

Constable Burton and Finghall Parish Council

The extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 13th April 2026 at 7.00pm in The Reading Room, Constable Burton.

Present: Cllrs Smith, Allinson, Beniams, Dalton & Gelder, 9 residents

1. Welcome by the Chairman
2. Apologies and reasons for absence. Cllr Hale (other commitments)
3. To receive any declarations of interest. Cllr Smith (Spuce Gill Farm planning) & Cllr Dalton (Tree preservation Order – Hauxwell).
4. Planning Applications
 - Full planning permission for conversion of existing agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling house (Use Class C3) including internal alterations, removal of lean-to extension, external openings, associated works and provision of parking and residential curtilage at Spruce Gill Farm, Church Lane, Finghall. Cllr Smith declares an interest and leaves the room. Cllr Allinson Chairs this item. Resident highlights that there is no decision from the last application for this proposal, and that the PC consultation is not on the portal. In general, the resident has lack of faith in the planning department. No objections.
 - Tree Preservation Order no 6 for 2 trees at barn at Pump Street, East Hauxwell. Cllr Dalton declares an interest. No objections, Clerk to ask for trees to be assessed for ash die back.
5. To consider the following new correspondence received and decide action where necessary:

Resident – Complaint to NYC Planning Enforcement. Email received from resident informing the PC of a possible planning breach relating to a new Quoits pitch at The Queens Head. Both residents in attendance, resident explains that the height of the pitch is affecting their privacy with noise concerns and their view obstructed. The Queens Head landlord suggests a higher fence or trees, and explains that the main objective of moving the quoits pitch was to increase parking spaces. Suggestions from both residents and Cllrs to alleviate the issue were mooted but no resolution could be found to suit both parties, it was left for the NY Planning department to assess the area.

Cllr Gelder brings residents concerns about the Blewhouse Lane planning to the meeting. The Case Officer has changed for this application and residents would like the new Case Officer to attend a site meeting, and especially to assess the access/egress of the new development and to view the whole of Blewhouse Lane leading to the proposed development. At the previous site meeting this area wasn't viewed by the attendees. Clerk to write to the planning officer to ask for a site meeting. Questions were raised about why the 30mph sign was moved on Blewhouse Lane, Cllr Smith replies that this was due to the new houses built along Blewhouse Lane.

Cllr Gelder notes that footpaths have been built over parish land in Constable Burton, Councillors and clerk to view following the meeting. Resident asks if the cherry tree in Donald Smith Court could be assessed for disease and pruned following large branch which fell over winter. Resident also queries if the Environment Agency could assess the water quality as previous concerns. Discussed and decided there was no problems at this time. Some vandalism & thefts in Finghall were noted and these have been reported to the Police. Clerk to encourage PCSO to attend our May meeting.

Meeting closed: 19.38