

## MINUTES

### CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

#### MINUTES OF THE Extra-Ordinary MEETING HELD ON Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2012 held at 7.30pm at the Village Hall

Present: Mrs R Whate (Chair) Mr T. Cooper (Vice-Chair), Mrs M Eley, Mrs F Jerome, Mr K Smith. Mr N Fletcher Mrs S. Beresford (Clerk) and 10 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence:

Mrs J Clark, Mrs C Rose (District Councillor),

2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

No declaration from members of the PC present

3) Planning

- a. Installation of 1 wind turbine, with a maximum height to tip of 77m, a section of new access track, a hardstanding, a small substation and associated infrastructure- Field Reference 0778 Off Ossington Road, Carlton-on-Trent- 12/00949/FUL - Carlton Wood Renewables Ltd**

All present perused the plans provided. Due to the higher level of public interest, Mrs Whate closed the Parish Council meeting and invited members of the public to give their views on the proposal.

Mrs Whate assumed the role again of Chair.

One member of the public urged the Parish Council to vote against the proposal as some villagers were already living in close proximity to one turbine and the cumulative visual effect and noise would further deteriorate quality of life. The valuations on house prices may be affected and in some parts of the country where property was located close to turbines, council tax bandings have been reduced. The impact on the rural area of Carlton-on-Trent is much greater than for an urban area.

Some members of the public asked questions that the Parish Council were unable to answer, such as the names of the developers and the noise measurements- why they were recorded at Willoughby Farm. Concern was voiced about the location of the noise measurements, Mr Smith argued that Park Lidget was possibly closer in proximity to the proposed new turbine and Willoughby Farm situated over a hill. The Parish Council asked to clarify if noise levels are being done and if so, from which property.

One member of the public unhappy about the lack of benefits that the turbine will bring to the village, apart from the agricultural business benefit to the landowner, the resident could see no further benefit to the area. Could there be some assets returned to the village- such as noise abatement from the A1.

Some concern voiced about shadow flicker and reflective light, particular the cumulative effect of a second turbine in such close proximity.

One resident stated that we need to be specific about the properties affected by the noise (especially low frequency sound) of the turbines as the A1 location makes it unlikely that the actual village would be affected, more likely the properties in the immediate vicinity of the proposed turbine. Again particular concern was voiced about the cumulative effect.

The Parish Council have recently opposed planning permission for the extension of the monitoring mast and concern raised at this stage about further turbine applications in the rural locality.

At least one member present at the meeting supported the turbine application and felt that they were nice to look at and he had no issue with the application at all- he wished to challenge the PC that no everyone in the village opposed the turbines.

Some present felt that the photomontages were very unrealistic and inaccurate and these should be challenged as misleading,

Some residents concerned about low frequency noise pollution, 2-3 emails received by the Parish Council expressing concern about this, visual impacts and the deterioration of scenic countryside.

One member of the public asked about the impact on the wildlife population, especially Leislars Bats, known the habitat these parts. This new turbine application is closer to a wood and concern expressed about the bird population and other wildlife.

The Parish Council have not had any feedback from residents with health issues following the erection of the first turbine,

As there was no further information, the meeting closed to members of the public

One member of the Parish council concerned about the second entrance into the site on the plans, all present perused the plans. Mr Cooper stated that he believed the Parish Council were here to do the right thing for the village, not be swayed by the weight of arguments. Mr Cooper proposed that the PC vote on the decision. 2 in favour of the application, 4 against the application- therefore the Parish Council will oppose the turbine application on the following grounds:

Visual impact on scenic countryside

Cumulative visual impact- 2<sup>nd</sup> turbine

Noise pollution- particularly low frequency sound

Impact on wildlife

Location in respect of domestic dwellings

Further deteriorating effect of community environment and skyline

Conservation area protection

Polarisation of turbines within a small rural community

a) Any other urgent planning business- NONE

#### 4) Financial Matters

a) Payment of Village Hall Fees

£3.00 proposed by Mrs Whate and seconded by Mr Cooper

b) EON Electricity bill

£15.17 for kiosk lighting Proposed by Mrs Whate and seconded by Mr Fletcher

c) Parish Council Insurance

£174.39 proposed by Mr Fletcher and seconded by Mr Smith

#### Any Other Urgent Business

a) Clerk leaving

The Clerk thanked by the Chairman Mrs Whate as this is her official last meeting. There have been 3 candidates for the replacement. Mrs Beresford will come to the next meeting to support the new Clerk.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.35pm