

# Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7:00pm Board Room, Kelham Hall

**Present:** Cllr Andrew Fereday (chair), Cllrs I Bradey, J Miller, J Allan, J Towleron (part), J Cobley, S Emeny.

**Clerk and RFO:** Sue Jackson

**Members of the Public – 9**

Cllrs Keith Melton (NSDC) (part) and Sue Saddington (NCC) were also present (part)

	Welcome	Action
AKS 23-27	Vote to Accept Apologies for Absence. None	
AKS 23-28	Declarations of Interest either direct or indirect from members for any item to be considered and any dispensations to be considered. <b>Cllr Miller</b> declared an interest in the solar farm which has been submitted for Kelham and the GNR Solar Farm & BESS.	
AKS 23-29	Approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b> (previously circulated). Proposed by The Chair, Seconded by Cllr Miller. <b>Agreed unanimously.</b> The minutes were duly signed.	
AKS 23-30	Questions and comments from members of the public. Cllr Emeny had been asked by the editor of The Plough to request the magazine is published on the Parish Council's website as had been previously agreed. Noted.  The majority of the MoP present wanted to raise the subject of access to Kelham Hall grounds. As this was an agenda item the Chair proposed MoPs be permitted to speak at that point, all agreed.	
AKS 23-31	Updates required from the previous meeting for items not covered on the agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To receive an update on the fixing of the <b>plaques</b> for both the planters and the Staythorpe tree. Will be done in when the winter planting is done.</li> <li>• To receive an update on the replacement tree <b>at Staythorpe</b> – Cllr Saddington has offered to fund a replacement.</li> </ul>	
AKS 23-32	Reports from County Councillor and District Councillor Cllr Melton asked if the PC had or was aware of any land which could be used to tree planting to help towards the aim of increasing the tree canopy in the district. Cllr Saddington arrived Following Storm Babette, Cllr Melton is also hoping to hold a meeting with PCs affected by flooding, the Inland Drainage Board and Environment Agency in the near future. Cllr Cobley	

