

## Wreningham Parish Council - Minutes

### Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 7.45pm held in the Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall

#### Present

Cllrs Michael Hill (Chair), Elizabeth Brake, Jon Moon, Donald Whiterod, the Clerk and 6 members of the public.

**550. Apologies:** DC Webster and CC Foulger

**551. Declarations of interest.** None.

**552. Open Forum.** Meeting closed at 7.46pm to allow members of the public to speak.

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It was agreed that the meeting be opened for discussion during the planning applications.

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Meeting opened at 7.47pm

#### 553. Planning

- 2013/0915 - Glebe Farm Wymondham Road Wreningham Norfolk NR16 1AY: Installation of one mid scale wind turbine of maximum height to tip of 77m and including: upgraded and new access track, a hardstanding area, a small substation enclosure, a temporary guyed meteorological mast, a temporary construction compound and associated infrastructure.

There were concerns that people are not aware of the application so it is difficult to truly represent the views of the Council. **The Clerk to ask for an extension for comment.** MH to draft an item for the website and leaflet drop for the village to urge people to look at the available information and make comments directly to SNC. **MH to action.**

Wreningham Parish Council are not convinced with the value of having a turbine within the Parish. They are concerned that whilst there is a wealth of information circulated to the Parish Council and on the SNC website, the local community have not been so well informed and they would like to invite SNC to raise the awareness of the application to local residents. The Parish Council are asking people to comment directly to SNC and would request an extension to send comments to allow for this. They are also aware that there are other statutory consultees who have not responded, particular reference should be made to the precedent being set at Black Hall Farm, Traice Road, Fundenhall, NR16 1HQ (Planning Reference 2012/0592/F) where the MOD felt that a smaller turbine would cause unacceptable interference to the AD radar at RAF Trimingham. Finally, the Council would like to inform the planners that Volume 2 – Environmental Statement, item 14.15 may contain an inaccuracy as there is at least one private airstrip neighbouring the site.

Proposed: DW, seconded: MH

- Land at Hall Farm, Stanfield Road, Wymondham. Mineral extraction, processing and associated activities with importation of inert material and restoration to agriculture and two small ponds. There was discussion about the impact of traffic and the development of new houses within Silfield. The issue of the level of screening and also noise was discussed.

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The council wish to make the following observations:

Additional traffic should be routed carefully to avoid impact to residents and drivers along Stanfield Road. The suggested exit point is on a very fast stretch of road and laden lorries leaving the site would cause a significant risk of high speed collisions without formal regulated traffic management.

Extraction and washing noise as well as dust and other pollutants need to be carefully controlled to avoid environmental damage.

There is no commentary regarding working with the immediate community during the life of the gravel pit, the council would like the stipulation that the land should return to green field and not become a brown field site when the extraction is complete. They would like to insist on communication with the local residents during the short and long term.

NCC should consider how this proposal will interact with other large planning development within the vicinity, and look at the larger picture for the area.

Proposed: DW, seconded: SD

### 554. Finance

Payment to	Reason	Sum £	Proposed	Seconded
H Frary	Phone box safety equipment	49.93	MH	EB

It was agreed that the cheque for paint be signed outside the meeting. Proposed: MH, seconded: EB.

### 555. Correspondence

- None

### 556. Future Business

There will be a public meeting to discuss solar panels at the Village Hall.

Hethel Road nameplate at the top of Pennys Green has been damaged and needs repairing.

Dates of Future Meetings: 10 September and 12 November 2013. All at 7.30pm in the Margaret Preston Room in the Village Hall, Mill Lane.

Meeting closed at 9.23 pm.