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Welcome to our July 2023 edition.

Welcome to this edition of the Bugle. Please circulate the Bugle to anyone you know in the Stow area and if you know someone who does not have access to a computer, please print them off a copy. There will be a copy placed on the Stow village noticeboard, in St Mary's and on our website.

We try to circulate the Bugle and also periodic Stow updates via email as well as publishing it on our Parish website and on the Stow Community and Event page on Facebook. If you did not receive this directly and would like to be on our mailing list, please send your name and email address to Clare on stovillage@outlook.com as she has kindly offered to co-ordinate the list for us. Your email address will be kept securely and will not be disclosed to third parties.

If you know of someone new who has moved into the Parish (Stow, Normanby, Coates and the surrounding rural area), please let the Parish Clerk know on stowparishclerk@gmail.com and we will arrange to deliver a Welcome Pack to them. Since we introduced the Welcome Pack in March 2021, we have welcomed 33 new households.

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STOW BUGLE

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF STOW PARISH

Stow, Normanby by Stow, Coates by Stow, and the surrounding rural area.

Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting will be at **7pm Monday 11th September** in St Mary's.

The agenda will be posted on our website, on Facebook and copies will also be on the village noticeboard and in St Mary's near the Post Office. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The Stow Parish Council (SPC) website can be found at: <https://stow.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

Public Footpaths

The responsibility for the maintenance of public footpaths lies with the County Council. If you find a fault with a footpath you can report it to the County Council via their website www.lincolnshire.gov.uk or ring 01522 782070 between 8am and 6pm.

However, the owner of any property (residential or commercial) adjoining a public footpath **is responsible for their side of it** and must ensure any hedge or fence does not obstruct the lawful passage of pedestrians. This means if a tree or hedge on your property's boundary is overhanging a footpath and blocking it, it is your responsibility to remove it.

The same applies if a tree or shrub on your property is obscuring the view of a driver – it is important that visibility at junctions is maintained.

The County Council has the power to remove any obstruction and to bill the householder for any costs.

Maintenance of Public Rights of Way (PROW) eg across fields, is the responsibility of the landowner. If you become aware of a problem with access to a PROW you can contact the Countryside Service at the County Council: countryside_access@lincolnshire.gov.uk or phone 01522 782070 (8-6).

Thanks to Stow Fun Raisers for organising it and all those who participated on Sunday 2nd July in the Stow Garage Sale.

There was a wide range of goods from books, toys, eggs, garden equipment, fashion items pictures to aloe vera plants. Some good bargains were had – and people managed to clear some space!

Thank you to all who participated.



Cottam

We have now had notification that the Preliminary Meeting and Examination (of process) will be at Lincolnshire Showground on 5th September.

In reviewing some of the documents we have learned that some of the fields originally proposed for solar panels or as a lorry park are no longer included and we came across the following statement:

“Design and access statement

5.4.5 Specific design changes were made to each of the Sites ahead of publication for PEIR and statutory consultation.

5.4.6 On Cottam 1, field numbers A3, B1, and D19 (refer to field numbering plans at **Appendix 1: Figures 6.1-6.3**) were removed to address residential amenity concerns. Fields D1, D7 (west end), D8, and E3 were removed at the request of Stow Parish Council and F1, F2, and F7 were removed upon request by Stow Parish Council on behalf of the residents of the hamlet of Normanby by Stow. The removed fields in Site F were also due to be removed as a result of archaeological interest in the Normanby by Stow mediaeval village. The proposed solar arrays were removed from C28, F1, F2 and

F7 due to results of geophysical surveys which indicated areas of unmitigable archaeological interest.”

Clearly a lot of people made comments, but it looks as if Stow Parish Council is being credited with some representation made by other councils as A3 and B1 are in Willingham and D19 in Thorpe; however, D1, D7, D8, E3 are around Ingham Road/Fleets Lane; and F1, F2 and F7 are adjacent to East Farm and the flat tops at Normanby; C28 is Fillingham. We had already obtained a commitment the Green Lane would not be used as a construction route and are pressing that it should not be used for access in the operational phase of the project either.

