

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF HADDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.30pm at Haddenham Library, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.**

**Attendance:** Cllrs Fairchild, Goddard, Hugo, Lyon (Chairman), Norman, Page and Parr.

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** having been circulated to all members were taken as read. Cllr Page proposed and Cllr Goddard seconded that the minutes should be signed as a true record of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllr Haigh – on holiday.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
There were none.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public wished to speak regarding planning application 13/01102/FUL (Amendment) and their views and objections are included in Item 5.

5. **PLANNING**

**14/00078/FUL 1 Perry Close, Haddenham:** Construction of two storey side and rear extensions. Cllr Fairchild proposed and Cllr Page seconded that there were no objections. Motion carried by a show of 5 hands. Cllr Goddard abstained.

Cllr Parr joined the meeting at 7.45pm

**13/01102/FUL Berry Fen, Dam Bank Drove, Haddenham (Amendment):** The erection of one anemometer mast up to 61.5m in height, supported by guy wires and complete with instrumentation for a temporary period of 24 months. Amendment involving additional information received includes discussion on landscape and visual effects including visualisations, information on transportation and construction and information on bird diverters.

Cllr Hugo proposed and Cllr Parr seconded that the following response should be returned:

The Parish Council would recommend outright refusal for the reasons stated below:

- Comments already submitted on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 all still stand.
- The addition of the proposed bird diverters and lights will make the mast more visible and of more detrimental impact to the visual amenity for local residents.
- Horses are likely to be spooked by the proposed bird diverters and lights, with the proposed structure being in close proximity to a by-way well used by horse riders.
- No ecological search or survey has been carried out to identify the presence of habitats and species in the vicinity of the site or consideration given to the potential impact and we understand this has also been highlighted by Natural England.
- The proposed mast is in conflict with the East Cambs Core Strategy under Policy EN1 Landscape and Settlement character, which states that proposals should demonstrate that the location, design, scale and materials will protect, conserve and where possible enhance:
  - The pattern of distinctive landscape features, such as a watercourse, characteristic vegetation, woodland, trees, field patterns, hedges and walls and their function as ecological corridors for wildlife dispersals.