

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF HADDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 at 7.30pm at the Arkenstall Village Centre, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.**

**Attendance:** Cllrs Bayes, Cheetham, Goddard, Norman, Parr, Ray, Smith, Tindall and G Wilson.

In the absence of Cllr Lyon Cllr Tindall, Vice Chairman, chaired the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllrs Hugo and P Wilson – personal commitments and Cllr Lyon – on holiday.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Cheetham declared a personal interest in Item 4.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was agreed that members of the public would be allowed to speak whilst the planning application was being discussed.

4. **PLANNING**

**14/00728/ESF Berry Fen, Dam Bank Drove, Haddenham (Amendment):** Installation of three wind turbines with a maximum height to blade tip from existing ground level of 125m; construction of permanent ancillary development comprising site access tracks, permanent crane hardstanding areas and external switchgear buildings for each turbine, a substation and underground onsite electrical cabling; and creation of a temporary construction compound and laydown area, and temporary secondary crane hardstanding areas for each turbine.

**Amendment involves:** The additional information includes submission of additional information in relation to highways, ornithology and trees on Dam Bank Drove. Technical reviews of noise and visual assessments.

Cllr Parr proposed and Cllr G Wilson seconded that the plan should be recommended for outright refusal for the following reasons:

1. Non compliance with East Cambridgeshire District Council Planning Policies, with particular reference to:
  - **Policy CS6 – Environment:** Relating to conservation and enhancement of historically important landscapes.
  - **Policy EC5 – Farm diversification:** Farm diversification proposals should not detract from the character and appearance of the area.
  - **Policy EN1 – Landscape and settlement character:** Proposals should demonstrate that their location and scale should protect visually sensitive skylines, geological features, tranquillity of the area and nocturnal character.
  - **Policy EN4 – Renewable energy:** Proposals should not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and amenity, key views and protected species.
  - **Policy EN8 – Pollution:** Proposals should minimise all emissions and other forms of pollution including noise pollution.
2. The effect on social mobility caused by the impact on house saleability as a consequence of the development.
3. Significant adverse effects on protected species and bird life, in particular the Hobby, whose habitat is the fen edge.