In other words, it is worth making representations. That said, there is still some development intended in our parish including two fields proposed for panels at the northwest corner of Green Lane on the south side of Coates Lane either side of the Till. There is also a field nearer the Till between Ingham Road and Coates Lane. There is a new track proposed for construction traffic 100 metres east of 31, Ingham Road going from Ingham Road north. This is still near to local residents' homes and raises the question as to why one of the pre-existing tracks could not be used further east on Stow Lane.

There are further issues about the construction phase, not least the proposal to bring large vehicles and huge, long and very heavy, “Abnormal Loads” from Tillbridge Lane, through Sturton and through Stow. These include five very big transformers bound for Cotgarth Lane in Willingham, and 75 cable drums for three cable route accesses on the B1241 (Normanby Road) and potentially further cable drums for three more accesses further to the North. The potential risk from these long vehicles in terms of the Scheduled Monument of the remains of the Benedictine Abbey and College at Stow Minster is acknowledged and it is proposed that banksmen will be employed to ensure there is no mishap. We query if this is adequate for such a valuable monument. The movement of these large vehicles will necessitate temporary road closures or use of traffic lights. Not only will there be the large vehicles, but also the vehicles for those working on the project. The additional traffic during construction will add to vibration, noise and air pollution and will be of particular concern to residents along the route including potentially the school. There will also an impact on residents of road closures or traffic lights on Ingham Road, the narrows (Stow Lane), Fleets Lane and Thorpe Lane during the construction phase.

A continuing issue is the sheer number of applications that affect our Parish and their potential cumulative impact. It is very difficult to see an application in isolation.

In terms of the next stages: if you registered an interest you will have been notified that the Examination will open on 5th September at the Showground.

Whether or not you registered it is possible to attend in person, to hear the discussion in a live stream on the website or watch a recording. For details you will need to go to the National Infrastructure Planning website and look at the Cottam project papers and the letter from the Examiner which sets it all out.

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/cottam-solar-project/>

There is an argument for attending in person to show strength of feeling. There will be an Open Floor Hearing in the afternoon and a Specific Issues hearing on 6th. The hearing on the 5th is purely about the process. The letter says: “The main purpose of the Preliminary Meeting is to discuss the arrangements for the Examination of the application. It will focus on the process only and will not be looking at the substance of the application. Questions, discussions and representations about the merits or disadvantages of the Proposed Development are for the Examination itself, which will begin the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting. “

Ride of thanks

3.9.23

7000 Acres, the campaigning group, has written: "...The Preliminary Meeting and Open Floor Hearing will take place on the 5th September and an Issue Specific Hearing will be held on the 6th of September.

The Planning Inspectorate for the Cottam Solar Project have listened to our request regarding the venue and you will note that, the meetings and hearings mentioned above are being held at the **Lincolnshire Showground, Grange-de-Lings, Lincoln LN2 2NA.**

We believe that the process and the applications are fundamentally flawed as:

- The scale and number of these schemes in a short space of time does not enable people to engage with the process;
- The applications need to be considered together as they are all in West Lindsey District and jointly effect us and the area;
- Two of the schemes are being proposed by the same developer, Island Green Power, which shows they are joined schemes;
- A greater period of time needs to be provided between each examination to help residents prepare and become involved.

The above aspects are confusing in their own right, but it is made worse by one of the projects being named West **Burton** Solar Project and another developer branding their proposal as Gate **Burton** Energy Park. This use of similar names only adds to the confusion. It is easy to see that with these proposals running at roughly the same time, confusion could prevent opposition and cause the general public to lose track of where each one is in the process.

Also, these 4 huge proposals are not the only ones in Lincolnshire (there are at least 9 proposed for this county alone). The difference is that these 4 schemes, are all within a few miles of each other!

PLEASE SEE BELOW, FOR WHAT YOU NEED TO BE DOING:

Procedural Deadline A. Tuesday 22nd August.

Deadline for receipt by the Examining Authority of:

- written submissions about how the application should be examined. See bullet points above for guidance.
- requests to speak at the Preliminary Meeting. Important to show public feeling.
- requests to speak at the Open Floor Hearing 1. Have your say.
- requests to speak at the Issue Specific Hearing 1 regarding the draft Development Consent Order (DCO). Do you agree with the detail in the DCO.
- suggested locations for site inspections, including reasons for nomination, issues to be observed there and whether the location(s) require access to private land. Important that the Inspectorate sees the true horrors of these proposals.

