

HEMPNALL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Parish meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2013 at 7.30pm in The Mill Centre

ACTION

Present.

Chairman David Hook, Mr Geoffrey Moulton, Debbie Ashford, Richard Delf, Mike Turner, Peter Workman, David Pointer.

Mrs Janette Franks, Mr Robin Smith, Mrs Sarah Smith, Mr Trevor Shurmer, Mr Peter Dean, Mrs Sarah Smith, Mrs Margaret MacPherson, Mr Michael MacPherson, Mrs Julie Parker, Ms Diane Freeman, Ms Mary Taylor, Dr David Taylor, Mrs Melanie Hook, Mrs Diane Freeman, Mr David Burrows, Mr John Allen, Mrs Jane Johnson, Mr Rob Johnson, Mrs Sue Eagle, Mr Roger Eagle, Mr Julie Parker, Miss Margery Emery, Mrs Christine Barnes, Mrs Marian Crummett, Mr John Crummett, Mr Brian Curtis, Mrs Roma Beardsell, Mrs Marion Folkes, Mrs Jill Turner, Mrs Sarah Smith, Mr Bernard Smith, Mr Mike Saul, Mr Gerald Gliddon, Mr Barrie Masterson, Mr Derek Maslen, Mr Elizabeth Maslen, Mrs Catriona Jermy, Mrs Karon Blyth, Mr Paul Blyth, Mr Andrew Jermy, Mr Garret Cronin, Ms Jane Garrec, Mrs Bridget Santander,

Apologies

Apologies were received from Ian Nelson.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th March 2013 were approved before being signed by the chairman.

Matters arising from the previous minutes

These will be considered at the parish meeting on 11th March 2014.

Purpose and Conduct of the meeting

Mr Hook explained that the meeting had been convened to consider the TCI Wind Turbine Planning Application 2013/0105 as amended in order that the local electorate could debate and democratically decide upon any business that legitimately appears on the agenda.

He went on to explain that should the meeting result in a call for a parish poll, that poll must relate to parish affairs and the cost of the poll would be borne by the parish council, which ultimately will be paid as part of the electors council tax. He also explained that although the outcome of a parish poll is not binding, it is extremely important that on an issue of such magnitude that the electors of Hempnall are given an opportunity to have their say.

The resolution of an issue at this meeting is to be decided by a majority of those present and voting on the issue. Each local government elector of the parish of Hempnall in attendance has one vote per issue.

Parishioners Comments

Concern was expressed as to the level of review that SNC were undertaking of information and letters sent by parishioners. Mr Robin Smith was shocked at any possibility of dereliction of duty by SNC. Mr Moulton wondered how one could be sure that SNC actually read what is written by objectors.

Mrs Jeanette Franks indicated that she had written to SNC regarding responses to letters.

Mrs Diane Freeman commented that the question posed by District Councillor Windridge had already been answered.

Mrs Julie Parker reported that she had asked SNC if previous letters of objection on the website would be taken into account and had been told that Gary Hancox of SNC did not 'get time to read everything'

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Mr Peter Dean suggested that if the application from TCI was incomplete could we ask that they get their paperwork in order (photo montage visualisations) and ask for a delay in the application until paperwork is provided.

Mr Moulton reported that he had a good meeting with Mr Richard Bacon MP and felt encouraged by the effect of the Localisation Bill.

Mrs Sarah Smith expressed concerns that SNC officers might determine their recommendation before all the consultee had been received.

Mrs Melanie Hook noted that there were any inconsistencies in the way various SNC experts / consultees were treating the Hempnall application compared to other turbine applications. Local people have been consistent in their opposition of the scheme.

Mr Robin Smith suggested that the apparent 'canoodling' between Gary Hancox and TCI be made public.

Mr Trevor Shurmer suggested that any contact between TCI and the applicant be it by phone call or email should be made visible on SNC website.

Ms Mary Taylor asked who puts correspondence on the SNC website and whether they acknowledge receipt of items.

Mr Moulton suggested that people write to SNDC and express their disappointment at the possibility that correspondence might not be read by SNC.

Dr David Taylor asked if the parish council had received a response to its request for extra time to consider the application. Mr Hook said that we had received nothing writing.

Mr Michael McPherson commented regarding the noise impact and the misery that it would cause.

Parish Poll

Mrs Janette Franks indicated that she and 9 other parishioners wished to demand a parish poll as it was important that both Hempnall Parish Council and South Norfolk Council know how Hempnall residents feel about the TCI application The question could be quite simple:

"Do you support the planning application (SNC Ref 2013/0105 as amended) by Streetwood Wind Farm Norfolk Limited (Agent's name: TCI Renewables Limited) for the erection of 3 wind turbines in Hempnall ?" and on the voting slip there could be two options: "YES /NO"

A record sheet of electors calling for the poll was handed to the chairman, who checked it to the electoral role.

It was noted that as at least 10 of the local government electors present had demanded a poll, the parish council was now required to arrange such a poll.

Mr Hook accepted that the question proposed by Mrs Janette Franks was a valid question and explained that once the question had been voted on and agreed by a majority vote of the Hempnall electors present, it could not be changed.

The question proposed by Mrs Janette Franks was voted upon i.e. "Do you support the planning application (SNC Ref 2013/0105 as amended) by Streetwood Wind Farm, Norfolk Limited (Agent's name: TCI Renewables Limited) for the erection of 3 wind turbines in Hempnall ?" Answer - Yes/No. Mr Hook explained that only Hempnall electors could vote. The question was unanimously approved.

The chairman made a formal note of the name and address of the proposer.

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The chairman of the meeting agreed to inform the Electoral Services Officer responsible for the poll at SNC of the following:

- That a poll had been called
- The question
- The name and address of the proposer of the question
- That a date of the Parish meeting.

DH

Mr Hook explained that as he had been made aware that a poll might be requested, he had contacted the Electoral Services Officer at SNC and been informed that should such a request be made, the date of the poll would be 21st or 28th October 2013 and that it would take place between 4pm and 9pm at the Mill Centre. Hempnall Parish Council are required to publicise the poll at least 5 days before polling day.

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Mr Hook also explained that the proposer of the question could appoint a counting agent and a polling agent at least 3 days before polling day. In all cases the above periods exclude Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays.

There will be no provision for elector poll cards or postal or proxy voting.

Next Meeting

The next parish meeting is scheduled for 11th March 2014.

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There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9:05pm.

Signed _____

Date 11th March 2014