

ETTON PARISH COUNCIL

(SPECIAL MEETING)

25TH OCTOBER 2011

PRESENT: Councillors Bell (Chairman), Armstrong, Cunliffe, Eggleston, Sleight, Widd and Wright.

Ward Members Councillors Birmingham and Pollard and Mr J.Smith (Clerk) and Mr D Jennings (Planning Consultant) were also present.

Members of the public – 16

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Boyd OBE and Holmes and Ward Member Parnaby.

The meeting was held in the Village Hall.

114/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillor Sleight declared an interest in the following item (Minute 115/11) as tenant farmer of Laburnum Farm on whose land the Dalton Estate proposed to erect the turbines and indicated that he would take no part in the discussion or voting on the item. The Chairman put it to the open meeting, including the public, as to whether it was their wish that Councillor Sleight should remain. It was agreed unanimously that he should.

115/11 PLANNING APPLICATION - ERECTION OF 2NO 50KW WIND TURBINE (OVERALL HEIGHT TO TIP 34.2M ON 24.6M HIGH MONOPOLE TOWER) WITH ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT LAND NORTH EAST OF MANOR FARM, WARTER LANE, ETTON (ref 11/03249) – Further to Minute 113/11 the Chairman reminded Members that at the previous meeting the Council had agreed an interim response to the planning application and also that copies of that response and the advice received from Mr D Jennings, Planning Consultant be circulated to all households in the village prior to further consideration being given to a final response at this meeting. It was reported that up to the date of this meeting there were 26 objections to the application from residents on the East Riding Council website but that there was up to a 3 day delay in letters being added and that support for the Council's objections was being received from other parish councils. The Clerk presented a draft final submission which brought together all matters raised in the interim response and the Planning Consultant's guidance but which also picked up on matters raised in submissions already on the East Riding Council's website. Members were reminded that it was the intention to submit a photo montage in support of the Council's objections and that following discussion at the previous meeting arrangements had been made with local residents (Mr J Holmes and Mr P Burman) to produce additional photographs clearly showing the position of the turbines in the landscape. A copy of these latest photographs was displayed at the meeting. The Chairman informed the public that both the Vice-Chairman and himself intended to visit all households in the near future with a petition to be sent to East Riding Council as further evidence against the application and outlined further action that residents should themselves consider taking. It was still not known when the application might be put before the Eastern Area Planning Sub-Committee. Members were reminded that it was the Parish Council's intention, when the date of the Eastern Area Planning Sub-Committee became known to send an individual letter to each Member of the Sub-Committee drawing attention to the Parish Council's objections to the application.

At the invitation of the Council the residents present commented on the proposed response.

The Parish Councillors and the public applauded the Clerk in appreciation of his excellent work on behalf of the Council in connection with this application. The Chairman, on behalf of Members, thanked Mr and Mrs Brown for their work in submitting their own objection letter to East Riding Council, some of the content of which had been included in the draft submission now presented.

Resolved – (a) That the draft final submission be approved as now presented subject to the minor additions/amendments now agreed and that the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, be authorised to finalise the response for submission to East Riding Council, and (b) that when the date of the Eastern Area Planning Sub-Committee is known the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman be authorised to approve a letter to be sent to each Member of the Sub-Committee drawing attention to the Parish Council's objections to the application.

