

To be formally approved at the next PC Meeting on 15 November 2017

Minutes of the

Stubton Parish Council Meeting

held on

Wednesday 6th September 2017

Present: Mr M Davis
Mr R Thornton
Mr H Wilson
Ms L Stevenson

District Councillor Sampson
County Councillor Maughan

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Wise

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 District Councillor Sampson and thanked them both for attending the meeting.

2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2017 were read and approved.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Potholes It was agreed to take a photograph of the large pothole outside Westwoods on Claypole Road and forward it with a request for a full repair to Lincs CC Highways. CC Maughan explained the rationale behind the new procedures being followed for road repairs by LCC Highways. He kindly offered to investigate the situation regarding the delay in the major road repairs in the village which had been scheduled for April with a 4 day road closure..

Cllr Sampson urged the Parish Council to continue to report poor road condition in order that these could be properly followed up.

3.2 Village BBQ This had been a highly successful evening despite the rain. It had been well attended and £180 had been raised. It was agreed to review the ordering quantities for next year's event.

4. District Councillor Sampson

4.1 Fulbeck Airfield Straw Storage SKDC is unhappy with the netting of loads and has instructed that this must be rectified. The question of straw from the airfield being moved from Fulbeck to Claypole has still to be resolved.

4.2 Rural Overview and Scrutiny DC Sampson recently attended a conference at Grantham Town Hall regarding rural matters. One of the issues raised related to the lack of care and understanding given to the land (hedge and verge maintenance, ditch cleaning etc) by contract farmers. He asked how the land husbandry was handled in Stubton. All Councillors were vociferous in their compliments to Beeswax, the main landowner around the village. Other farmers, less known to villagers, were also for the most part caring of the landscape. However comments had been passed by some

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farmers in relation to farming contractors and the difference in their behaviour compared to full time employees.

4.3 **The Big Clean** This began in mid August and will continue for 12 weeks. It is mainly taking place in urban areas in SKDC and it was acknowledged in the meeting that the vast majority of rural villages, large and small, did not need a Big Clean as they undertook the work in their village as a matter of course. Discussion ensued on this topic and covered the lack of response to collect the asbestos dumped, some 3 years ago, on Doddington Lane. The Clerk will send details to Cllr Sampson.

5. Refuse Bin Speed Signs

CC Maughan informed the meeting that standard, approved issue signs of this nature were available from Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. It was agreed that the Clerk will investigate the price of the signs and then email the village with the website details and price of the signs in order that any villagers wishing to place these signs on their refuse bins could do so.

6. Footpaths and Village Meeting

The village meeting was held in July and was well attended. Following the village meeting, Cllrs Thornton and Wilson met with Beeswax and further agreements were made regarding access and permissive paths. A second meeting is due to be held in the coming week, in Stubton and a report will be made at the next Parish Council meeting.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 **Proposed Windfarm at Fulbeck Airfield by EnergieKontor** The six months window for EK to appeal the decision to refuse their planning application for a windfarm on Fulbeck Airfield is due to expire in the near future. The Chairman of VETO contacted EK but gained no information as to their plans. A further report will be available at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

7.2 Mr Whitby raised the question of the repair of the wall on the boundary of Stubton Hall and Brandon Road. The wall is beginning to look dangerous and Cllr Wilson agreed to speak with Mrs Brainerd in this respect.

7.3 CC Maughan informed the meeting that Dr Caroline Johnson, local MP, will be speaking on the 28th September 2017 at Carlton Scroop Village Hall. Parish Councillors are invited to attend but if this is not possible any questions they would like to raise should be directed to CC Maughan. Likewise, any villagers with a question for Dr Johnson should address this to Cc Maughan.

7.4 DC Sampson reminded the meeting that his Civic Service would be held at 3pm on 24th September 2017 at St Nicholas Church, Fulbeck. All members of Stubton congregation are welcome to attend.

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7.5 The Chairman thanked Mr Rose for his kind offer to fly flags on request for visiting family and friends. Flag flying is a great feature of the village and is very much appreciated by all.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 15th November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.