

Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Special Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday, 26th September, 2011

1. Present: Mr. N. Watson (Vice-Chairman – chaired meeting)
Mr. S. Rhodes
Mr. R.D. Corner
Mrs. A. Starkey
Mr. T. Smallwood
Mr. P. Wood
Mr. B. Warcup
Mr. R. Overfield
Mrs. F. Turner (arrived later)
Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)
+ Guest: Cllr. J. Owen (East Riding of Yorkshire Council)

2. Apologies: Mr. A.S. Ezard
Mr. J. Moorfoot

3. Thornholme Wind Farm Plans.
Mr. Watson explained that the Special meeting had been called as the planning application (a weighty file) had been received from E.R.Y.C. This was for: Erection of 9 wind turbines (6 x 110m., 3 x 100m.), a 70 metre anemometry mast and associated infrastructure at Thornholme Fields.
Mr. Watson had e-mailed questions to the Case Officer and others, which he read to the meeting together with answers received. Cllr. Owen was able to expand on some of those. There was much discussion involving all members, with Cllr. Owen offering guidance and informed comment on many aspects. Also covered was the matter of wind turbine projects in general (E.R.Y.C. were apparently receiving new applications daily), especially others in the area, both actual and planned.
Mr. Watson had prepared three key questions for the meeting, which were as follows with decisions reached:
 - 1) Was more information required? It was agreed not.
 - 2) Would members like a representative of the company, Wind Prospect Developments Ltd., to attend next week's scheduled, or a special, meeting? Mr. Warcup, having attended a similar one recently, advised that it may be of little value. That view was endorsed by Cllr. Owen, and it was agreed not.
 - 3) Were village views on the matter to be canvassed? It was agreed that there would be differences of opinion in the village and it would be advantageous to know a majority

view. Mrs. Turner proposed that this could best be achieved by means of a "flyer" to be circulated with the village newsletter, which would be due within the next few days.

Mr. Watson agreed to contact the editor and arrange this as soon as possible. Villagers would be requested to convey their "for or against" remarks to their designated member, as identified via a list in the last newsletter. There was some urgency with all this, as the "deadline" for a response to E.R.Y.C. was the day following next week's meeting.

(Clerk's note: That will make the return one day late but am confident that will be O.K.)

There was finally speculation on how neighbouring parishes would be responding to these plans, and Mr. Watson agreed to check with Burton Agnes regarding their official response.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.