

## **STAPLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE ON THURSDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024 ON MICROSOFT TEAMS AT 11.00**

#### **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

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: Cllr Brian Milnes (left meeting at 11.05am)

STACE: Peter Moore

BENNETTS: Martin Connolly (design manager)

SOUTH CAMBS DISTRICT COUNCIL: Cllr Peter Fane

Apologies: none

*The Chairman changed the running order of the meeting:*

Cllr Brian Milnes: Cambridgeshire County Council should undertake a site visit today and install road planings to the deep ruts on the Haverhill Road verges. This is a temporary solution due to the seriously defective condition of the verges.

The Chairman commented that there were strong expressions of concern regarding the safety of Haverhill Road at the Annual Parish Meeting held last night.

The Chairman thanks Cllr Milnes for his efforts on behalf of the community.

*The Chairman resumed the meeting*

1. Previous minutes: Posted to Stapleford Parish Council website.
2. Working hours & disturbance: Enforcement; noise; resolution of complaints

Enforcement is with South Cambs District Council for action. It has not, to date, contacted Rangeford. It relates to an early delivery of concrete. Cllr B Kettel clarified that the issue was not early delivery, but the noise associated with it. Councillors understood the urgency associated with concrete pouring.

Cllr Pett has reported to Rangeford via the Clerk, generator noise being emitted from the Rangeford site on Sunday afternoon. It was clearly audible on the recreation field. Mr Connolly advised that noise is coming from the generator which is running the CCTV. The sustainable method using solar photovoltaic arrays and batteries has not been successful and Bennetts are seeking an alternative quiet solution. Councillors present expressed their very strong concerns for the welfare of the neighbours, and equally strongly pressed Rangeford to find an early, and acceptable in noise terms, solution to this issue. Rangeford

committed to provide data relating to noise and legal emission levels to the Parish Council as a priority. This is to ensure that noise levels are within legal levels whilst a working solution is achieved

Mr Connolly advised that the generator was used to charge batteries in the day, with the intention there would be silent night running at night. This has not been successful and the battery charge has failed earlier than scheduled. Mr Connolly stated every effort would be employed to resolve the issue as swiftly as possible. **ACTION: MCONNOLLY**

3. HGVs: Highways route: no issues raised

4. Condition of roads and proposals: Street Works: Cllr Milnes had advised work to take place today. The long term issue of Haverhill Road and repairs sits firmly with Cambridgeshire County Council, which is proving very difficult to galvanise into action. Issues immediately outside the Strawberry Fields entrance will be resolved once the road widening scheme is implemented. Areas beyond the Strawberry Fields site sit with Cambridgeshire County Council for resolution and not Rangeford. Councillors impressed on this meeting that feelings were running high at the Annual Parish Meeting, with calls for the Health & Safety Executive to be contacted to press for resolution.

5. Speed limit: Rangeford have erected 30mph signs outside the Strawberry Fields entrance on Haverhill Road. Street Works is in process of reviewing Rangeford's application for an emergency 30mph limit on the full length of Haverhill Road.

Cllr Disley-Stevens will contact Cambridgeshire County Council regarding Stapleford Parish Council application for 20mph limit within the village boundary.

The Clerk has drafted a letter to go to South Cambs District Council regarding extending the village boundary to include the Strawberry Field entrance. The letter was agreed to be sent.

**ACTION: CLERK**

6. Repair of footpath: Mr Bates has it on his agenda to progress. **ACTION: MBATES**

Cllr Fane commented that in his opinion the footpath should go behind the hedge to ensure increased safety for pedestrians, and to prevent on-road car parking. Parish Councillors noted that visitors to the Countryside Park arriving by car would have a parking issue with the assumption they would park at the Magog car park and walk down. This issue need to be clarified. It was suggested this should be an issue for Cllr Milnes. **ACTION: BMILNES**

7. NMU path linking site to Magog car park: Mr Bates has it on his agenda to progress. However, there are multiple landowners with which to liaise and achieve agreement.

8. Programme: Road closures: with Cambridgeshire County Council Street Works. There is a scheduled road closure to Gog Magog Way. Whilst Rangeford have submitted a closure to allow foul sewer connection, it has not been made aware if this has been agreed to date.

Rangeford await advice from Street Works regarding the planned closure for the road widening scheme, and continues to work towards closure for the last 2 weeks of June.

9. Liaison with Neighbours and communication: /Newsletter / Website /Facebook: ongoing.

10. CCTV: Rangeford: operational, but is the current noise source due to the requirement to run a generator to operate. Noise shields are not preventing noise, but the level of noise and compliance with legislative limits is to be assessed.

UKPN is having the same issues with photovoltaic arrays and battery power for CCTV. It is also reviewing a new system of power generation. UKPN uses cabinets around the generators and this also does not provide sufficient baffle to prevent noise escaping to the wider environment.

#### 11. AOB

Countryside Park: Mr Bates has met representatives of the Magog Trust to discuss management of the Countryside Park. It was stated that access by horse was not permitted on the Magog Downs. Stapleford Parish Council will invite a representative of the Magog Trust to the next Parish Council meeting to provide an update on proposals.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Countryside Park: chalk: Mr Bates advised that the Magog Trust will scrape top vegetation from the chalk to create habitats. It will not excavate chalk and no chalk will be removed from site.

CSET: Rangeford are interested in the CSET scheme timeframes as customers are asking if it is going ahead. The Chairman advised that Cambridge Past Present and Future provided a presentation at last night's Annual Parish Meeting and the projected timeframes are shown below:

*June 2024: Greater Cambridge Partnership reconsiders the CSET scheme (and approves it)*

*July or October 2024: Cambridgeshire County Council asked to approve the scheme*

*Date to be confirmed: application to Government for TWAO*

*Date + 1 month: Public Inquiry is triggered*

*Date to be confirmed: Public Inquiry takes place*

Rangeford does not have a view on CSET. It would reflect the wishes of the community.

If CSET goes ahead, horses would be able to use the associated greenway.

#### 12. DNM: 26th April

#### **ACTIONS:**

**Cambridgeshire CC** Cllr Milnes: footpath to be positioned behind hedge on Haverhill Road to Magog Caar Park

**Stapleford PC** Invitation to Magog Trust

Letter to SCDC re extend village boundary to include Strawberry Field entrance.

**Rangeford** NMU path negotiation

Footpath repair opposite site entrance

**Bennetts** CCTV: noise from generator: data collection & action to resolve noise