

Minutes of the

Stubton Parish Council Meeting

held on

Wednesday 21st March 2018

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

District Councillor Sampson

1. Apologies for absence received from County Councillor Maughan

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 .

2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2018 were read and approved.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- 3.1 The street lamps on Claypole Road had been re-instated following a failure in power supply to the lamps in question.

- 3.2 The note to villagers regarding the new arrangements for footpaths and bridleways following the meeting with Beeswax will be issued to the village before the end of March.

4. **District Councillor Sampson**

- 4.1 Council Tax this tax will be increased by £5 per annum on a Band D property. As austerity measures are still in place it remains to be seen whether this increase will be sufficient to fulfil the District Council's budgetary requirements.

- 4.2 Cllr Sampson informed the meeting that as of the 1st April he will be allocated £1,000 this year which he proposes to distribute evenly between the five Parishes he represents. This will require the completion of relevant application forms which Cllr Sampson will forward to the Clerk.

- 4.3 Asbestos on Doddington Lane, Stubton: Mr Watkins, a village resident, thanked Cllr Sampson for his hard work in achieving the removal of the asbestos on Doddington Lane. This was echoed by the Councillors.

5. **Village Gates and reVOLT Funding**

- 5.1 Cllr Thornton explained to the meeting, for the benefit of those new to the village, the facts behind the reVOLT funds. Forms have been obtained and will be completed asking for funding towards the village gates.

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5.2 Cllr Thornton then went on to explain the reasons behind the choice of village gates, as opposed to other methods, to help stop speeding through the village. There are numerous criteria to be fulfilled and these will be thoroughly investigated before the forms are submitted to Lincolnshire Highways for approval.

5.3 Regarding funding for the gates, Cllr Sampson will arrange for Community Fund Application forms to be sent by SKDC to the Clerk in order that the village can raise funds and hopefully obtain match funding from the District Council.

6. Report on Meeting with Highways regarding Doddington Lane

6.1 An excellent meeting had been held with Mr Rowan Smith and County Cllr Maughan in February regarding the deterioration of and speeding on Doddington Lane.

6.2 Unfortunately it would not be possible to instigate a speed restriction on the Lane as the necessary regulations cannot be met.

6.3 Mr Smith acknowledged the issue of deteriorating verges, particularly in the section as far as the 30mph signs. This work will be included in a longer term plan and will involve installing kerbing.

7. Planning

7.1 A planning application has been submitted by Mr Ben Wills asking for the time restriction for use to be lifted from the access road to 4 Hargreaves Row which was built originally to facilitate the building works at the property.

7.2 Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would make comment on the basis of the interest of the village. This interest relates to the issues around safety concerning the parking of cars belonging to 4 Hargreaves Row. Currently, if the access lane is closed, the vehicles would have to be parked on Doddington Lane and access to the property would be on foot via Hargreaves Row. Parking on Doddington Lane, which is of course already narrow with sharp bends, is restricted. These facts will form the basis of the Council's reply to the Planning Department.

8. Data Protection

8.1 The information regarding the changes which the Parish Council needs to make regarding data protection have been forwarded to Councillors for their information and consideration prior to action. It was agreed that this would be the first action at the next meeting in order to meet the 25th May deadline for compliance. Mr Watkins offered some very helpful advice on this topic for which the Councillors were very grateful.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Mrs Birkinhead asked whether it would be possible to properly name "School Lane" or "Church Lane" (it's known locally as both) in order that the properties in that part of the village could be more easily found. The Clerk will make enquires in this respect but warned those residents present from the Lane that this might involve a change of postcode. This had presented a problem previously since all residents on the lane would need to agree to the change.

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Next meeting arranged for Wednesday 16th May 2018 which at 7.30 pm will be the AGM