

Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 17 February 2025 at 7:00pm at Kelham Hall

Present: Cllrs J Miller (JM) (In the Chair), J Allan (JA) and J Wolfenden (JW)

In attendance: Lynda Ogilvie, Locum Clerk, 7 Members of the Public, Cllr Keith Melton (NSDC) (KM)

	Welcome
AKS 25-1	Apologies for Absence. Cllr J Cobley (ill health)
AKS 25-2	Declarations of Interest either direct or indirect from members for any item to be considered and any dispensations to be considered. There were no Declarations of Interest
AKS 25-3	Approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 December 2024 Cllr Allan proposed that the Minutes be adopted as a Correct Record, seconded by Cllr Wolfenden, all in favour. The Minutes were signed.
AKS 25-4	Questions and comments from members of the public (limited to 15 minutes) A resident raised the question of whether the petition for a pedestrian crossing across the A617 in Kelham had been handed into Nottinghamshire County Council. The Chair responded that it would be handed to Cllr Sue Saddington, who will present it at the next Full Council meeting on 10 March 2025.
AKS 25-5	Updates required from the previous meeting for items not covered on the agenda. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JW said he had sent Cllr Saddington details of traffic problems on A617, plus a map.• JA has been in touch with Tuxford Academy and Trustees have now adopted the proposed change to the catchment area, which will include Kelham from September 2026.• JW – the website will change from Hugo Fox to the NSDC site. Changeover will happen when relevant information has been uploaded onto the NSDC site.• The photograph of HM King Charles III will be hosted by the Robin Hood Theatre. An inscription to acknowledge and thank the Theatre will be arranged, and members agreed the cost of up to £50 for this work. (Proposed JW, seconded JM, all in favour.)• JW updated members on planning application 24/01403/HOUSE, Park Croft, Staythorpe Road, Averham, which has been refused permission. The caravan situated on the site does not appear to contravene planning permission at this time, but it was noted that enforcement officers are aware of the situation.

AKS 25-6	<p>Reports from County Councillor and District Councillor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Melton advised that the fireworks which had been reported are permissible provided they are within the planning permissions granted. • The Government is pushing ahead with reorganisation, and this will have an impact on district/borough councils, which will disappear as Unitary authorities will be created. There are two main proposals on the table for Nottinghamshire. Population size for new Unitaries expected to be about 500,000 electors. Government requires suggestions for reorganisation by 21 March. • In response to a question KM confirmed that the new unitary authorities will become responsible for the bad debts of previous authorities. This is especially galling for NSDC, which is in a good financial position. • Carbon capture storage at Staythorpe Power Station is unlikely to start, if approved, before 2028. There will be 6 units and all will be taller than those currently in operation. • The application for a solar farm was not approved, and planning committee decision was unanimous.
AKS 25-7	<p>To review/respond to correspondence sent and received by the Parish Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email regarding access to St Wilfred's church and graveyard An email had been received from someone now living in London who wished to visit the grave of ancestors buried at St Wilfred's, but who had not been able to gain access. It was noted that there is no pedestrian access to the Church, but access can be granted when required. Unfortunately the person concerned had not contacted the correct people to gain access. JM will respond.
AKS 25-8	<p>To Consider Planning Applications Received: <i>None received</i> There were no planning applications to consider. Planning Decisions: <i>None received</i></p>
AKS 25-9	<p>Clerk's financial report, agree expenditure and other necessary action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note balance as at 27 January 2025 - £15,295.23 Noted • Payments/Invoices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NALC Subscription for the year 2025-26: £169.88 - JM proposed that the payment be made, seconded by JA, all in favour • Received None received • To consider using Scribe accounting system Locum Clerk presented a quote received for Scribe accounting system, which is a system dedicated to parish councils. Members requested further information, and will consider again at the next meeting. • AGAR Locum Clerk has been in touch with the external auditors, and they have confirmed that an exemption certificate can still be submitted. This has been prepared and was signed by the Chair. Locum Clerk will email it immediately. • Portable Appliance Testing (PAT) This will be arranged for Council equipment, up to a cost of £45, proposed JM, seconded JA, all in favour.

