

**Minutes of the  
Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe  
Parish Council Meeting**

**17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 7pm,  
Robin Hood Theatre, Averham.**

**Present:** Cllrs Fereday (Chair), Cllrs J Allan, I Bradey V Hird, J Cobley J Towleron & J Miller  
Cllr R Blaney (NSDC) (part).

**Ex-officio:** Sue Jackson, Clerk

**Absent:** None

**5 Members of the public were in attendance**

AKS 22-130	<b>Apologies received.</b> S Emeny. Those present voted to accept this apology, all agreed. Cllr Saddington (NCC) had also sent her apologies.	
AKS 22-131	<b>Declarations of Interest from Members in any item to be discussed.</b> None	
AKS 22-132	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting.</b> The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held <b>20<sup>th</sup> March 2023</b> were approved as a true record & signed. <b>Proposed by Cllr Bradey, Sec by Cllr Hird, all agreed.</b> Cllr Blaney arrived.	
AKS 22-133	<b>Questions and comments from members of the public</b>  Members of the Staythorpe BESS Action Group updated Councillors on their plans to engage with Averham residents re the Averham BESS proposal and with Upton PC re the Staythorpe BESS. Cllr Blaney arrived Concern was also expressed over the lack of input required from organisations such as Fire & Rescue, HSE and the Environment Agency to planning application for BESS sites. He has written to Robert Jenrick MP and asked the Parish Council to also write. To be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Both The Chair and Cllr Blaney agreed but reiterated that applications can only be considered using current planning legislation.	
AKS 22-134	<b>Updates required from the previous meeting for items not covered on the agenda.</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update from Cllr Bradey on the provision of <b>decorative signs</b> for Kelham and Averham. Signs will be in the region of £4000 each, Notts CC LIS scheme has reopened and funding will be sought from this scheme. A discussion took place on the potential artwork for the signs. The Clerk to include in the article for The Plough to seek resident's thoughts.</li> </ul>	<b>The Clerk</b>





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Allan updated those present on the Minster School Consultation on catchment Areas. The Minster School and NCC websites now include Averham and Staythorpe as being in the Minster School catchment area for intake commencing September 2024. Thanks to Cllr Allan and Mrs Allan for their work on this matter.</li> </ul> <p><b>All had been previously distributed and were noted.</b></p>	
AKS 22-138	<p><b>Planning Applications Received:</b></p> <p><b>23/00488/HOUSE</b> Wood View and Maidstone Cottage, the Close, Averham. Extensions, remove hedgerow, revise driveway and create new access.</p> <p><b>No Observations</b></p> <p>To consider the response to <b>Planning Application 23/00317/FULM- BESS at Averham</b>. The detailed response has now been composed and circulated amongst the members. It was agreed to add the section on the cumulative effects to the Parish Council's response to the Staythorpe BESS</p> <p><b>Planning Decisions (NSDC): 23/00227/HOUSE, Flo's Cottage, Averham. Approved</b></p>	The Clerk
AKS 22-139	<p>Clerk's financial report, agree expenditure and other necessary action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update from <b>Cllr Miller</b> on the accounts 2022-23. Cllr Miller distributed details of the finances at year end. Copy kept for records. Expenditure was slightly higher than expected because 2 years of Notts ALC membership had been paid (22/23 and 23/24).</li> <li>AGAR &amp; Year end information has been received from PKF Littlejohn</li> </ul> <p><b>Balance at 12/4/23 £8394.73</b></p>	
AKS 22-140	<p><b>Item to be added to the agenda for the next meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee &amp; Planning Working Party</li> <li>To consider writing to Robert Jenrick MP regarding the lack of input required from HSE, EA or Fire &amp; Rescue to planning applications such as the proposed BESS sites.</li> </ul>	
AKS 22-141	<p>Date of the next meeting –  <b>Annual Meeting of the Parish</b> 6:30pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Robin Hood Theatre, Averham.  To be followed by the  <b>Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7:00pm</b></p>	
	<b>The meeting closed at 8.14pm</b>	