

NOCTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extra Ordinary General Meeting of Nocton Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Nocton on Tuesday, 28 July, 2015 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Ian Goldsworthy (Chair)
Cllr Elisabeth Murray (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Neil Faulkner
Cllr Graham Jones

Cllr Jane Kania
Cllr Michael Kaye

In Attendance: Steve Altridge, Clerk, and Cllr Rob Kendrick ((North Kesteven District Council) (NKDC)).

Four members of the public were also present.

Apologies for Absence: Cllr MaryAnn Williams and Cllr John Money (NKDC).

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Agenda Item 3 – Wellhead Lane, Nocton

Cllr Kaye declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item of business.

2 WELLHEAD LANE, NOCTON – OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING OF ERECTION OF 8 DETACHED 2 STOREY DWELLINGS WITH INTEGRAL SINGLE GARAGES (RESUBMISSION OF 14/0986/OUT

The Parish Council considered this planning application.

The Parish Council noted that there were no economic, social, or environmental criteria which appeared to support the residential development of eight dwellings in Wellhead Lane. In addition, the NKDC Tree Officer had raised concerns about the proposed development, and the proposed visibility splay appeared to be insufficient for the proposed development. Furthermore, the proposed development fell outside the curtilage of the village, and there was no provision of a footpath beyond the bungalows closer to the village centre in Wellhead Lane.

The Parish Council agreed unanimously to object in the strongest possible terms to the application on the grounds expressed at the meeting.

The Clerk undertook to inform NKDC accordingly.

3 PROPOSED WIND FARM - NOCTON FEN

The Parish Council received the response that had been submitted by Potterhanworth Parish Council to Vattenfall Wind Power's recent formal consultation regarding the proposed wind farm at Nocton Fen.

The Parish Council agreed, in its capacity as the partner of Potterhanworth Parish Council in the Neighbourhood Plan process, to endorse fully the comments made.

The Clerk undertook to inform Vattenfall Wind Power accordingly.

4 PARISH COUNCIL LAWNMOWER

The Chair reminded the Parish Council that it had not been possible recently to start its lawnmower. Grundy Agricultural, the company which was currently investigating the problem had identified that, unfortunately, there had been significant damage to the engine caused by a misaligned flywheel. Repairs to the lawn mower would require the purchase and fitting of a new engine at an estimated cost of between £800.00 – 900.00. The age and condition of the mower meant that such a repair was not viable.

The Parish Council noted that Cllr Jones had obtained three quotes for the purchase of a replacement lawnmower and a strimmer to cut around the dragons teeth on the Village Green. (copy of the quotes attached to the signed copy of these Minutes). The strimmer would also be available for use by the Village Keeper in maintaining the village generally.

The Parish Council agreed to authorise the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Cllr Jones, to purchase an ATCO 22S lawnmower, a STIHL FS38 strimmer and a safety helmet and equipment, at a maximum cost of £609.00 including VAT.

(The meeting ended at 6.45 pm)

CHAIR