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	<p>commented that Staythorpe had been cut off mainly due to the volume of water in Pingley Dyke.</p> <p>Cllr Saddington asked that any residents whose property flooded following Storm Babette to get in touch with NCC. The Council felt the rivers had coped with the additional water.</p> <p>The closing date for applications to the Divisional Fund is 24<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>Cllr Saddington asked how much a replacement tree would be, Cllr Miller to forward a cost.</p> <p>Cllr Saddington also offered to assist residents if she could with their plans to work with The Ramblers re access to Kelham Hall Grounds.</p>	Cllr Miller
AKS 23-33	<p>To Consider Items Requiring a Decision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To receive an update on the meeting between members and Stuart Downham from <b>Kelham Hall</b>, report previously circulated. Local residents are working with The Ramblers to have the cricket pitch designated as a Village Green and have a footpath through the grounds to the river. A small number of residents &amp; Cllr Melton to form a group to meet with The Hall as discussed in the meeting. Cllr Fereday will join the group in a personal capacity as a resident. Cllr Miller left the room.</li> <li>• To consider a response to the Planning Inspectorate letter and emails regarding the proposed <b>Great North Road Solar Farm and BESS</b>, previously distributed and other solar and BESS developments proposed for the Trent Valley &amp; to consider <b>liaising with other parishes</b> regarding current and future solar farms and BESS installations. A group has been formed of all Parish Councils and Parish Meetings affected and a meeting to discuss it is being held. As the meeting is at the same time as this meeting, AKS are not able to attend. A response to the invitation from the PI to comment on what should be included in the Environmental Impact Assessment will be formulated by the PC and returned to the PI by 6<sup>th</sup> December as requested. Cllr Miller rejoined the meeting.</li> <li>• To consider the results of the survey of <b>Kelham</b> residents regarding the catchment area for secondary school. Not completed as yet.</li> <li>• To consider the <b>Maintenance of Parish Council Assets</b> and agree work to be done and any necessary expenditure. Replacement Picnic tables start at £445 + VAT. Cllr Emeny to ask if Mr Pass at the Fox Inn would sell or donated some of the picnic tables stored in the car park. Cllrs Cobley and Allan to assess the benches in Staythorpe and Averham.</li> <li>• To consider the <b>future location</b> for Ordinary Parish Council Meetings, either at Kelham Hall or at the Robin Hood Theatre. The Chair proposed continuing to meet at KH as it was FoC, seconded by Cllr Emeny, 6 in favour, 1 abstention. Cllr Towlerton left the meeting</li> </ul>	<p>All Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Allan</p> <p>Cllr Emeny</p> <p>Cllrs Cobley &amp; Allan</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider the condition of the <b>3 planters</b> and any further planting. Cllr Cobley has proposed purchasing spring bulbs up to £10 per planter. <b>Cllr Bradey proposed purchasing winter flowering plants and spring bulbs to the value of £40 per planter. Seconded by the Chair, All agreed.</b></li> <li>Cllr Bradey to give an update on the proposed <b>gateway signs</b> for Averham &amp; Kelham. The original bid had been unsuccessful, Cllr Bradey to resubmit the bid to the Divisional Fund.</li> <li>To receive an update on other <b>website providers</b> from Cllr Bradey and consider moving away from Hugo Fox. No response received from NSDC on any additional functionality which may be available on the PC page on their site. To continue with the HF website until more information is available.</li> </ul>	Cllr Bradey
AKS 23-34	<p>To review/respond to correspondence sent and received by the Parish Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email from Cllr Saddington regarding the closure of Queens Road, Newark. Distributed 6/11/23</li> <li>Numerous emails from local residents regarding proposed Solar Farms and BESS installations in this and surrounding parishes.</li> <li>Emails from Carla Bradbury and Debs Storey regarding their perception of Cllr Miller's presence and participation in discussions and resolutions on all the proposed Solar Farms and BESS installations in the parish and citing a Conflict of Interest.</li> <li>November newsletter from Notts ALC, previously distributed.</li> <li>Email from NCC asking for volunteers for the Educational Appeals Panel, previously distributed.</li> </ul>	
AKS 23-35	<p>To Consider Planning Applications Received:</p> <p><b>23/01867/FUL</b> – Staythorpe Hse Farm, Staythorpe Temp permission to use menage for riding lessons. Neutral Cllr Miller left the room</p> <p><b>23/01837/FULM</b> Solar Farm and BESS, land to the west of Main St Kelham. The following points were made by councillors –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noise survey incomplete and not relevant due to prevailing wind direction.</li> <li>Inconsistent info on height of the panels</li> <li>No detail on the proposed BESS</li> <li>Proposed landscape plans are unclear</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr Bradey proposed objecting to the application, seconded by Cllr Emeny, all agreed.</b> Cllr Miller rejoined the meeting.</p> <p><b>Planning Applications dealt with by the Working Party</b> <b>23/01710/S73</b> variation of conditions Staythorpe Hse Farm, Staythorpe - Neutral</p>	

	<p><b>23/01142/FUL</b> 27 Solar panels, Averham Park Hse, Averham - Object</p> <p><b>Planning Decisions:</b>  <b>23/01585/PA</b> Kelham House Country Manor Hotel – Prior approval not required</p>	
AKS 23-36	<p>Clerk’s financial report, agree expenditure and other necessary action. <b>Balance at 14/11/23 £11,188.95</b></p> <p>To consider the report from Cllr Millar on the <b>Finance Meeting</b> held on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023. Cllr Miller outlined the budget to date and the proposed outturn expected for March 24.</p> <p>To include the proposal for the Clerk’s salary from April 2024. As this is confidential, this part of the meeting was held in private.</p> <p><b>Cllr Bradey proposed acceptance of the budget report, seconded by Cllr Emeny, all agreed.</b></p> <p><b>Payments/Invoices</b>  Hugo Fox Website Oct &amp; Nov 23 - <b>£23.98</b>  Bank Charges Oct &amp; Nov <b>£10.00</b>  NSDC Empty dog waste bins 3/4/23-30/9/23 <b>£205.92</b></p> <p>The Clerk to contact NSDC to request the bin at the end of Home Farm Close, Kelham be emptied monthly rather than fortnightly.</p>	The Clerk
AKS 23-37	<p>Items to be added to the agenda for the next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defib on Hopwas Close?</li> <li>• Additional lamp post poppies?</li> </ul>	
AKS 23-38	<p><b>Date of the next Parish Council Meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.00pm at Kelham Hall</b></p>	
	<p><b>Meeting closed at 9.23pm</b></p>	