

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Windmill Room, Wood Norton Village Hall, on Monday 5 March 2012 at 7.30.

Mrs. J Marchant chaired the meeting with Councillors: J. Johnson, P. Bell, M. Crowe, R. Condon and R. Hunt.

Apologies: T. Lidstone-Scott  
PCSO Keith Clarke and 11 members of the public also attended.

The Chairman closed the meeting after inviting members of the public to speak.

The meeting re-opened and the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting and minutes of the Planning Meeting for No 2 site Foulsham Airfield were read and approved.

### **Matters Arising**

- The web site address is now in the magazine.

**Planning Application** for erection of two 15m wind turbines at Brush Cottage Farm was discussed. Mr. P. Bell declared an interest. Many of the points raised by Parishioners were taken into consideration:

- Noise level – the constant ‘swooshing’ of the blades. One neighbour has a touring caravan site and is very concerned that this would result in loss of business.
- Visual impact – many of the attendees would see the turbines.
- Light Flicker – this would also impact on close neighbours.
- Commercialisation – would this be just the start or would more turbines be erected.
- House sales – in other parts of the country house prices have dropped 50% as a result of turbines.
- Wind speeds – there is some question that the winds in this area are strong enough to produce the power from these turbines.
- The proposed turbines are on the perimeter of a field round which horses are regularly ridden. Concern was expressed about the effect of the rotation of the blades upon horses who might become frightened by them.

A query also raised was that this application would be decided by ‘Delegated Powers’. A vote to object to this application was taken with 5 Councillors voting to object and 2 abstentions. The Clerk will send a copy of the letter of objection to our District Councillor Russell Wright.

**Planning Decision** for The Lodge, Foulsham Road has been approved.

### **Finance**

- Cheque to Ladywell Accountancy Services £25. Proposed J. Johnson, seconded R. Hunt; all in favour.
- Cheque to HM Revenue & Customs tax deduction of Clerks Salary £337. Proposed R. Condon, seconded P. Bell; all in favour.
- Cheque for Clerks salary after tax £505.59. Proposed M. Crowe, seconded J. Johnson; all in favour.
- Break down of Parish Council expenditure – this was deferred to the next meeting.

### **Fuel Poverty**

- Mrs. Johnson has now received a copy of the Constitution. There will be a charge to the Parish Council of £15 to be a member of this scheme. This will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. Mrs. Johnson agreed to be the coordinator of the scheme.

### **Wood Norton Community Orchard**

- The project is making slow progress and they are waiting for the legal documents to be signed. Grants have been applied for and a 'Kissing Gate' to the entrance will be erected.

### **Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

- A meeting has been held for the Diamond Jubilee and there will be a picnic on the Village Hall field on Monday 4 June starting in the early evening. The Parish Council is investigating the purchase of a beacon to be lit that evening. Wensum Engineering have been approached with a complete cost of around £350. Grants are available and these are being investigated. If this is not successful sponsorship is also possible. The Parish Council will be purchasing a commemorative mug for each child within the parish. Final details will be discussed at the next parish council meeting.

### **Correspondence**

- Norfolk County Council – Forthcoming Rangers visit. The grips need cleaning on Rectory Road from junction with Lyng Hall Lane and the B1110. There is quite a lot of litter – the Clerk will contact the District Councils.
- Victory Housing Trust – Proposal to develop allotments and community gardening schemes. The Chairman will investigate further.
- Environment Agency – Reducing water pollution from private sewage works & septic tanks.
- Willows Power & Recycling Centre – information leaflet

### **Any Other Business**

PCSO Clarke had spoken whilst members of the public were in attendance to report that there are metal thieves in the area posing as scrap metal merchants and everyone to be aware. He also reported heating oil thefts and reminded us to make sure our oil tanks are out of sight and secure. His report for the previous month for Wood Norton reported that the Police had received 4 calls with no crimes recorded and 1 suspicious circumstance.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

**Date of next meeting: Monday 16 April 2012,  
7.30pm**

Chairman

Date