

STAPLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE ON THURSDAY, 28th MARCH 2024 ON MICROSOFT TEAMS

SPC MEETING WITH RANGEFORD AND UK POWER NETWORKS

PRESENT:

STAPLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL: Cllr Anna Disley-Stevens, Cllr Howard Kettel, Cllr Barbara Kettel, Cllr Gillian Pett

Belinda Irons Clerk (minutes)

RANGEFORD: Martin Bates

UK POWER NETWORKS: Ivan Churchman (from 11.50am)

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: Cllr Brian Milnes (left meeting at 11.12am)

Apologies:

BENNETTS: David Larkin (operations manager), Martin Connolly (design manager)

KEIR: Anthony Shellard

STACE: Peter Moore

SOUTH CAMBS DISTRICT COUNCIL: Cllr Peter Fane

1. Previous minutes: Minutes were agreed as a correct record of the meeting. It was agreed by those present that draft minutes would be circulated to all parties as soon as possible. There would be a 24 hour window for comment. The draft minutes would then be published on the Stapleford Parish Council website. This is in response to public concerns that issues raised in the public domain are not being addressed. It is hoped that publishing minutes of the Joint Working Group discussions will demonstrate the frustrations that all parties are experiencing, particularly around highway repairs and road closures, and alleviate concerns expressed by members of the public. **ACTION: CLERK**

2. Working hours & disturbance: Enforcement; night noise, Crane lift: Cllr H Kettel thanked Bennetts and Rangeford for advising when work is scheduled to take place outside routine working hours. This has been put onto the local Facebook page to ensure residents are aware. Mr Bates advised that Bennetts are in liaison with SCDC regarding enforcement.

3. HGVs: Quinn Groundworks & Traffic Order; Travis Perkins: Further Traffic Orders will be submitted to enable abnormal loads to use the most appropriate routes. The route is directed by Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Street Works Department to minimise damage to the highway.

4. Condition of roads and proposals: Cllr Disley-Stevens pressed Cllr Milnes for an update on action to date to repair Haverhill Road. The highway surface is crumbling and deep runnels in the verges have created a significant hazard. There have been several near misses where HGVs have forced other vehicles off the highway. Cllr Disley-Stevens advised that residents are deeply disgruntled over the lack of action from CCC. Cllr Milnes advised that he is still seeking a meeting with CCC Street Works to discuss the long term maintenance of Haverhill Road. He advised that he will chase Highways for emergency

maintenance of the verges and edge of road overruns following on from his emergency meeting with Highways at the end of February. **ACTION: B MILNES**

Mr Bates commented that Haverhill Road is being used as the diversion route for other road closures in the area. Cllr Milnes commented the road is too narrow for two HGVs to pass which means one or both have to use the verge.

Mr Bates commented that it is understood that CCC Highways will carry out maintenance to Haverhill Road and to the footpath once all works (at Strawberry Fields) is completed. Cllr B Kettel commented that there are very good intentions, but unless and until CCC Street Works and CCC Highways Maintenance agree and grant permission for Rangeford and UKPN to work on the highway, nothing can happen. This is an exceedingly frustrating situation stymied by CCC Highways.

5. Repair of footpath: Mr Bates advised that he is still waiting for CCC Street Works to advise if Rangeford and Bennetts have been granted permission to undertake repairs to the footpath adjacent to Haverhill Road. Whilst it is not Rangeford or Bennett's responsibility, both organisations want the village to be in good order and want to undertake the works as a 'good neighbour'. **ACTION: B MILNES**

6. NMU path linking site to Magog car park: Mr Bates has initiated discussions with landowners but will chase formal responses. **ACTION: M BATES**

7. Speed limit: Rangeford/Bennetts have applied for a temporary 30mph speed limit to the whole length of Haverhill Road to reduce risk. Cllr Disley-Stevens has applied on behalf of Stapleford Parish Council for a 20mph speed limit for Haverhill Road and Bury Road. The results of the survey were 39 in favour, 5 against the 20mph limit. Cllr Disley-Stevens will chase for an update on progress. **ACTION: A D-STEVENSON**

8. Programme: Road closures: Rangeford are waiting confirmation from CCC Street Works that they have been granted road closure in June. UK Power Networks have yet to be allocated road closure to complete cabling.

9. Liaison with Neighbours and communication: /Newsletter / Website /Facebook: It is hoped publication of minutes of these meetings will alleviate local concerns. Rangeford has published its latest newsletter. With regard to complaints, Mr Bates will check that the site manager is liaising directly with complainants. **ACTION: M BATES**

10. CCTV: completed and operational.

11. AOB:

Video presentation on Strawberry Fields: artists impression of finished site: Mr Bates advised that the bar/ restaurant and hairdressers will be open to the public. The ReVive Spa which includes a swimming pool and gym will be open to the public on a paid membership basis.

Benches: Mr Bates commented that the local school children had designed benches to go into the countryside park. The position of the benches is being discussed with the Magog Trust.

Public Art Work: Mr Bates commented that Rangeford want to work with local organisations to develop public art work which will be installed in the Strawberry Fields gardens. Cllr Disley-Stevens offered to liaise with local organisations.

Stapleford Village Weekend: Mr Bates confirmed that Rangeford and Bennetts have agreed to provide some sponsorship for the event.

Air Source Heat Pumps: a planning application is to be submitted to site air source heat pumps on the main building. The heat pumps will serve eight flats. They cannot be sited in the original position as the pipework run is too long to serve the flats. Short and long views have been considered, as has acoustic impact. SCDC will consider the application. Cllr B Kettel commented that the design is bland and does not reflect Stapleford architecture. Flint and Cambridge yellow brick would be more in keeping. Mr Bates advised that there are brickwork details which will increase interest.

Haverhill Road: ponding behind houses: Mr Churchman advised that this is being monitored.

12. DNM 12.04.2024

ACTIONS:

Cllr Milnes: Street Works: Haverhill Road long term maintenance

Highways: emergency maintenance to verges: road planings

Footpath: Street Works to advise if Rangeford can undertake work

Mr Bates: Check with Bennetts that complainants are responded to

Permissive path: Chase landowners for response

Village Weekend: sponsorship

Cllr Disley-Stevens: LHI: chase response/timeframe

Public Art Work: assist Rangeford with local contacts