

MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING OF STAPLETON AND CLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL, ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT 7PM IN CLEASBY VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Councillor K Webster                      Kaitlin Beattie from Downing (Northumbrian Water Solar Farm)  
Councillor C Vigors (Chairman)  
Councillor L Heritage  
Councillor R Leckie  
Councillor C Mitchell

OFFICERS: Mrs S Perks (Clerk)

Councillors agreed to bring item 8 forward to be dealt with after item 5.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Cllr B Derry & Cllr K Pearson

1.2 Approved

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 None received.

2.2 None received.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022

3.1 Approved

4. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Received

5. TO RECEIVED A REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

CCLlr A Thompson updated the parish council regarding the District Council

8. BROKEN SCAR SOLAR FARM

8.1- Kaitlin Beattie, Assistant Project Manager, from Downing Renewable Developments attended the meeting to give an update on the progress of the solar farm. She informed Councillors that the majority of the large HGV deliveries had been completed and was expecting only 4 or 5 more large deliveries before the end of next week, after which only smaller vehicle deliveries would be made. Kaitlin will ask Eric Bruger (Site Manager) to let us know exactly how many more deliveries were expected. Kaitlin confirmed they have received the comments/ concerns from residents to which she has responses from the company and has promised to email these over. December was used for 'site set up' and they are projecting that the project will be finished by the end of April, if not sooner.

8.2 - Councillors reported the damage to the road verges in Stapleton from the quarry road up to the motorway bridge and High Bank, as well as the damage to the village green in Cleasby, all of which has been photographed. Kaitlin confirmed that the planning permission stipulates that any damage to the road surface, verges or village green must be repaired by them. This will be actioned by a company appointed by the development team. Cllr K Webster raised a concern that banksmen were only greeting vehicles from the farm along Boathouse Lane and not from the main road. Kaitlin will investigate this and agreed large vehicles should be escorted from the main road. Cllr K Webster also questioned the time of deliveries as some had been coming very early in the morning. Kaitlin confirmed the planning permission permitted work hours are Monday – Friday 07.30- 19.30, Saturday 07.30-16.00, with no working Sundays or bank holidays, she did also concede that they deliveries come from other companies, that they have little control over what time they

arrive despite specifying the site's operational hours. Cllr K Webster also raised that we are yet to receive a schedule of works which was promised. Kaitlin to chase this with Eric. Cllr C Mitchell questioned if a wheel wash was being used on site, Kaitlin confirmed there was- Cllr Mitchell suggested that disinfectant should also be due to the current Avian flu and the fact that the vehicles are crossing a farm.

8.3 - Cllr C Vigors raised the idea of financial compensation for residents because of all the disruption. At a previous site meeting a defibrillator was suggested but Councillors agreed that as one had only just been purchased for both villages (waiting to be installed) this was not a good idea. Councillors questioned how much would Downing be willing to compensate, Kaitlin was unable to answer. Councillors suggested a sum of £5k, and would approach the village hall for ideas and suggestions to spend the money on. Cllr K Webster suggested having Cleasby village green properly curbed and edged to stop further erosion. Kaitlin will come back to us with more information about a possible offer for compensation.

6. POLICE REPORT  
Received

7. TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE ON-GOING ISSUES AND DECIDE ACTION WHERE NECESSARY:

7.1 An update on the progress if the Defibrillator was received. It was decided to purchase location signs for the bus stop, village notice boards, and for the entrance to High Bank Nursery. It was agreed to book two training sessions ( 1 initial and 1 refresher training 6 months or so later) for residents and staff at High bank Nursery with First Aider Training.

7.2 Dog Fouling Signs- Cllr K Webster suggested the best location would be on the gate. Cllrs agreed. SP to contact the land owners to ask for permission.

7.3 Bus shelter- It was noted we have received a response from Richmond School who has asked the head Teacher to remind students about placing litter in the bins whilst waiting for the School buses. The clerk had been informed by Cllr B Derry that she has been cleaning the shelters every week.

9. VILLAGE GREEN- STAPLETON

After much discussion Councillors agreed the clerk should confirm the exact boundary of the village green in Stapleton before responding to a resident's request to install fencing.

10. SPEEDING -CLEASBY

The outcome of a recent speed survey conducted by Roads Safety Task Group concluded that Moor lane is suitable for Community Speed Watch (CSW) Councillors decided to float the idea with residents to see if we would have any volunteers wish to partake in the scheme.

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS

11.1 Received.

The following payments were agreed.

11.2.1

11.2.2

11.2.3

11.2.4

11.3 The following payments were accepted.

None received.

12. PLANNING

None received.

13. TO CONSIDER ANY CORRESPONDANCE

Noted that comments from correspondence received in relation to the Solar Farm had been passed on to Downing Renewable Developments.

14. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Howden Hill footpath  
Kings Coronation

15. CLERK'S SALARY

It was agreed to increase the Clerk's salary to £10.42 per hour in line with the new National Minimum Wage to be introduced on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023

16. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 7pm, Cleasby village hall

The meeting closed at 20.57pm

SIGNED: ..... DATE: .....  
(Chairman)