AKS 25-10	Precept for year 2025-26 To approved Precept for the year 2025-26, and sign request form Members approved a Precept of £5330 for the year 2025/26. Proposed JM, seconded JA, all in favour. Locum clerk will relay this information to NSDC.
AKS 25-11	Update on JPAG Meeting 6 February 2025 Members received a report on the above from JW. It was noted that Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe Parish council does not currently contribute to the costs involved. This will be added to the next Agenda for deliberation. JW read out a proposed letter to Elements Green, and it was agreed that he would forward this. It was further noted that JPAG has asked NSDC to consider agreeing a policy on the community impact of proposed renewable energy projects.
AKS 25-12	Outline Report on RWE Carbon Capture Project Cllr Cobley had prepared a report on this, which will be attached to the Minutes.
AKS 25-13	Update on Website JW requested what information should be included on the new website for Councillors. It was agreed that this would be names and email addresses only. The intention is that the Hugo Fox website will be kept live until the new one is working well.
AKS 25-14	Items to be added to the agenda for the next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defibrillators • VE celebrations • Neighbourhood Plan • Scribe accounting system • Contribution of JPAG Costs • Pelican crossing on A617
AKS 25-15	To Approve PC Meeting dates 2025 It was noted that the Council must meet in May, so the proposed dates will reflect this. Therefore the provisional dates will be: 14 April 19 May (Annual Meeting of the Council) 16 June 18 August 7 October (Finance) 13 October 15 December
AKS 25-16	Date of the next Parish Council Meeting Monday 14 April 2025 at 7.00pm, Kelham Hall Noted

There being no further business, Chair thanked everyone for attending, and closed the meeting at 20.37 hours.

Outline report from John Cobley on RWE Staythorpe Power Station Carbon Capture Project

Meeting held on 29 January 2025

For such a project, it is covered under planning requirements of section 36. This requires RWE to hold a Consultation Period (CP) & carryout an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Therefore, they have set up a six week consultation period from the 4th February - 18th March 2025, which includes events on 13th February at the Robin Hood Theatre, 1st March at Farndon Memorial Hall & 4th March on Online Webinar are planned. The EIA is ongoing & was started at the beginning of the winter. RWE will be contacting by mail with a leaflet drop to all residents within 5miles, explaining their proposals.

The proposed project, which is government driven, would be able to capture up-to 3.7 million tonnes of CO2 annually - that's equivalent to removing 740,000 petrol cars from the road. The carbon capture process is a decarbonisation technology, which takes the CO2 from the emission sources rather than releasing it into the atmosphere. When captured, the CO2 is compressed & will be transferred using a new underground network by Viking to storage under the North Sea.

The project will double the footprint of the existing plant but within the present boundaries of the power station. The project which is still at design stage, will have a maximum height of 150m which is double that of the present stacks. We were assured there would be a landscaping plan.

The flood modelling illustrates that such a proposal will not have any effect on the local area. The choice of cooling equipment used will have an effect on the increased noise but this will remain within the local permitted levels. At present, independent monitoring of noise is still taking place from designated points within the villages. This information has been provided to AKS PC.

The project will provide additional employment throughout the project & the possible doubling of staff when fully operational. There will be an increase in road traffic during the construction phase but they are considering bring in some of the equipment etc making use of the river.

RWE are discussing & consulting with N&SDC planning authority under section 36, but the planning application will be submitted to the DESNZ in August 2025 for final approval & fully implemented by 2030.

Further information is available on [www,rwe.com/staythorpe](http://www.rwe.com/staythorpe) & pipeline,viking.co.uk

Steve Emney introduced himself as a representative of the AKS PC & may wish to add to my report.