

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL
IN WOLVEY BAPTIST CHAPEL
MONDAY 3rd JULY, 2014 at 7.30pm

14.131 Present

Councillor Orchard (Chairman)
 Councillors Buswell, Hardman, Nixon & Kenrick

Apologies Councillors Kuncewicz and Dixon

In attendance

Borough Councillor Pacey-Day & 5 members of the public

M Cartwright (Clerk)

14.132 Declaration of Interest and dispensations

RESOLVED: to grant a dispensation to members of the Parish Council under the Localism Act 2011, sections 33(i) and 33(2) for any considerations with regard to planning application R14/1106 on land at Wolvey Wolds, Wolvey and any subsequent planning application for a wind farm on this site. The Council considers that:

- a) So many members of the decision-making body have disclosable pecuniary interests that it would impede the transaction of the business (ie the meeting would be inquorate) and
- b) The authority considers that the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area; and
- c) It is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation

This dispensation to remain in effect for four years.

14.133 Comment and information from members of the public

Streetlight no LP006 Coventry Road is permanently lit

14.134 The Council received a report from the Parish Meeting held on 11th June 2014

The Council received an overwhelming endorsement from the majority of those who attended the Parish Meeting to oppose the proposed application for a windfarm on land at Wolvey Wolds, Wolds Lane.

Following suggestions made at the meeting, the Parish Council has spoken to a planning consultant and to other Parish Councils, and the Scoping Report is available to view on the Wolvey Parish Council website. The Parish Council has still received no information or consultation from ASC Renewables.

14.135 The Council considered the engagement of a planning consultant to assist the Parish Council in its response to planning application R14/1106

Councillor Hardman provided an explanation for the need for advice from a consultant to assist with the current application for a meteorological mast. The Council does not have the knowledge or experience of dealing with windfarm applications to properly represent the views of the village. The Council has met with Neil Pearce a consultant from Avon Planning Services and is satisfied that his experience, particularly in assessing wind turbine applications, will be of invaluable assistance to this Council. In view of the short time available to engage a consultant and receive and consider a report, it is appropriate not to seek competitive tenders under Financial Regulation 11.1

PROPOSED by Councillor Hardman; that Avon Planning Services be engaged , in accordance with the standard terms and conditions submitted to the Parish Council, to assist the Parish Council to submit comments to Rugby Borough Council Planning Committee by the 24th July, 2014 in respect of Planning Application R14/1106 for the construction of a meteorological mast.

SECONDED by Councillor Buswell

RESOLVED: to appoint Avon Planning Services
Terms & conditions signed by the Chairman and the Clerk
Clerk to contact Neil Pearce to ask for a report as soon as possible and a letter with comments to send to Rugby Planning Committee prior to the next Parish Council meeting. Also, to ask if he can attend the Parish Council meeting to answer questions from the Council and any issues raised during public participation, and to provide a statement to be read at the planning committee meeting.

14.136 Planning The Council considered the following **NEW** applications:

136.1 R13/0174 WOLVEY FIELDS FARM, COALPIT LANE, WOLVEY, LE10 3HD
Construction of a ménage

RESOLVED: no objections, but would request the following conditions be applied to any consent:

1. The ménage should not be used for any commercial activity
2. The site to be reverted to its original condition when the ménage is decommissioned.

136.2 R13/1242 MAKINS FISHERY, BAZZARD ROAD, WOLVEY, CV11 6QJ
Erection of 2 fishing holiday lodges to compliment fishery.

RESOLVED: to OBJECT to this application.

There is already approved planning permission for touring caravans which has not yet been implemented. The Council considers that the addition of more permanent buildings such as holiday lodges would be inappropriate and over-development in the Green Belt.

This site is essentially a fishing complex, not a holiday park, and the Council considers that these additional buildings are not essential to the primary activity and purpose of the site.

14.137 Date of Next Meeting:

Next meeting of the Council to be held on **Monday 21st July, 2014**

14.138 The meeting was closed at 8.05pm