

**Great Staughton Parish Council Meeting
Minutes
7.30pm on Thursday, 12 September 2024
Village Pavilion**

Present:

Parish Councillors attending: Bob Jewell, Nicole Yates, David Moore, Will Mumford, Giles Brittain, Helen Glanville, Helen Hopperton, Lorraine Goody

Also in attendance: Jo Russel (JR), Ian Gardner (CCC), Stephen Cawley (HDC).

- 1. Apologies for absence – none received.**
- 2. Residents' Forum - one attendee re 24/00616/FUL Lower Park Farm, Agden Green** – it was agreed that the parish council would write to HDC again to raise concerns of the resident. CCC are minded not to object to the application, but the resident does not believe that all the evidence has been considered properly by CCC. HDC will base their decision on the technical advice of CCC. The resident believes that the accident data is incorrect. He has also sought legal advice. WM believes that there have been serious accidents on that stretch of road. The clerk will ask HDC to check their data sources.
One attendee regarding road safety issue – BJ confirmed that the hedge has been cut, there was a new MVAS sign and the road marking LHI application had been successful. Implementation can take a while though.
- 3. Declarations of Interest – HD item 12. HH item 15.**
- 4. Reports from District and County Councillors – see attached reports from Ian Gardner and Steven Cawley.**
- 5. Approved minutes of 11 July 2024.**
- 6. Matters Arising:**
 - **Footpath 40 – Staughton Moor** – IG has contacted the footpath officer, but he is on holiday. He will continue to chase up though.
 - **Dog bin Lovers Lane** – the clerk will contact ^{CCC}HDC to notify them where to place the bin. It will cost the parish £252 per annum to have HDC empty this. The PC will supply and install.
 - **Blocked Drains – The Green/The Highway** – Clerk will report this again.
 - **Kimbolton Firestation closure** - IG reported that additional firefighters had been recruited so things are moving in the right direction.
 - **CCC EV Charge point application** - no decision will be made until 2025.
 - **Police checks re 20mph speed limit** – clerk will chase police and raise with P&CC, if necessary.
 - **Free compost** - clerk will liaise with the allotment association about this.
- 7. Attendance at other meetings – nothing to report.**
- 8. Highways**
 - **LHI bid for 23/24 update** – the MVAS sign is now installed.
 - **LHI Bid 24/25 update** – this bid has been successful. This is for road markings.
 - **Blocked Highway in Perry** – WM reported that this is still an issue. Leave on the agenda.

- **Pedestrian crossing issues** - the CLT grant for additional MVAS signs was not successful. It was agreed that the PC would purchase solar panels and mounting kit. The clerk will now order. And an application LHi 25/26 bid could be for a new MVAS sign with solar panels.
- **Drain defect Cage Lane** – IG will chase.
- **Drain - The Town** - CCC are querying if this is on Highways land or if it is the landowners. IG will investigate.

9. Planning:

- **Five Acres Enforcement issues – no report**
- **Wyboston Garden Village/developments in Beds near A1 – ongoing**
- **22/01813/FUL Land East and West of Little Staughton Solar Farm – comments submitted re Rights of Way**
- **24/01338 9-11 The Town – replacement windows, door and lights - no comment/objections.**
- **24/01589/HHFUL 19 The Green – demolition and extension – no comments/objections.**

10. Cashbook – review payments as set out below. The cashbook and bank statements had been previously circulated to all parish councillors.

Payee	£
Bradgate	259.20
P Yates	283.75
Bradgate	259.20
Bradgate	129.60
St Neots Museum grant	50.00
Life Magazine grant	600.00
Playing Field grant	2,000.00
GS PCC	400.00
J Russel	520.52
D Hoenig	360.00
Bradgate	129.60
P Yates	221.75
J Russel	520.52

11. Correspondence re 20mph Scheme – IG said CCC will review all 20mph schemes after 2 years and people can comment at that stage. The clerk will inform the person who had complained about the scheme. A letter had also been received regarding the football parking on Sudays. The clerk will confirm with the resident that the football club have already been given maps so they can advise their members where to park. The parish council has done all it can in this regard.

12. Neighbourhood Plan – discuss and approve the following:

All the documentation referred to below was circulated to all parish councillors prior to the meeting so it could be read in advance of the meeting.

- The Parish Council approved the recommended responses to the Regulation 14 consultation (Appendix 8 Consultation Statement).

- The Parish Council agreed to take on board the recommendations made in the SEA Environmental Report, which was still subject to amendment. (Appendix 10 Consultation Statement) and makes the necessary changes to the NP. The parish council delegated authority to BJ to do this.
- The Parish Council approved the recommended responses to representations made to the SEA Environmental Report (Appendix 11 Consultation Statement)
- The Parish Council approved the Sequential Test Report.
- The Parish Council approved the Basic Conditions Statement.
- The Parish Council approved the Consultation Statement.
- The Parish Council approved the revised NP (areas of change were highlighted in yellow)
- BJ proposed that the parish council resolve to submit the NP and the accompanying evidence to HDC (Regulation 15) for examination and DM seconded. All who were present agreed, and it was resolved to do so.
- The Parish Council agreed to allow further consequential edits to be made to accompanying documents and Topic Papers.

13. Reports from:

- Village Hall committee - HG reported that they are applying for a grant to purchase solar panels.
- Playing Field committee - NY reported that she has applied for a grant to purchase new goals and picnic benches with the help from Buckden FC. The pitches will then be reconfigured.
- Speed watch - DM asked if the equipment could be replaced as it cannot record low speeds of 20mph. He will investigate this.

