

Minutes amended by Councillors. To be formally approved at next meeting on 25 July 2018

Minutes of the

Stubton Annual Parish Council Meeting

held on

Wednesday 16th May 2018

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

District Councillor Sampson

Apologies were received from County Councillor A Maughan

1. Election of Officers for the year 2018/2019

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

Mr R Thornton was proposed as Chair by Mr M Davis and seconded by Mrs L Stevenson
There were no other nominations and Mr Thornton was elected.

Mr R Thornton, in the Chair, asked for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Mr H Wilson was proposed by Mrs L Steveson and seconded by Mr R Thornton
There being no other nominations Mr Wilson was elected.

Declarations of interest: Cllr Thornton and DC Sampson declared themselves members of the committee administering the funds remaining from the reVOLT campaign but no financial gain was involved in this undertaking.

Before commencing the meeting Cllr Thornton thanked Cllr Wilson for his contribution over the years as Chairman. He went on to thank villagers for attending the meeting and asked that they spread the word to encourage more residents of Stubton to attend.

2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2018 were read and approved.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 reVOLT Campaign Funding: Cllr Thornton informed the meeting that half of the remaining funds have been allocated and that another note would be issued to the relevant bodies asking for further requests for consideration.
Currently Stubton PC's request for £600 towards the installation of the village gates as anti speeding devices has been granted. St Martin's Church in Stubton has also been allocated funding.

3.2 The Planning Application submitted by Mr Ben Wills to make the access lane to 4 Hargreaves Row a permanent installation has been granted. However it was made very clear that this should be the only used of this track.

3.3 The Clerk had made enquiries of SKDC following the request to formerly name School Lane (or Church Lane). There is a process to follow which involves a

meeting of the residents on that lane in order to establish the name of the lane and to agree that they are all willing to change their postcode. The Clerk will follow this through with the relevant residents and Cllr Thornton offered to be part of the meeting if this would be of help.

4. **County Councillor Maughan**

4.1 The Clerk read a report submitted by CC Maughan and the particular items of interest to the village are noted:

Fairer Funding for Lincolnshire; the fight continues

Highways Maintenance: there is a huge backlog of requests following the hard winter and there is also an enormous budget shortfall – hence the Fairer Funding Fight! However work for pothole repair is planned and is being rolled out.

Grantham Hospital A&E: the decision over the A&E Department rests with the United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust (ULHT) who have said it is unsafe to re-open the Department. Lincs CC would like this reviewed but ULHT are in financial and safety special measures themselves. Until the ULHT situation is resolved the A&E Department will remain closed.

5. **District Councillor Sampson**

5.1 DC Sampson thanked Hugh Wilson for his contribution to the Council and for the work he'd carried out as Chairman. He also announced at this point that he would not be standing for re-election in 2019.

5.2 South Kesteven Local Plan: The Plan was discussed at the last Cabinet meeting in May and would be discussed at the full Council meeting scheduled for 24th May. It was anticipated that it would meet approval and would then continue making progress through the Statutory Regulation process before final approval. The Statutory Regulation process involves a six week Public Consultation, prior to the submission to the Secretary of State who will appoint a HM Planning Inspector to conduct a Public Inquiry. However if the necessary agreements were gained the Plan would become effective in early 2019. It would be relevant until 2036 with 5 yearly reviews.

5.3 South Kesteven DC were rolling out the Higher Street Standard following the successful Big Clean of last year.

5.4 Woodland Trust: Councillor Sampson encouraged Stubton residents to sign the Woodland Trust Charter and also gave the information that free trees were available from the Trust.

5.5 It was confirmed that Councillor Sampson had £200 to donate to his five Parish Councils upon completion of the correct forms. The Clerk will apply for these.

6. **Data Protection (GDPR)**

A brief discussion took place in the confines of the meeting regarding the possible steps that the PC should take in connection with GDPR.

Following a more lengthy discussion after the meeting, the situation was re-evaluated and it was agreed that the Parish Council **did not hold and would not hold any personal data** thus it was not deemed to be necessary to undertake privacy and policy statements.

7. **Annual Parish Council Audit**

7.1 The Clerk had completed the Annual Audit forms and they were presented for discussion and approval by the Councillors.

7.2 The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Councillors and signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

- 7.3 The Accounting Statements were approved and signed by the Chair.
- 7.4 All necessary information would be posted on the Parish Council section of the village website and it was stressed that the books, invoices, bank statements etc were available for inspection.

8. **Village Gates**

- 8.1 The Chairman informed the meeting that £600 has been granted by reVOLT towards the funding of this scheme together with monies to be returned to the Council by VETO.
- 8.2 The necessary forms had been sent by LCC Highways for completion.
- 8.3 It was agreed that the Chairman would put together a Village Gates Working Party to progress this scheme.

9. **Any Other Business**

- 9.1 Village BBQ: The date was set for Tuesday 17th July.
Cllr Thornton will arrange for this to be posted in the Parish Magazine and the village will be emailed..
- 9.2 The forms for entry into the South Kesteven Best Kept Village competition had been completed and posted in order to meet the deadline of 18th May 2018.
- 9.3 Cllr Stevenson informed the meeting that Lincs Highways had reinstated the stile on the footpath outside Hill Top Farm.
- 9.4 A question was raised regarding the completion of the roadworks in the village by re-surfacing Church Lane as promised in the work schedule. The Clerk with follow up.
- 9.5 The Chairman thanked Mr John Rose for his hard work, in all weathers, flying the flag on designated days, gold medals at the Commonwealth Games and other special occasions. His time and effort was much appreciated for a very special tradition.

The next meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 25th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall