

KIRKBAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Kirkbampton Parish Council held on Monday 26th September 2022 at 7:30p.m.

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

In Attendance: Clerk / RFO, A Dawes.

242/09/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were noted from County Cllr M Johnson, and Borough Cllr V Hodgson. (Both received as Clerk en-route to meeting)

243/09/22 Requests for Dispensations & Declarations of Interest

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

244/09/22 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 25th July 2022

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

245/09/22 Clerk's Appointment Resolved that Allan Dawes be appointed Clerk / RFO with effect from 1st September 2022 Contracts had been drawn up and signed by both parties.

246/09/22 Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Parish Council's Powers and Duties – Clerk/RFO presented these documents to existing Council Members and offered to distribute to members of public subject to them supplying e-mail addresses and in the knowledge that the documents would be reviewed during the coming year.

9 individuals left contact addresses for the information.

Resolved – Clerk/RFO to provide.

247/09/22 Public Participation

21 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 gave impassioned statements of the effect that the currently proposed Great Oaks Renewable Energy Park would have on the area. After much discussion and information exchange it was agreed that the Parish Council would minute its support for the individuals (or Group) in any way it could in resisting the proposal reaching any sort of Planning Application full in the knowledge that should the issue go to the Planning Stage then any written (or otherwise communicated) "objections" or observations would necessitate being repeated.

The Clerk/RFO agreed to put the same sentiment in letter form to the

spokesman for the Group.

After this item the 21 members of the public left the meeting.

248/09/22 Administrative and Village Matters

248/09/22.1 Little Bampton Village Green

The matter of street furniture and nets was discussed and deferred until the next meeting awaiting further information from Cllr. Rudd.

248/09/22.2 Kirkbampton and Little Bampton Notice Boards

It was agreed to go ahead with the 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. Cost agreed at £2,775.99 inclusive of Delivery and VAT with delivery to be made to the Chair.

248/09/22.3 Haverlands Green

Resolved that Clerk/RFO to gain respective signatures outside the meeting and arrange for documentation to be returned.

248/09/22.4 Ridge Clean Energy – Proposed Great Oaks Renewable Energy Park

Matter dealt with under the Public Matters item.

248/09/22.5 Parish Council Website

Council to consider a different site solely for the use of the Council matters. Cllr. Clark to discuss the matter of the existing site arrangements with the Village Hall Management Committee and the Church to progress a way forward.

249/09/22 Highways Matters

249/09/22.1 Updates & New Matters

It was noted that potholes on the Ploughlands road, opposite Park Farm had been sorted.

249/09/22.2 Dog Fouling Little Bampton

No progress noted.

250/09/22 Finance Matters

250/09/22.1 Expenditure

Resolved to approve payments detailed in the table as follows:

S Kyle	£243.98	August Salary	BACS
HMRC	£61.00	August	BACS
Wigton Baths Trust	£750.00	Donation	300051
A Dawes	£283.70	September Salary plus Admin Costs	300052
HMRC	£59.80	HMRC	300053

Rocket Sites	£40.00	Invoice 2295	300054
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Clerk/RFO reported minor delay in hand-over due to Unity Bank arrangements not being amended in time for the above payments to be made.

250/09/22.2 Maintenance contractor for Little Bampton Green – deferred to next meeting.

250/09/22.3 Asset

Clerk/RFO reported to Council that the printer handed over was unable to be repaired after an effort to replace printer cartridges and an overhaul had been attempted. Printer valued at £50 to be deleted from Asset Register. Further decision in a replacement will be made in the new financial year.

251/09/22 Planning Matters

Noted

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 14th November 2022 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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