

## **Adopted MINUTES**

### **CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **MINUTES OF THE Extra-Ordinary MEETING HELD ON Friday 24th June 2011 held at 7.30pm at the Village Hall**

1. Present: Mrs R Whate (Chair) Mrs J Clark, Mrs F Jerome, , Mrs S. Beresford (Clerk) and in excess of 22 members of the Public

Apologies for Absence: Mr T. Cooper (Vice-Chair), Mrs M Eley Mrs C Rose (District Councillor)

#### 2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

Each Parish Councillor asked in turn declined any declaration of interest in items on the agenda.

##### *1) Planning*

*a) Installation of 1 wind turbine, with a maximum height of 74m, a new access track, hardstanding, a small substation, associated infrastructure. Field Reference 8199. Ossington Road, Carlton-on-Trent.-Letter from Optimised Consultants and Supplementary Viewpoints.*

Due to the public presence the Chairman Mrs Robbie Whate opened up the meeting for members of the public to express their views regarding the additional information, which we have been invited to make comment.

All members of the public present were invited to express their views and ask questions. This part of the meeting extended for 30 minutes and a collation of the different views recorded – see additional table (to accompany these minutes). Several direct questions were asked of the Parish Councillors. At times the discussions were emotive and confrontational.

Concern was registered regarding the accuracy and validity of the photomontages including these additional viewpoints. Please see attached document explaining these concerns. The District Council responded to one Parish Councillors concerns regarding the visual impact with a

statement to confirm that other methods will also be used to assess visibility such as site visits.

One member of the public asked what would be the problem with seeing the turbine.

Another concern raised with a member of the public was that the PC currently appeared “for” the proposal and surely a neutral stance would have been more applicable. Unfortunately taking a neutral stance would indicate to the District Council that the Parish Council had no view. This member of the public voiced his concerns that the PC was not accurately reflecting the views of the entire village as many people were against, many people were for the proposal and a large group in the middle had no strong views either side. The Chairman reiterated that every comment from meetings and emails and letters had all been forwarded to the District Council.

The debate then became confrontational regarding previous expressions of no interest from Parish Councillors when, in the view of certain members of the public, this was incorrect. They expressed that certain members of the Parish Council should not have voted when they indeed did. The Chairman stated that if this concern was validated then a complaint should be registered with the District Council as each Councillor has to make up their own mind regarding expressions of interest.

One member of the public expressed that the village is placing far too much emphasis on the role of the Parish Council in this matter and all their concerns must be directed towards the developers and the District Council.

The PC have been asked to make comment regarding the Supplementary montages and letter from the Open Optimised Consultants, therefore the Chairman asked if any members of the public wished to make further comments regarding these.

One member of the public expressed that the letter contains inaccuracies as it is claimed that people living in Egmonton would not be able to see the turbine.

The Chairman stated that two members of the public had telephoned to express their opposition and the PC had received three emails from

members of the public expressing their opposition and two people verbalised their support for the proposal.

One member of the public expressed concern that she had two autistic sons and expressed concern about the moving components of the turbine. The PC asked this member to source studies and research looking into Autistic children and their reactions to turbine movement. Another member of the public stated that wind farms had been turned down and rejected due to the locality of children with Autism. One member of the public said that she thought perhaps the train line noise and A1 noise would surely counteract any issues from the turbine. One person stated that the noise volume was different; the turbine allegedly would submit low level frequency sound although situating the propeller further away from the mast significantly reduces this.

One person asked if studies have been conducted looking at existing turbines and the degrees of air vibrations and low frequency noise pollution.

One member of the public asked if the raw data could be available in CSV format- the Clerk will ask the District Council if this data could be made available.

Another viewpoint was that it was unacceptable that the developer was allowed to choose the views for the photomontages. It was also felt that the planners may not be so rigorous in their selection and would have a lack of local area knowledge.

At 20.05pm the meeting was closed to further public opinion and discussion and the Parish Councillors debated some of the issues and comments received.

All Parish Councillors present felt that the issues raised on the whole were already a repetition of previous concerns expressed to the District Council with the exception of the critique of the photomontages. A précis of information provided by Liz Hopkins will be sent by the Parish Council accompanying other concerns which were raised during the meeting.

Mrs Jerome will forward this to the Clerk within the next 1-2 days.

b) Any other planning business

- i) The Reconstruction of the collapsed section of brick garden boundary wall in the middle of the north boundary wall along the edge of Ferry Lane, Carlton Hall, Carlton-on-Trent.

All present perused the plans and unanimously agreed to support the application. Proposed by Mrs R Whate and seconded by Mrs Fiona Jerome.

## 2) Financial Matters

- a) Payment of Village Hall Fees

£3.00 proposed by Mrs J Clarke and seconded by Mrs Whate

## Any Other Business

- a) Internal Audit document approved and signed by the Chair

The Clerk informed the PC that the internal audit was now completed and all accounts approved. The Chairman signed the document. The Clerk will send a letter of thanks to Zoe Beach for giving up her time to undertake the audit.

Date of next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011- full Parish Council meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.20 pm.