

STUBTON PARISH COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on **Monday 8th June 2026 at 8pm at Stubton Village Hall, Fenton Road, Stubton**, for the purposes of considering & resolving upon business to be transacted as set out in this Agenda.

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting there will be a public forum for a maximum of 10 minutes, where members of the public may ask questions or make short statements to the Parish Council in relation to items contained in this Agenda.

Signed: *Sam Kirk*

Chairman of the Parish Council

Dated: 30th May 2026

Council Members: Cllr Sam Kirk (Chairman), Cllr David Wood (Vice Chairman), Cllr Jenny Taylor.

AGENDA

1. WELCOME REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive & **Resolve** to accept apologies for absence where reasons for absence have been given to the Clerk prior to the Meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011 - this being any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests.

4. MINUTES

To **Resolve** to accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th May and for the Chairman to sign the approved Minutes.

5. LAND OFF THE COACH ROAD, DODDINGTON LANE

a) To **Resolve** to Minute and publish the date on which the Parish Council took control and management of land off the Coach Road, to the west of Doddington Lane, Stubton, with intention to claim adverse possession of the land described above and identified on the image in Appendix 1. The date of possession being noted as 22nd May 2026.

b) To agree, for the time being, for a farmer to mow or graze the field during summer 2026 and/or take hay if he/she wishes, in order to prevent the land becoming unmanageable.

c) To discuss possible uses of the land going forwards.

d) To **Resolve** to secure the land and replace the temporary sign with a permanent sign to make clear the Parish Council's possession.

Appendix 1

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

Date of next Meeting

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APPENDIX 1, EOM 8 JUNE 2026

Land off the Coach Road, Doddington Lane, Stubton shown with red diagonal stripes



Open Spaces Society Extracts

1.3 As with most things, prevention is better than a cure. The best course is to persuade the local council^[a] to take possession of any unclaimed land in your area so that it is held in the public interest. Otherwise an individual may succeed in appropriating it as his own.

3.1 The council should pass a resolution to undertake the care, management and control of the land as a public open space in the public interest. It should then take some steps to manage the land—for example grass cutting, tree planting, fencing a dangerous quarry. To avoid secrecy and allow the real owner to come forward, it is then advisable to erect a notice on the land simply giving the name of the council, perhaps adding any inquiries to it. The council should also put a notice in the local paper. This should identify the land, state that the council has undertaken the care, management and control of it in the public interest, and report the work that has been done.

3.2 If no one responds claiming ownership, the council should continue with regular management. If the acts of management amount to adverse possession, only the true owner can turn the council off the land.

3.3 Councils should, as an urgent priority, consider applying for voluntary registration of title, particularly where there have been boundary disputes, or where land is prone to squatters.

5.1 If the land is unregistered under the Land Registration Acts and the council has been in adverse possession, consideration can be given to applying to the appropriate district Land Registry for registration of a caution against first registration. This entitles a cautioner to be notified of any application for first registration affecting the land, or (if there has been more than, say, five years' adverse possession) first registration of the land with possessory title. Since the Land Registration Act 2002 it is now only possible to enter a notice or restriction on the register.

See also: Land Registry Practice Guides 1 – 10
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/land-registration-practice-guides#guides-1-to-10>