

Commons Act 2006 – Sections 15(1) and (2)

Applications to Register Land as Town or Village Green – Land off Seagry Road, Lower Stanton St Quintin

Appendix 14 – Summary of Witness Evidence

	Name	Locality	Years used / Known	How used	Events	Comments
1	Paul & Alison Avis	██████████ LSQ				Support registration of land in its entirety
2	Malcolm Barrington & Tracy Warne	██████████ LSQ	2009	Meeting place	VE day 2020 – a neighbour and myself turned the land and the area opposite into a VE day display by parking a WW2 jeep and 3 WW2 motorcycles.	Village green a focal point of village, no pub and not many places where people can gather for fun.
3	Michael Childs			Picnic site (my family)	2020 VE day – small display of WW2 vehicles in the absence of any formal event due to covid 19. Local free library on site. Seen a number of others use it as picnic site	Small village with very few amenities, not even telephone box anymore. For many geographical centre of Lower Stanton St Quintin.
4	Hilary Creasey	██████████ LSQ			When we were children pond had been filled in, we had fetes on the pond. There were fancy dress competitions and picnics. Church services. Also other celebrations. 2 benches on the pond, one in memory of a villager, people sit there in the summer months.	The village green is on the opposite side of the road in front of Spider Cottage. The Pond was dug out by the farmers so their cattle and horses could drink. They also put carts through the water to swell spokes so metal bands on wheels didn't fall off. Where the wall is now there were trees, weeping willows and smaller trees. There was a Reading Room to the right of the pond (near access to bungalow and house), where our parents and grandparents played games, cards, dominoes, whist, crib etc.

						Reading Room, Methodist chapel, shop and all farm yards now gone. Pond is the only original landmark of village that is left. It there was an access to house onto the road here would be dangerous.
5	Liz Cullen	██████████, LSQ	26 years		<p>Several open air church services/ Numerous national celebrations with “bring and share” food and drink, eg. Queen’s jubilee, Royal weddings and most recently VE day with display of vintage vehicles.</p> <p>May 2018 – a group of adults helped village children plant wildflower seeds to establish small community garden (photo 1).</p> <p>June 2019 – book sale to raise finds for “Wee Free Library” (photo 2). Wee Free Library where people could exchange books, paid for by an anonymous local person – books purchased to start the venture, very well used especially in lockdown months when shops and libraries closed. Library opened by local poet (photo 3).</p>	<p>Community asset.</p> <p>Public notice board gives information about PC meetings, church services and local events.</p> <p>Bench seat and picnic bench used by residents as pleasant place to meet, picnic and chat.</p> <p>PC have maintained the area for many years, paying for regular grass cutting and tree surgery.</p> <p>Vast majority of villagers in favour of applications.</p>
6	Peter Cullen	██████████ LSQ	26 years		<p>Focus for village celebrations including street parties, most recently VE day in May.</p> <p>Church services.</p> <p>Book sales.</p> <p>Many more informal gatherings of locals.</p> <p>Benches on the green used daily at least in summer by residents and also walkers and cyclists passing through the village.</p> <p>Little library used at least daily and well received.</p>	<p>It gives a great deal of pleasure to village residents, visitors from the locality and those passing through.</p> <p>Trees and grass maintained at PC’s expense from time I have lived in LSQ and I believe well before I arrived.</p> <p>Valuable asset and focus of enjoyment for the local community and others.</p>
7	Martin Davis		Oct 1997		Increasing use, particularly with social distancing the coming together of families	The space has played a part in bringing the village together on many occasions.

