legal team regarding deadlines but in the meantime is allowing EK to move forward with their montages.
- 4.4 Mr Moore will update those interested (VETO) when he has further news.

5. **Defibrillator**

- 5.1 The defibrillator has been installed in the refurbished telephone box and the Ambulance Service is aware of the machine's existence in the village.
- 5.2 A meeting has been arranged for Monday 20th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall to which all villagers are invited. The Community Heartbeat Trust will give a presentation on the use and upkeep of the defibrillator and residents will then be updated with the information needed to volunteer to be part of the team responsible in the village for the machine.
- 5.3 A vote of thanks was given to all those had organised and participated in events in the village for the fund raising for the machine and also thanks were given to Mrs Brainerd of Stubton Hall for her donation of £300, the Village Hall Management Committee for their donation of £500. The Parish Council had given £1,000.
- 5.4 A vote of thanks was also given to Gary Senior and Allan Davis and all those on the committee responsible for ensuring the project was completed in such a short time – it was only in April 2015 that the ideas was first mooted.

6. **Footpaths**

- 6.1 Cllrs Wilson and Thornton had met with Messrs Wills and Hall on the 23 March to discuss footpaths in the village. Beeswax had asked, at that meeting, that there should be no trespass in the village for a year and at the end of this time they would then re-consider the footpath and bridleway situation in and around Stubton. An email had been forward to the village to this effect.
- 6.2 After the discussions with Beeswax, Cllrs Thornton and Wilson had then met with Catherine Beeby from Lincolnshire County Council's footpaths section who had provided an up to date footpath/bridleway map for the village and various forms facilitating the procedures for footpaths requests from the village to the Council.
- 6.3 Cllr Davis informed the meeting that he had received representation from villagers for the timescale stipulated by Beeswax to be shorter and stated that there would be support for the Parish Council to independently request that footpaths be opened, using the relevant forms from LCC.
- 6.4 Discussion took place regarding the use of footpaths/bridleways in the village, the need to remain on good terms with Beeswax and in particular Cllr Stevenson put forward the Farmer's view of the use of land by the public.
- 6.5 During this discussion it became clear that currently there are footpaths in the village being used as bridleways, particularly the path past Hill Top Farm. The Council agreed that it was imperative that the rules of trespass invoked by Beeswax were relevant to all land in the village. It was agreed that it was not right that paths be used incorrectly, particularly where privacy of residents was affected.

6.6 It was agreed to hold a village meeting to discuss the footpath/bridleway topic further and find out how the majority of villagers would like to proceed.

7. **Annual Audit 2015/16**

7.1 The Clerk explained the annual audit format to the Councillors who then discussed the audit paper.

7.2 The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Councillors.

7.3 The Accounting Statements were approved by the Councillors

7.4 The Notice of the Date of Commencement for the Period of the Exercise of Public Rights will be posted on the 2nd June 2016 together with the Declaration of the Status of the Published Accounts.

7.5 A copy of the unaudited accounts will be posted on the village notice board and Cllr Davis will also publish them on the Parish Council's section of the village website.

8. **Any Other Business**

8.1 Cllr Wise asked for her concern regarding the state of Doddington Lane to be noted. The meeting was told that notification had been received that Fenton Road would be re-surfaced during the 2016/17 financial year but that no notice for repairs to Doddington Lane or Church Lane (as requested by the Council) had been given.

8.2 It was agreed to hold the village bbq on Tuesday 12th July 2016.

9 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on
Monday 18th July 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.