14. Parish Matters – BJ reported that the footpath near Jewell Close was overgrown with weeds. PY will be asked to weed killer this. The parish council will purchase the weedkiller. DM reported a footpath that needed weeding and again PY will be asked to weed killer this.

15. East Park Energy Solar Farm

HH left the room for this discussion. Historic England has indicated that there has been a significant discovery on the south side of the Kym. Full details will be released in due course. Brockwell had been asked to attend this parish council meeting but they declined. It was agreed by all that a meeting was necessary and that should be held once the consultation has been opened. The clerk will arrange this. This would be online.

16. Meeting dates for 2024 - 7 November

Meeting closed 20.51



7/11/2024

Gt Staughton PC Meeting – September 24

Good Evening

Regarding your LHI bid for this year. I am delighted to inform you that Gt Staughton has been provisionally successful in its bid for improving the visibility of the Pedestrian Crossing, in order to reduce the likelihood of accidents. It should be noted that the provisional list only becomes approved after the 1st October Highways & Transportation Committee Meeting.

Also, our LHO Karen Southwell has moved to become the new LHO for March, consequently we will be having a new LHO Sarah Budd, from 2nd September.

At the last Highways & transportation committee it was agreed that all 20mph zones will be reviewed after 2 years to see if they are effective.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (Mayor) is asking for views on the future of Cambridgeshire Buses with the launch of its bus franchising consultation.

The 14 week consultation will be open until Wednesday 20 November 24 and will inform a decision on how to reform buses across the area.

The consultation webpage is <https://cpca-yourvoice.co.uk/bus-franchising-consultation/>

There are two versions of the questionnaire – a short version comprising 10 questions and a long version comprising 31 questions. You chose which questionnaire you wish to complete. Details of drop in events around the County will be listed on the website during the consultation

An appeal has been launched by Cambridgeshire County Council to recruit more school governors. There are currently around 50 vacancies that need to be filled in Cambridgeshire. Figures suggest there is a national shortage of School Governors.

The appeals purpose is to increase the number of School Governors from both inside and outside the education sector. The aim is to create a waiting list of applicants, so that as vacancies come up they can be filled easily.

To become part of a Governing Body and make a positive impact on children's learning and achievement get in touch

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/school-governors>

Battery caused blazes are becoming increasingly common as we buy and throw away more electronic items.

Never put Lithium-ion batteries into your recycling or household waste bin as they can cause fires. Already there have been several fires in bin lorries this year caused by batteries not being disposed of correctly.

Take your batteries along to a Household Recycling Centre – many shops also have battery banks.

Make sure you are awake when using and charging devices or appliances with lithium-ion batteries.

When buying lithium-ion batteries make sure they have a CE or UKCA mark, which signifies it meets UK standards, buy from a reputable retailer and always use the manufacturer approved charger.

For mor information go to the Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Website.

Parish Council Update (Great Staughton) – September 2024

Land Availability Assessment – Local Plan

The Council has assessed the sites submitted through a Land Availability Assessment and a Sustainability Appraisal. The results of these assessments do not guarantee that a site will be allocated in the next local plan, but instead provide a selection of sites that have potential.

The final selection of sites will be based on a number of additional factors such as a chosen growth strategy, a final settlement hierarchy and evidence-based documents such as transport studies, strategic flood risk assessments, water cycle studies, employment land studies, climate change reports etc.

It is now proposed that these assessments are consulted on alongside the Further Issues and Options consultation document and the Sustainability Appraisal to allow members of the public, statutory consultees, landowners, developers and interested parties to see the results of the Land Availability Assessments and to provide comments.

The consultation is proposed to be held over 10 weeks between 18 September and 27 November 2024.

Great Staughton

- Great Staughton 1: Land East of B661, The Green, Great Staughton – APPROPRIATE
- Great Staughton 2: Land South of 29 The Green, Great Staughton – APPROPRIATE
- Great Staughton 3: Land West of Cage Lane, Great Staughton – NOT APPROPRIATE
- Great Staughton 4: Brook Farmyard, Great Staughton - APPROPRIATE

EAST PARK SOLAR FARM

- East Park Energy scheduled to submit their DCO application to Planning Inspectorate Q1 2025.
- At that time the Council (HDC) will be notified. Assume the PC will likewise be notified.
- The local authorities (HDC, CCC and Bedford) will be notified of a preliminary meeting to discuss procedural matters, after which an examination timetable will be agreed (I will let PC know when I have details)
- During the Examination, local authorities will (i) respond to written questions from the Examination Authority (ii) prepare and submit to PINS a Local Impact Report and local planning framework (the neighbourhood plan should fit here) (iii) submit a statement setting out matters the local authorities agree and disagree on.
- Local authorities are statutory consultees and views of local communities/PCs have to be submitted as Relevant Representations directly to PINS. HDC cannot respond on behalf of individual parties.

Annual Town & Parish Council Forum 2024

This years' Annual Town & Parish Council Forum will once again take place at the Burgess Hall in St Ives, and planning is underway to provide Town & Parish Council representatives with an informative and interactive session that is intended to be of great benefit to all.

HDC would like to know if there are any specific topics you would like covered or any guest speakers that you'd like to hear from.

Contact communications@huntingdorshire.co.uk with your suggestions.

When: Wednesday, 23 October 2024 (09:00)

Where: Burgess Hall, St Ives