					<p>in sensible surroundings to maintain a healthy life balance. Royal celebrations. Most recently VE day celebrations with historical military vehicles and a village gathering to celebrate.</p>	<p>We have met and made strong friendships which would not have developed if the green space not available to use. Not many places in village where people gather for fun. Today all too many people live in isolation and this has brought out people who would never socialise and has made them and the village stronger because of it. Living memorial for a number of families who have dedication benches installed.</p>
8	Keith Garrod	<p>LSQ</p>		<p>Grandchildren play on the green when they visit</p>	<p>A place to sit and enjoy the peace and tranquillity. A place to meet and chat with the local community who are not immediate neighbours but still members of the village. Ideal location to meet and keep social distancing.</p>	<p>Essential part of our community.</p>
9	Cllr Howard Greenman Wiltshire Councillor for					<p>Support this application and can confirm its legitimacy.</p>
10	Mary Haines				<p>Opportunity for people to sit for a few minutes or to visit the Wee Free Library.</p>	<p>PC have looked after the Green very well and it is a credit to the village.</p>
11	S R Jackson	<p>LSQ</p>				<p>Support for both applications.</p>
12	H W Jolly	<p>LSQ</p>	<p>About 30 years</p>		<p>Many events for the community have taken place on the land which I have thoroughly enjoyed.</p>	<p>Always considered it as being a village green.</p>
13	Doreen Pattison		<p>32 years (Before living in LSQ lived within RAF camp at other end</p>		<p>Many social events held, I have helped organise several in the past few years. Good to have a space to gather and the majority of the village attend. We put up bunting to celebrate national and even some local events such as a wedding. At Christmas there are some lights.</p>	<p>Throughout time in LSQ and at RAF camp, regarded this as the village green.</p>

			of the village)		<p>Wee free library (greatly appreciated particularly when library closed). I received permission from the PC several years ago to install small picnic bench. We involved local children when we planted wild flower seeds. Only open space for children to play. Small but spread out community, village green in point of connection.</p>	
14	Graeme Pattison	<p>LSQ</p>			<p>Used by villagers as a green for many decades and to my knowledge since spring 1977. Events have taken place on many occasions and only Covid 19 situation prevented VE and VJ day celebrations recently. Only piece of land available to the residents. Facility is appreciated and frequently used by a wide range of people passing through the village as a resting point and/or to have refreshment such as lunch or coffee.</p>	<p>Land was originally pond filled in many years ago as considered dangerous for children of the village. PC has maintained land and paid for tree surgery when required. PC funded grass cutting and paid for other amenities such as table and benches as well as village notice board. 2 benches installed with PC approval as memorials to villagers.</p>
15	Malcolm Peal	<p>LSQ</p>				No objection.
16	John & Glynis Seale	<p>LSQ</p>			<p>For past 50 years the Village Green has provided the only community land focal point on which residents can celebrate notable historical and commemorative events. Proven community value through both historical and current use and an asset to rural village life. No other similar community land asset exists in LSQ. Value of Village Green further enhanced by siting of a commemorative tree and plaque; picnic bench and small residents' lending library.</p>	<p>Land maintained by PC for last 50 years. Map appears to show pathway across green, do not support any such future development across the Village Green.</p>

					Land provides "home" for PC notice board for residents.	
17	Mike Smith	LSQ	1997		Since 1997 in continual use as a green by residents throughout this period. Mature trees, village notice board, 2 picnic tables and a 'wee free' library box, all regularly used by residents of the village and visitors.	No driveway across the green, no evidence of vehicle access at this point. The extent of the green area encompasses both sides of the Seagry Road and a more realistic registration would encompass all of these areas, not just piece to the south of Seagry Road.
18	Roger Starling	LSQ			Focal point at the heart of small village. There for all to enjoy and meet up on special occasions with neighbours and new arrivals alike. Only green space within safe convenient walking distance for parents with younger children. Attractive visual amenity.	Identified as green space in draft neighbourhood plan which contributes to the wellbeing of all. Deserves to be protected.
19	Mervyn & Sue Stephens	Stanton St Quintin				In favour of registration. It would protect this site for current residents of the village as well as providing an opportunity for future residents.
20	Serena Parker	Stanton St Quintin			Villagers and visitors can congregate and come together to relax and have community events.	The land has been used as a village green for many years, ever since the former pond was filled in. During this time the PC has maintained the land by cutting the grass, general maintenance, tree cutting. This is the only village green in the Stanton Villages, there is no other suitable space to hold village events.
21	Adrian Andrews	LSQ			The wee free library is used daily and has been a meeting point (keeping up Social Distancing).	I have been in the village for 12 years.
22	Stanton St Quintin Parish Council				2 Royal weddings and VE day (75 years) in last 12 years. Many other events including a church service. Social gatherings and informal events.	Listed as village green in the Neighbourhood Plan. Village have paid for upkeep, most recently a tree surgeon and trees regularly maintained on previous occasions, grass

						cutting for over 14 years and notice board maintained. Extracts from Parish minutes back to 1983.
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