

Unadopted MINUTES

CARLTON-ON-TRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE Extra-Ordinary MEETING HELD ON Monday 6th June 2011 held at 7.30pm at the Village Hall

1. Present: Mrs R Whate (Chair) Mr T. Cooper (Vice-Chair), Mrs J Clark, Mrs F Jerome, Mrs M Eley, Mrs S. Beresford (Clerk) and in excess of 65 members of the Public including the developer.

Apologies for Absence: None

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.-AMEBDED SITE PLAN MAP.

Due to the overwhelming public presence the Chairman Mrs Robbie Whate opened up the meeting for members of the public to express their views regarding the overall development.

Clarification has been sought from Kelham Hall regarding the Parish Councils role in this latest planning application consultation. The response received from Clare Walker was that the PC has been asked to make their views known

regarding the AMENDED SITE PLAN. However, as part of these proceedings there is no reasons why the entire application could not be re-examined and if the Parish Councillors wished, they were able to vote again on supporting or opposing the planning application in its entirety. All members of the public present were invited to express their views and ask questions of the developer (as he was in attendance). This part of the meeting extended for 1.5 hours and a collation of the different views recorded - see additional table (to accompany these minutes). Several direct questions were asked of the developer and Parish Councillors. At times the discussions were emotive and on several occasions members of the public were asked not to talk over each other. This particular planning application will be debated at Planning committee and one member of the public stated that this would be late July/Early August. One member of the Parish Councillor will be asked to attend this meeting to put forward the views of the Parish Council. Members of the public are able to attend this meeting but will not be invited to speak. The Parish Councillors and Clerk had also been sent volumes of letters and emails either opposing or supporting the application. At 20.35pm the meeting was closed to further public opinion and discussion and the Parish Councillors debated some of the issues and comments received. Some Parish Councillors expressed concern about the aggression and hostility demonstrated in some correspondence from some members of the public and negative personal comments about some parish councillors. The Clerk informed the PC that she had already lodged these concerns with the Planning department at NSDC. The Chairman counted up some of the emails received and all Parish Councillors agreed to forward all the individual correspondences they too received to the Clerk. The PC stated that that the survey results from the developer could not form any particular relevance due to the bias in

nature and the way it was conducted. A letter of complaint had already been passed to the Chairman regarding this. One Parish Councillor also objected to the infringement of privacy that this door-to-door canvassing had caused.

Christine Rose, the local District Councillor asked to speak about certain issues that have been raised at the meeting- such as statutory legislation in other countries and abroad do not have an impact on English law. She also made comment regarding the lack of national guidance in respect of wind farms and that the latest wave of applications have put pressure on the Government to make guidance clearer to District Councils.

Mr Cooper proposed that the Parish Council re-vote on the entire application, there was however no one willing to second this motion. The Parish Council then discussed the alternative and to send to NSDC all the comments resulting from tonight's meeting and copies of all the emails received in opposition or support of the application. The Clerk agreed to collate these and send them on to NSDC planning department.

The Parish Council then voted on the AMENDED SITE PLAN - the results demonstrated 4 people in support and 1 against- therefore the amendment was supported.

b) Any other planning business

- i) BLIMP ERECTION- request from Norwell Parish Council for funding to finance the erection of the BLIMP

The Chairman of Norwell Parish Council had been in touch with the Clerk asking for a £200 donation from Carlton-on-Trent PC and possibly Cromwell and Sutton-on-Trent in order to finance the erection of a blimp. This amount (£600) included Insurance. The PC debated this issue and agreed that there was very little money in the kitty and if this was the best use of public money. Those present thought the funds should be

sought by asking people that were in favour of the blimp to make a personal contribution to the costs. The Clerk will write to John Cuthbertson to explain the PC position.

2) Financial Matters

a) Payment of Village Hall Fees

£6.00 proposed by Mrs J Clarke and seconded by Mr Terry Cooper.

b) Parish Council Insurance

The PC Insurance renewal request for £171.74 received by the Clerk. Proposed by Mrs Jean Clarke and seconded by Mr Terry Cooper-all in agreement

c) EON ELECTRICITY Bill

The EON electricity bill received by the Clerk £15.17- PROPOSED BY Mrs J Clarke and seconded by Mr T Cooper- all in agreement.

Any Other Business

a) Co-opting Vacancies onto the PC-

The Clerk read out the letter received from Kelham Hall about the co-opting process which is a much easier process after an Election.

The notices advertising the vacancies were sited on the notice boards and the closing date for email or written applications 3rd July. The Clerk will invite all those who apply to the PC meeting on 14th July.

b) Letter of compliant received regarding Election process

The Clerk informed the PC she had already forwarded this letter onto NSDC as the PC did not have any responsibilities in respect of the voting station processes.

Items to include on the next main agenda

Clerks hours, salary and role
Code of conduct training

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.00pm.