

## KIRKBAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting of Kirkbampton Parish Council held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7:30p.m.

**Present:** Cllr P S Heggie (Chairman), Cllrs C Clark, M Cunliffe, S Edgar and TH Rudd.

**In Attendance:** County Cllr M Johnson, Borough Cllr V Hodgson, Clerk / RFO, A Dawes.  
6 Members of the Public

**253/11/22 Apologies for Absence**

None

**254/11/22 Requests for Dispensations & Declarations of Interest**

No requests for dispensations were received and no declarations of interest were made.

**255/11/22 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a true and accurate record, the minutes of the last meeting of the Council.

**256/11/22 Public Participation**

6 members of the public were in attendance.

The Chair invited Members of the Public to speak on items on the Agenda and a number of individuals again gave impassioned statements of the effect that the currently proposed Great Oaks Renewable Energy Park would have on the area. After discussion and information exchange and the Clerk pointing out the minute reference from the last meeting it was determined that the Clerk would extract the relevant part and pass to Allerdale planning Department.

**257/11/12 Reports from Borough and County Councillors**

MJ advised Council and members of the public on the progression towards the vesting day for the Cumberland Unitary Authority, together with his comments and views regarding the potential for any planning application and subsequent objections around any development relating to Great Oaks Renewable Energy Park.

VH advised Council and members of the public with regard to the proposed consultation and changes relating to the proposals put forward by the Boundary Commission. (map and notes attached).

After this item the 6 members of the public and MC / VH left the meeting.

**258/11/12**

**Little Bampton Village Green**

HR indicated that he would be prepared to look after the Little Bampton Village Green for the next growing season and Council agreed with the assertion that he should provide details of all Consumables used together with details of any repairs to equipment carried out in order that Council should recompense for that cost. The matter of street

furniture and nets was discussed and deferred until the next meeting.

#### **Kirkbampton and Little Bampton Notice Boards**

The Clerk confirmed purchase of 2 Notice Boards 1 to replace the newly arranged smaller board at Little Bampton, which will be re-located at Oughterby, the other to replace the existing “old” Notice Board in Kirkbampton. Delivery to now be routed to Cllr Edgar.

#### **Haverlands Green**

The Clerk indicated that the respective signatures had been obtained and the legal documents submitted.

#### **Ridge Clean Energy – Proposed Great Oaks Renewable Energy Park**

Matter dealt with under the Public Matters item.

#### **Parish Council Website**

Cllr. Clark had discussed the matter of the existing website arrangements with the Village Hall Management Committee and the Church and Council now deemed it appropriate for the Clerk to discuss with the Village Hall Management Committee any contractual obligations they jointly (or singularly) had to progress extracting the Council from any obligations and progressing towards a Council only site.

### **259/11/22 Highways Matters**

#### **Updates & New Matters**

It was noted that road from Little Bampton and New Bampton needed Highways attention – the Clerk to report.

#### **Dog Fouling Little Bampton**

Still no progress, the Clerk to remind Councillor VH.

### **260/11/22 Finance Matters**

#### **Expenditure**

**Resolved** to approve payments detailed in the table as follows:

15/11/2022	Solway Garden and Landscapes	Grass Cutting	£1554.00
15/11/2022	A Dawes Clerk / RFO	Wages & Exp	£322.07

The following matters were all agreed by Council:-

Accounts to the end of October 2022

Forecast provided for 2022/2023, Budget prepared for 2023/2024

Precept request for £9,187.50 to be submitted.

Implementation of agreed pay-scale for current Clerk

Back pay request from previous Clerk

### **261/11/22 Planning Matters**

None

**262/11/22** Councillors asked if an agenda item proposing action on 20mph limit be added to the next Agenda, the Clerk to action.

**252/09/22 Date of Next Meeting**

**Resolved** that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Kirkbampton Village Hall on Monday 13th February 2023 at 7.30pm.

**There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.48pm.**

## **OBJECTIONS TO GREAT OAKS ENERGY PARK**

### **CUMULATIVE IMPACT**

Too many in the area, different sizes with rotors spinning at different speeds will lead to various health problems.

### **TOPOGRAPHY**

The affected villages all look up to the proposed site of the energy park creating a severe visual impact from all directions.

### **HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

The noise and shadow flicker as well as the sheer size of this proposal will create a host of health and social wellbeing issues, namely, anxiety, headaches, difficulty sleeping, to name but a few.

### **LOSS OF AMENITY**

Again, the noise and shadow flicker created will make it impossible to enjoy things residents of the area have done for years such as country walks, enjoyment of the garden and the areas of woodland we have in the area.

### **ALLERDALE SET PRECEDENT**

Thursby – Allerdale Planning Department refused planning permission for a housing estate due to its close proximity to a single turbine half the size of the ones proposed.

Wiggonby - Allerdale have already turned down an application for a turbine twice on the same site as one of the proposed turbines due to cumulative impact.

### **TECHNOLOGY ISSUES**

Residents near the Hellrigg turbines at Blackdyke, Silloth are now experiencing phone, tv and internet issues which did not exist before construction of wind turbines in the area.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

This proposal will have a catastrophic effect on the wildlife in the area. There will be a major impact on the migrating birds, of which we have thousands of geese flying over daily, the solar panels will look like water from the air and they will try to land, carnage! We also have a very healthy Roe deer population which again will be very badly affected.

The manufacture and installation of the turbines and panels will also impact on the local environment, the preparation of the site will require new road access,

thousands of tons of concrete will be required for turbine and panel bases, all of the materials will need to be quarried, delivered to the manufacturer, mixed and then delivered to site, not very eco- friendly.

End of life disposal – very little, if any of the materials used in the manufacture of solar panels and turbines are recyclable, therefore everything goes to landfill, again not very eco- friendly.

If there is no wind or the light is bad there is no electricity generated therefore a fossil fuel power station back up is required, not only is this very environmentally unfriendly but the electricity produced is expensive.

BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE BECOMES INDUSTRIAL WASTELAND

EFFICIENCY

Study at watch tree over 9 years found that the existing turbines are only 22% efficient, proposed will be around 32%. Therefore, the outputs quoted by the applicants are unachievable.

Turbines and solar panels are not financially viable, if they were not heavily subsidised, they would not be manufactured or erected.

This objection to the proposed Great Oaks Energy Park isn't just for us now, it's for our future generations so they will still have some beautiful countryside to look out on.



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