We urge you all to feedback to the Planning inspectorate, under 'Make a submission'.

It is important that we show numbers at the hearings and members speak to show opposition.
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/cottam-solar-project/?ipcsection=overview>

Kind regards,

7000 acres group."



Why not be at the crossroads to welcome riders going through the village? Details at www.ambucopter.org.uk

STURTON AND STOW HISTORY SOCIETY

16th August – Skegness A Victorian New Town by Chris Hewis.

20th September – A Pottery Evening by Jane Young. This will include a talk followed by a chance to have a go at decorating some pottery. Could get messy so bring your aprons!

All start at 7.30pm.
 Tea/coffee & a raffle.
 Sturton Village Hall
 High Street
 Sturton LN1 2AE

Please do not trespass

The following recently appeared on Facebook. We include it here to ask people to respect other people's property and not to trespass:

"Some of you may have noticed some recent changes to the threshing barn site near the Stow Minister. We understand some of you are curious but would appreciate it if people refrain from trespassing onto the grounds. Our CCTV has caught a few people strolling past the fencing and around the grounds and even taking photos. Previously we had issues with fly-tipping on the grounds. We are sure many of you understand that this is not appropriate behaviour. We look forward to the process of restoring and converting this site and eventually inviting the village community to view once work is finally complete."

Dog Fouling

On Facebook a number of residents have expressed their concern about the amount of dog poo that is being left and not picked up. Please remember to pick up after your dog.

Please be considerate of your fellow villagers and clear up after your dog. There are a number of bins around the village, or you could even take it home. Please do not spoil the village for other residents.

Sturton and Stow Show



Saturday 7th October 2023

Are you ready to support the Show this year, either by entering one of the many classes, helping on the day or just coming along? Without local residents supporting the Show there would be no Show.

See you there

www.sturtonandstowshow.com



FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 10am-2pm. CROSS KEYS, STOW

Macmillan Coffee Morning and Craft Fayre

£5 entry (includes a cup of coffee or tea and a cake and a £2.50 donation)

Raffle, Tombola, Craft stalls, Games and CAKE!!!!

A great opportunity to donate to a wonderful cause, win prizes, buy gifts and meet up with friends for a coffee and cake

We need raffle prizes, items for the tombola...Can you donate a cake/ tray bake/ muffins/ biscuits or help on the day?

Would you like to reserve a stall?

For more information, to offer donations of cakes or prizes, or to book a stall Call Hayley on 01427 788314, Louise on 07817 392419

Or email Clare on stowvillage@outlook.com

POST OFFICE

THE POST OFFICE IS IN ST MARY'S, BEHIND THE ORGAN. IT IS OPEN:

Monday 09.30 – 12.30
 Tuesday 13.30 – 16.30
 Thursday 09.30 – 12.30

For your Post Office needs plus a small selection of groceries, newspapers and strawberries, when in season.



Tuesday 8th August

We have decided to hold a regular meeting rather than dine out at the Pyewipe.

The theme will be 'Best Holiday'. The roll call will be 'Best Holiday Destination'. The competition is 'Best Souvenir'.

We welcome any ideas for the evening. It does not need to be based around holidays.

Hosts Mavis, Barbara & Lyndy

Tuesday 12th September

Maria will be telling us all about the St John's Ambulance service. The roll call will be 'Worst Injury'. The competition will be 'Best Sling Maker'.

Hosts Linda White & Sue Sharpe



REVISED COLLECTION TIMES AT THE CROSSROADS IN STOW – PLEASE NOTE

The **Mobile library** calls in the village on a monthly basis at 1pm – 1.45pm, stopping on Ingham Road by South Drive. It will be in Stow on the following dates: 2nd and 30th August, 27th September, 25th October, 22nd November and 20th December. 01522 782010.

Stop press:

Sturton and Stow Christmas Market will be on Saturday 2nd December - watch this space for details nearer the time.

Contact the Parish Clerk:

Mandy Cotterill is our Parish Clerk.
 Mandy can be contacted on stowparishclerk@gmail.com or 01522 646126