

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

20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 7pm,  
Robin Hood Theatre, Averham.

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

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

**Absent:** None

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

AKS 22-118	<b>Apologies received.</b> Cllrs Fereday, S Emeny J Towler & J Miller. those present voted to accept this apology, all agreed. <b>Cllr Saddington (NCC) had also sent her apologies</b>	
AKS 22-119	<b>Declarations of Interest from Members in any item to be discussed.</b> None	
AKS 22-120	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting.</b> The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 were approved as a true record & signed. <b>Proposed by Cllr Bradey, Sec by Cllr Allan, all agreed.</b> For clarity it was agreed in future minutes the proposed BESS applications would be referred to as BESS (Staythorpe) and BESS (Averham) Cllr Blaney arrived.	
AKS 22-121	Before the open forum section of the meeting Cllr Bradey proposed <b>bringing forward section AKS-22-126 (Planning)</b> so it would immediately follow the open forum. <b>This was seconded by Cllr Allan, all agreed.</b>  <b>Questions and comments from members of the public</b>  The majority of the Members of the Public present objected to the application for the BESS (Averham) siting the loss of agricultural land, the noise, fire risk, location adjacent to the A617 and the impact of having two major developments in such a rural location. Cllr Blaney said both this application and the BESS (Staythorpe) application may be decided at the same NSDC Planning Meeting but this was not yet known for certain and the start of the Period of Sensitivity prior to the upcoming elections may have an impact on when the decision is made. Residents have called an open meeting to be held in the Robin Hood Theatre on 31 <sup>st</sup> March to discuss this new application.	
AKS 22-126	<b>Planning Applications Received:</b>  <b>23/00317/FULM – BESS at land off Staythorpe Road, Averham</b> This was discussed by those present and it was proposed that the response of the Parish Council is to <b>object</b> to the application. <b>Proposed by Cllr Bradey, seconded by Cllr Allan, all agreed.</b>	

Signed.....

Date 17/4/23

	<p><b>23/SCR/00002 Request for a screening opinion Land off Staythorpe Road, Staythorpe</b></p> <p><b>Planning Decisions: None</b></p>	
AKS 22-122	<p><b>Updates required from the previous meeting for items not covered on the agenda.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information relating to the upcoming elections to be included in the article for <b>The Plough</b>. Done.</li> <li>Confirmation sought from Cllr Miller that there are sufficient funds available to install a <b>dog waste bin in Kelham</b>. Done, The Clerk has been in contact with NSDC to ask how to place the order.</li> <li>Update on the provision of <b>decorative signs</b> for Averham and Kelham. Cllr Bradey has spoken to NCC but no further update received, C/F to April</li> </ul>	Cllr Bradey
AKS 22-123	<p><b>Reports from County Councillor and District Councillor</b></p> <p>Cllr Blaney asked that the Alternative Fuel Allowance be publicised, residents not on mains gas will not automatically receive the additional £200 and will need to apply for it via the Governments website. The Clerk to action</p> <p>Cllrs Blaney then left the meeting.</p>	The Clerk
AKS 22-124	<p><b>To Consider Items Requiring a Decision:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider adopting revised <b>Standing Orders</b>, previously distributed. <b>Cllr Bradey proposed accepting the revised version but with the references to Terms of References for committees removed because they do not exist yet. This was seconded by Cllr Cobley, all agreed.</b></li> <li>To consider adopting the <b>NALC Dignity at Work Policy</b> and to signing the <b>Civility and Respect Pledge. Proposed by Cllr Bradey, seconded by Cllr Cobley, all agreed.</b></li> <li>To consider how the Parish Council marks the upcoming <b>Coronation of King Charles III</b>. No response to the request for suggestions from residents via The Plough article.</li> <li>To consider hosting a <b>First Aid Course</b> for members and residents. Good response received. This would be in the RH Theatre. Newark Community 1<sup>st</sup> Aid do not charge to run the course. Date to be determined, probably in late May.</li> <li>To consider donating the old <b>ASUS PC laptop</b> to The Plough Newsletter. Cllr Bradey proposed clearing data from the hard drive and removing licensed applications and then donating the laptop as requested. Seconded by Cllr Allan, all agreed. Cllr Bradey to action.</li> </ul>	<p>The Clerk</p> <p>The Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Bradey</p>
AKS 22-125	<p><b>To review/respond to correspondence sent and received by the Parish Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NALC email – invitation to online event re fighting climate change 24<sup>th</sup> May 23</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Consultation on the BESS at Averham in the RHT 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023</li> <li>Carbon Literacy Project online event Mon 20<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am</li> <li>Email received regarding a potential planning application in Averham.</li> </ul> <p>Email received from NALC regarding the cancellation of the 2023 Best Kept Village Competition.</p> <p>All had been previously distributed and were noted.</p>	
AKS-22-127	<p><b>Clerk's financial report, agree expenditure and other necessary action</b></p> <p><b>Balance at 13/03/23 £9191.20</b></p> <p>Bank charges <b>£5.80</b></p> <p>Clerk's salary Q4 <b>£666.67</b></p> <p>NSDC Empty dog waste bins Oct 22 – Mar 23 <b>£124.80</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Bradey proposed acceptance of the above, seconded by Cllr Hird All agreed.</b></p>	
AKS 22-128	<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, HR Committee &amp; Planning Working Party</li> </ul>	
AKS 22-129	<p>Date of the next meeting –</p> <p><b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7:00pm.</b></p> <p>To be held at the Robin Hood Theatre</p>	
	<b>The meeting closed at 8.36pm</b>	