

To be formally approved at the next PC Meeting on 24 January 2018

Minutes of the

Stubton Parish Council Meeting

held on

Wednesday 15th November 2017

Present: Mr M Davis
Mr R Thornton
Mr H Wilson

County Councillor Maughan

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Wise, Ms L Stevenson and District Councillor Sampson

Declarations of interest: Cllrs Wilson and Thornton declared themselves members of reVOLT and Cllr Thornton a member of VETO but no financial gain was involved .

The Chairman welcome County Councillor Maughan and thanked him for attending the meeting.

2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2017 were read and approved.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

3.1 Fulbeck Airfield, Proposed Windfarm: EnergieKontor did not lodge an Appeal against the refusal of planning permission. As a result VETO are in the process of dividing the funds they have raised to fight the application. Once the funds have been distributed then VETO will officially fold.

In this respect reVOLT are also able to disband however this committee has greater funds to deal with. Following a meeting of the committee it has been decided to set up a Community Fund and final details of its scope and how to apply will be agreed at the AGM arranged for January 2018.

In the meantime reVOLT and VETO have arranged a celebratory party at Leadenham Hall on the 23rd November 2017 to which all those on the email lists for both groups have been invited.

3.2 The dumped asbestos is still in place on Doddington Lane despite it being marked with red tape by DC Sampson soon after the September meeting. This is very disappointing particularly bearing in mind the Big Clean organised by SKDC.

3.3 Mrs Brainerd has contacted Cllr Wilson informing him that she is arranging for a quote to repair the damage to the wall on Brandon Road.

4. **County Councillor Maughan**

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4.1 Cllr Maughan has spoken with Rowan Smith regarding the major roadworks which were scheduled to be carried out in April 2017 and are still awaited. He explained that when the team arrived to do the work it was discovered that the damage was far more extensive than originally thought. The repair will now be carried out in March 2018 and will include Claypole Road, Brandon Road and Cherry Lane.

4.2 **Grantham Hospital Accident and Emergency**

Cllr Maughan explained that in order to run an A&E 21 doctors are required. Grantham now have 22 available and the department can re-open. However it has been determined that a Safety Review must take place before the unit can open.

4.3 **Skills in Lincolnshire** Too many young people are leaving the County and therefore there is a gap in skills in the workplace. In order to try and attract young people into Lincolnshire and also to try and help prevent them leaving, a website www.worldofwork.co.uk has been set up giving details of work available in the County. The Chair will mention this to both Mrs Brainerd at Stubton Hall and Hensons Catering in Claypole.

5. **Refuse Bin Speed Signs**

It was agreed to purchase £40 worth of the refuse bin speed signs and make them available to the village at the Christmas Buffet. The clerk will make the necessary arrangements and email the village to this effect.

6. **Lincolnshire Campaign for Fairer Funding**

Lincolnshire County Council has been introducing cuts to its budget, as directed by Government. However the County receives, from Westminster, £116M less than the national average. Cllr Maughan explained that this is because funding has been directed to urban areas. The campaign has been organised to avoid further cuts in the future, it has the support of the Secretary of State and the situation is being mentioned in the Queens Speech.

A website has been established where local residents can support the campaign and it was agreed that the village would be emailed giving this information and asking villagers for their support.

Parish Councils are being asked to write to their MP stating their support for the action and it was agreed that Stubton PC would write.

7. **Cllr Davis: Report on Highways Liaison Meeting in Sleaford**

7.1 Cllr Davis was thanked for taking the time to attend this meeting in October on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Davis gave a full report on the meeting, explaining the roles of the various sections of the Highways Department, who was in charge and the budget allocated to each section. Notes of the presentation were promised and these are being chased up in order that they can be attached to these Minutes.

An important element of the meeting was the explanation of the Web Portal which has been introduced enabling the public to report road damage. Maps are on

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the website in order that damage can be pinpointed and there is also a facility to forward photographs.

Information on the web portal will be emailed to the village.

7.2 Cllr Maughan asked that he be informed of any issues that were reported but were then not dealt with. He can raise this with Rowan Smith of LCC Highways at his monthly meeting.

7.3 Information has been received regarding electronic speed signs and following discussion it was agreed that with a contribution from the Parish Council and some village fund raising it would be a good idea to purchase 2 of the signs. Further investigation was required as to the exact type and cost.

7.4 Also regarding speeding through the village, there was a discussion regarding the ornamental “gates” at the entrances to Stubton. Cllr Maughan will speak with Highways about this proposal particularly since the Parish Council will arrange funding.

Mr Crooks, a village resident, explained a planting system, in France, at the entrance to villages which works very well and looks pretty. This would certainly be something to consider.

7.5 It was agreed that the village will be emailed regarding the closure of the A17 at Beckingham for two weeks from 20th November to 8th December from 20.00 hrs to 06.00 hrs. The diversion is long and involves the A46 and A15 and it is therefore anticipated that extra traffic will be passing through Stubton during the roadworks.

8. Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils: Subscription

The LALC is fixing its subscriptions for villages the size of Stubton but in the near future these may need to be increased. The organisation is extremely helpful and it is therefore very useful to support them and remain a member. This was agreed.

9. Precept 2018/19

It was agreed to request a Precept of £1,200 as in previous years.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 Mr Watkins, a village resident on Doddington Lane, explained to the meeting the difficulties experienced on the lane regarding speeding traffic. The problem mainly exists when children are being taken and collected from Littlegates. In addition large industrial vehicles (not including farm traffic) are using the lane. Doddington Lane is very narrow, is breaking up and is generally not fit for purpose when taking into account the volume of traffic at certain times of the day, the speed at which this traffic travels and the industrial lorries.

The meeting agreed with Mr Watkins statements and after discussion it was agreed to request a site visit, preferably at “rush hour” when the road could be viewed on its length from Stubton to just beyond Hill Farm Furniture. At this meeting enquires

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would be made regarding the criteria for “unsuitable for HGV’s” signage and would it be possible to introduce a 30mph limit on the lane.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.