

Skerne and Wansford Parish Council



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Minutes of a meeting of the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council, which was held in the Wansford Village Hall on Tuesday January 15 2013 at 7.30pm .

1 **Present:** Councillors Ian Lamble, Neil Robson, Caroline Harrison, Jackie Dobson, Bryan Hills, Mark Padgett and Marian Terry and 13 members of the public from Skerne.

2 **Apologies:** East Riding Council ward representatives Jane Evison and Jonathan Owen.

3 **Public session:** At this point the meeting was to allow the Skerne residents to put forward their concerns re the planning application (agenda item number 9). Prior to the debate a note was read out from J H Dixon & Son, The Beeches, Skerne, indicating that the proposed turbine would be more than 560m from the nearest domestic dwelling and would only stand seven metres higher than the existing pylons on the landscape. An invitation was extended to anyone wishing to view the site to contact them. Many concerns were raised by members of the public, which included detriment to visual and residential amenity, environmental and drainage concerns. The chairman said a full resume of the public concerns would be included in the planning recommendation to ERYC, which was to be discussed later in the meeting,

4 Declarations of interests

- i Coun Mark Padgett gave, in writing, a request for dispensation to discuss the precept (agenda item 7iv). All other members had requested and received dispensations at the November meeting.
- ii A written dispensations was given to Coun Padgett.

5 **Resolved:** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on November 20 2012 as a true and correct record: Proposed Coun Hills, seconded Coun Dobson.

6 To dispose of any business remaining from the previous meeting and, if necessary, decide on a course of action:

- i Wansford enhancement scheme: the parish council to devise a scheme to enhance the village and possibly the canal bank to submit to the Nafferton Feoffees for consideration.
- ii Notice/information boards –Councillors Lamble and Dobson would make a start on the grant application to Lissett Wind Farm Fund for funding for two new noticeboards.

7 Finance

- i **Resolved:** to grant authority to chairman and clerk to spend the remainder of the £168 grit grant on supplies to be stored at Church Cottage and Skerne Nurseries. Proposed by Coun Hills, seconded by Coun Harrison. It was noted that the pedestrian spreaders only worked with dry grit/salt and this measure would, hopefully, solve the problem. A fill-up of grit for the Wansford bin opposite the Vicarage had been ordered from ERYC.
- ii Bank reconciliation accepted.
- iii The Community Grants Fund application for contribution towards noticeboards was to be considered at a meeting on January 17. Any money granted would have to be spent by March 31. **Resolved:** If the application was successful that money, which had to be used before the end of March 2013, would be spent on a replacement noticeboard for Skerne, where the existing board was becoming increasing dilapidated. The chairman to obtain quotes, etc. Proposed Coun Dobson, seconded Coun Terry.

- iv **Resolved:** to ratify the precept decision taken in November at £2,800. Proposed Coun Padgett, seconded Coun Hills. Councillors heard that the council tax band had been reduced and this would result in a higher local precept than had been anticipated in November. Members also heard that council tax support funding of £87.83 would be paid to the parish council irrespective of the precept demand. Because of the council's on-going attempts to bring the budget into balance members decided to retain the precept at £2,800. Given the figures currently available this would result in a Band D charge of £21.47.
- v **Barclaycard:** selection for Business credit card. No action to be taken.

8 Administration

- i The insurance policy had been renewed with Came & Co on a three-year deal. Noted.
- ii **Resolved:** to adopt the Member/Officer protocol, as supplied by ERNLLCA. Proposed Coun Padgett, seconded Coun Waites.
- iii Parish council vacancy: No-one had come forward to fill the post vacated by Ann Stoney.

9 **Planning application: 12/04866/PLF:** Full planning permission for erection of one 500kw turbine 40m monopole mast (total height to blade 67m) and associated infrastructure (sub-station, crane pad and temporary access track) on land north west of Spring Farm, Skerne. Applicant: Harmony Energy. **Resolved:** to object to the planning application and address the very many public concerns in the comment section of the response. Proposed Coun Hills, seconded Coun Dobson.

10 Training

- i **Resolved:** providing the cost was not excessive (about £35) the clerk could seek a place at the ERNLLCA Spring conference on April 12 at Willerby. Proposed Coun Harrison, seconded Coun Robson.
- ii **Resolved:** that the chairman attend the ERNLLCA Challenging Meetings seminar in Driffield at £35 plus VAT. Proposed Coun Hills, seconded Coun Padgett.

11 Correspondence

- i **ERYC:** Briefing note on the outbreak of ash dieback. Noted.
- ii **ERYC:** Tackling anti-social behaviour in our community. Noted.
- iii **ERYC:** Council support for Neighbourhood Watch Groups. Noted.
- iv **SLCC:** Clerk's membership of the SLCC. Noted.
- v **ERYC:** East Riding Draft Local Plan. Public consultation to start in late January 2013. Noted.

12 **Highways:** Problem of potholes – the clerk to write to Dave England once again, highlighting existing concerns plus potholes in Wansford between numbers 1 and 18 Nafferton Road. Coun Waites would supply pictures and also go on the ERYC pothole reporting website.

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14 **Other correspondence** ERNLLCA newsletters; East Riding Parish News. All noted.

15 **To receive reports from representatives:** Nothing to report.

16 **Items for next agenda: Wansford enhancement scheme, noticeboards, grit.**

17 **Date and time of next meeting:** - March 19 2013, to start immediately after the **annual parish meeting**, which would start at **7.15pm**.