

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF HADDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 2nd September 2014 at 7.30pm at the Arkenstall Village Centre, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.

Attendance: Cllrs Bush, Cheetham, Goddard, Hugo, Lyon (Chairman), Norman, Page, Parr, Smith, Tindall, G Wilson and P Wilson.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr Haigh – personal commitment.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr G Wilson requested it to be minuted that he is also a member of the District Council Planning Committee and although he would take part in discussions regarding the following applications he would keep an open mind until they have been considered at District level.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following members of the public wished to speak regarding planning application 14/00728/ESF:

Nick Baker-Malone, Don Igot, Alan James, Pam Kenny, Harvey Upton, Michael Church, Sue Spence, Richard Scaife, Jim Mullins, Rebecca Jarvis, Lorraine Peacock, Ian Bayes, Paul Mason, Clare Presnell, Toby Bush, Rob Bresler, Karen Ingless, Jeremy Dale and Simon Stirrup.

The issues raised were:

- Non compliance with the District Council planning policies
- Impact on a historical visual amenity
- Impact on the health of residents
- Noise pollution and flicker
- Access to the site and impact on residents at the Pumping Station
- Adverse effects on wildlife and birds, particularly protected species such as the Hobby
- Connection to the grid
- Adverse effect on social mobility and reduction of the rateable value of properties
- Removal of the development at the end of its life
- Lack of a cost benefit analysis
- Community Fund from REG Windpower

Cllr Lyon thanked everyone for their comments and views and called a close to the public participation item to allow the Council to discuss the application.

4. PLANNING

14/00728/ESF Berry Fen, Dam Bank Drove, Haddenham: 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.

Cllr Norman queried the height of the blimp that was flown recently and was advised that it had been adjusted, taking into account the land contours, to reflect the correct height of the proposed blade tip.