



Stowe by Chartley Parish Council

Agenda

A meeting will be held for councillors and clerks at **Stowe-by-Chartley Village Hall, ST18 0LG** on **Monday 19th May 2025** at **6.30pm** to discuss Solar Farms.

Cllr Peter Coote BA(Hons), MA(Ed) - Chair of Stowe by Chartley Parish Council will welcome everyone and introduce the panel (3 minutes).

Cllr Victor Kelly Chair of Staffordshire Parish Council Association to welcome all parish councils (2 minutes).

Speakers to address the meeting for 3 minutes each (27 minutes)

- **The Rt Hon Sir Gavin Williamson CBE MP** – is disappointed he will not to be able to attend in person or virtually, due to business commitments in the House of Commons. However, Gavin has agreed to send us a 3 minute video, with his views and this will be played live at the meeting. He has also arranged to meet all parishioners at Stowe by Chartley Village Hall on Thursday 5th June 2025, at 7.30pm to discuss issues relating to Solar Farms.
- **Philip Atkins OBE** - Former Leader of Staffordshire County Council, who initiated policy advice for planners regarding Wind Turbines and Solar Farms is both a politician and a farmer. Philip is up for re-election as a County Councillor in May, and he is also the Vice President of the CPRE Staffordshire.
- **Steve Reeves** - A local resident, an expert on the questionable actions of Solar companies & the decommissioning of solar sites in the USA. Steve was a registered chartered accountant, qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1989 with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), but has relinquished that qualification, to become a full-time farmer.
- **Hannah Barter BA (Hons) T&CP, PG Dip T&CP, PG Dip UD, MAUD, MRTPI, FRSA** - Charter Town Planner and Urban Designer, who is nick named “Hannah the Planner” will address the issues, of why brownfield sites are not used to develop large solar energy centres. Hannah runs the business called Urban Version Enterprise based in North Staffordshire. Hannah will join the meeting online.
- **Peter Atkins MBE, O.StJ** – Blithfield Parish Council Chair, a former member of the Staffordshire Training and Enterprise Council and chaired its Rural Economic Forum. Peter will address the meeting on dealing with parishioner’s objections and addressing the East Staffordshire District Council on the Newton Solar Farm application, and is the former editor of the Stafford Newsletter.
- **Ben Adams, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire**, will address the issues regarding fire safety in proposed battery storage facilities and the problems of rural crime during installation of solar farms Ben hopes to attend in person, but may have to join us on online at the last minute.
- **Michael Dodson** - Engineering graduate from Imperial College and a Masters Graduate from London Business School. Fellow of both the Institutes of Electrical and Chemical Engineering. Director, MD, Ch, of over 20 Companies and majority shareholder and CEO of one of the UK’s largest electrical contractors. Michael is a Stafford Borough Councillor and a Farmer.
- **Edward Holdcroft** - A local resident, HGV driver and will speak on the damage to our rural roads during construction of the projects. Edward also has a vast knowledge of both rural and agriculture affairs
- **Eunice Finney FRAgS** - A parish councillor at Stowe by Chartley Parish Council, dealing with press and media, along with other specific areas of concern, a farmer and is managing director of Amerton Farm Ltd, a local business.

General debate and open forum - This will involve those present at the meeting and online participants.

Please note: Any councillor or clerk wishing, to raise a question is respectfully requested to be short and concise, no longer than one minute, when asking your question. Before asking your question, please state your name, who you represent and the area you live in. The chairman will only allow one question per individual attendee. (30 minutes).

Do we have any experts with skills in our audience and how can a group be formed to address the issues and concerns regarding solar farms, which are going to blight our countryside? (20 minutes).

Chairmans closing remarks from the meeting (10 minutes)

Please reply on the pdf reply return slip, attached, as soon as possible and no later than **Wednesday 14th May 2025**, to the clerk at Stowe by Chartley Parish Council on clerk@stowe-by-chartley-pc.gov.uk.

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