

SOUTH FERRIBY PARISH COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on

Thursday 20th December, 2007 at 7.30pm in South Ferriby Village Hall.

Present

Cllr Cathy Logan (Chair)

Cllr Alan Fisher (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Sara Haddon

Cllr Roy Holloway

Cllr Dave Mouncey

Cllr Kate Smith

Cllr Carol Smith

Ward Cllr John Berry

11 members of the public

0712/1

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Vic Leaning and Ward Cllr Carl Sherwood.

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Declaration of Interests

No Declarations of Interest were made.

0712/3

Public Comment

Cllr Logan asked the public if they had any new issues to raise and discussion took place. A villager informed the Council that information on the internet recommended that any turbines should be at least 2 km from houses and this was noted. Cllr Haddon explained that a Planning Application could only be turned down on specific grounds – i.e. a valid objection must be submitted. It was then clarified that the discussion and vote at this time was solely for temporary anemometers and not for actual turbines.

0712/4

Low Villages Forum Extraordinary Meeting

Cllrs Holloway and Mouncey reported on their attendance at a meeting of the Low Villages Forum which Npower attended. Much discussed was already in the Scoping Report other than:

1. The size of the turbines detailed was not necessarily the final size and they could be up to 10m higher.
2. They added that they would not be erected before 2010 should planning consent be given.
3. The Council were informed that 'Humberside' has met its current government target and this development would be to meet new targets to be set in 2010.
4. The construction would involve approximately 130 abnormal lorry loads and several hundred normal loads.
5. The Community Benefit Chest is not negotiable until after Planning Permission has been granted.
6. The development would necessitate further pylons which Npower could not guarantee would be underground.
7. The winds on the Wolds are estimated to run turbines at up to 27% efficiency however wind gusts / turbulence still need to be verified.
8. NLC will be conducting noise studies in three separate locations; on the tops, on the A15 and in the low villages.

Cllr Holloway asked Ward Cllr Berry to explain the relevance of Section 36 Planning and this was described as a process where the Local Authority can be bypassed and permission granted directly by the government. This could be applicable as the development is to be in excess of 15 turbines / 50mw. This route could eventually lead to a public enquiry.

Cllr Holloway explained that the Low Villages Forum were also talking of forming a Committee to deal solely with Wind Turbines and he said he would keep the Council informed of any progress with this.

Cllr Kate Smith then informed the Council that on a recent trip to Germany a visit had been made to a Wind Farm. She had seen birds flying amongst them and heard little sound both close to and further away from the turbines.

General discussion of the proposals followed with Cllrs adding that many people spoken to were not altogether against the development. It was agreed that objectivity was needed.

Cllr Haddon added that at least twice Cemex had stated that should village opinion be against their proposals then Cemex would not proceed. **It was resolved** that Cllr Haddon should ask for this in writing to assist the Council should management roles within Cemex ever change, the letter to be forwarded to Cllrs for approval prior to sending. It was also clarified that no further pylons would be required should the Cemex turbines go ahead. The Clerk then read a letter from John Whyatt expressing concern that the last meeting was rather one sided and emotional and it was agreed that this would be taken into account at the time for voting. **It was further resolved** for Cllr Haddon to include a response to this in her letter.

ACTION: SH

Cllr Logan answered queries from Cllrs that the public were very involved in what was after all a Parish Council meeting by stating that she did not wish the Parish Council to be seen as a 'closed shop' and that answering the villagers' questions was an important part of the Councils' duties. This was agreed and a member of the public thanked the Council for allowing their concerns to be voiced.

0712/5

Cemex Anemometers and Saxby Wold Scoping Report

a. To consider the following Planning Applications:

- (i) 2007/1818 PP for single, temporary anemometer mast, 50 metres in height for 12 month period at Cement Works, Sluice Road
- (ii) 2007/1817 PP for single, temporary anemometer mast, 50 metres in height for 12 month period at Chalk Pit, Middlegate.

Cllr Haddon proposed that the above were given approval with a strong caveat included stating that the Council, and villagers, had serious reservations about the project. It was to be made clear that the approval given was solely for the anemometers and that the Council were not to be seen as in support of the wind turbine proposal at present. The issues of concern are to be stated as:

Environmental degradation

Noise pollution

Impact on property values – Clerk to enquire as to compensation **ACTION : Clerk**

Visual Impact

Prop: SH, 2nd: RH, all in agreement. Clerk to respond to NLC. **ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr Carol Smith offered to circulate all information gathered and it was resolved for this to be emailed to the Clerk to file. **ACTION: CS / Clerk**

b. To consider the Saxby Wold Scoping Report, specifically:

- (i) The Proposed content of the Environmental Statement
- (ii) The proposed assessment methods
- (iii) Any information SFPC may hold which would inform the assessment
- (iv) Any additional consultees who should be contacted

The above was discussed at length and Bonby Parish Council's written response read out to the meeting. Due to time constraints, **it was resolved** that a Committee consisting of Cllrs Carol Smith, Holloway and Mouncey be formed to write and submit a report to be sent to Npower. This was unanimously agreed and the Clerk was asked to post the report on completion and then forward a copy to all Cllrs.

**ACTION: CS / RH / DM
and Clerk**

Please also see minutes dated 3/12/07 and 12/12/07