

*Minutes amended by Councillors. To be formally approved at next meeting on 19 September*

*Minutes of the*

## **Stubton Parish Council Meeting**

**held on**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Present: Mr M Davis  
Mr H Wilson  
Mrs A Wise

Apologies were received from District Councillor Sampson, Mr R Thornton and Mrs L Stevenson

Declarations of interest: Cllr Wilson declared himself a member of reVOLT but no financial gain was involved .

2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were read and approved.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

3.1 Fulbeck Airfield Windfarm Update: No further news

3.2 Footpaths: Up to date maps of both bridleways and footpaths in and around Stubton have been obtained from Lincs County Council and will be mounted and hung in the village hall for use by all.

In reviewing the map it was clear that the Old Coach Road is not a designated bridleway/footpath but a letter will be sent to the relevant people to make the necessary arrangements for it's adoption – please see later agenda item for further information.

With regard to the arrangement with Beeswax for a trespass free year, this is the third month where there have been no problems and Beeswax have given written acknowledgement of this.

3.3 Fenton Road has been tar sprayed, as promised. The Clerk has requested that the roadwork signs and warning signs are now removed by Highways. This Department has also been requested to return and re-instate the “give way” linings on the junction of Fenton Road and Claypole Road – these are currently missing and this could be dangerous.

#### 4. **Meeting with Network Rail**

- 4.1 Cllrs Wilson and Davis had met with David Shorrocks from Network Rail together with representatives from Claypole PC and Dry Doddington & Westborough PC earlier on 18<sup>th</sup> July. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed removal of the Hough Lane foot crossing by diverting the old footpath which eventually joins the Old Coach Road between Stubton and Dry Doddington. This is quite simple because a footpath already exists on the western side (Claypole side) of the railway and this will be upgraded to a full bridleway. When this footpath joins the Old Coach Road there is a length which is in fact a footpath, not a bridleway. This will be upgraded to full bridleway status at the same time. At the meeting it was agreed that we should write to Network Rail giving our approval for this work and this would be replicated by Claypole PC and Dry Doddington & Westborough PC.
- 4.2 This meeting took place as part of the on-going process for the proposed closure of level crossings. However, if approved, this footpath diversion will precede all other work.

#### 5. **Planning**

- 5.1 The Council has been notified of a Planning Application, submitted to Newark and Sherwood District Council, for the erection of 1,800 new homes, a school, retail unit and a sporting facility at what is known as Fernwood South which is the land lying west of Claypole but in Nottinghamshire.
- 5.2 Claypole have fully investigated and researched the application and have forwarded a copy of their comments on it to Stubton PC – asking for support. Having read both the Planning Application and Claypole's comments on it, Stubton Parish Council have written in full support of Claypole's submission to NSDC and also copied their comments to Phil Moore at SKDC asking for them to be taken into account with the comments of SKDC.
- 5.3 The comments generally related to Highways matters, the placement of the school and the general safety issues relating to increased traffic on the lanes in and around Stubton, Claypole, and other nearby Lincolnshire villages.

#### 6. **Councillor Davis: Farming Issues**

- 6.1 Cllr Davis reported that he had been approached by a number of villagers who expressed concern over the recent ploughing up of long standing set aside meadows on the outskirts of the village and the chemical clearance of the headlands on many fields around Stubton. Fears related to the loss of wildlife habitat, wild flowers being lost in the headland and saplings being cut down when hedges were trimmed – the legality of these actions was raised particularly with regard to the Stubton Neighbourhood Plan which mentions many of these issues.
- 6.2 As a result of these conversations Cllr Wilson had made some enquiries it transpires that the land at the back of Hill Top Farm has a new Tenant who has decided to plough this area in order to bring it back into full agricultural use..

- 6.3 In connection with the Beeswax land that has been ploughed alongside Fenton Road, this is very poor land and it has been cleared and ploughed in readiness for pollen and nectar friendly type grasses to be sown in order to encourage bees, birds and other wildlife.
- 6.4 The headland planting was part of a national Stewardship Scheme which Beeswax are part of and which has been upgraded by the government. In order to participate in the new scheme, the original headlands must be cleared and ploughed (once nesting birds have flown) before being replanted. Once this work is complete, the replanting of floristically enhanced grasses and flowers will take place which will encourage bees, birds and other wildlife. As far as the Beeswax land in Stubton is concerned, these headlands will run alongside every ditch and watercourse.

7. **Any Other Business**

- 7.1 Village bbq had been a great success with over 50 villagers attending. The help offered by villagers with onions, bbq's being lent, those cooking, bar staff etc was much appreciated.
  - 7.2 Mr Rose mentioned that the 30mph sign needed the hedges around it to be cut. Cllr Wilson undertook to carry this out.
8. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.