

Kirkby La Thorpe Parish Council

Minutes for Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 12 October 2022 at 7.00 PM
Location: The Queens Head, Kirkby La Thorpe, NG34 9NU

MINUTES

- (i) Public Comment.
- There was some discussion about the grading of the land for the Solar Farm – we need to investigate.
 - What is the basis for objection for national projects such as this; response through the consultation process or directly to Secretary of State.
 - It is expected that NKDC are likely to support the Solar Park project through the alignment to their vision.
 - Do we need a survey of the community?

Present:

- Cllrs Phil White (Chairman), Andy Parker, Alison Flannery, Richard Bridgen; Dermot Daly (Clerk); 1 member of the public.

Welcome.

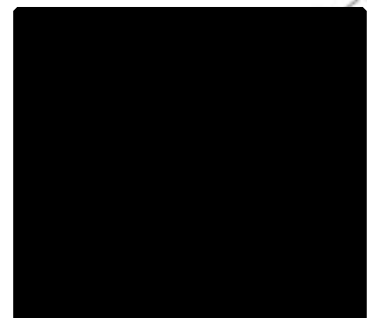
- The meeting was opened at 19:24.

- 133/22 To receive and agree apologies for absence.
- It was RESOLVED to accept the apologies received from Cllrs Perry and Morris.
- 134/22 To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests, pursuant to section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, and applications for dispensation from Councillors on matters considered at this meeting.
- None.
- 135/22 To determine which items on the agenda, if any, require the exclusion of public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2) and resolve to exclude public and press for these items.
- None.

POLICY & PROCESS

- 136/22 To review applications of candidates and agree to fill the casual vacancy position for Parish Councillor.
- It was RESOLVED that Mrs Gill Marshall be accepted as a Parish Councillor.

PLANNING



- 137/22 To discuss and agree actions relating to the proposals for the Anglian Water reservoir in the Sleaford area.
- It was RESOLVED to:
 - * Create a Factsheet and Questionnaire for the combined projects of the Heckington Solar Park and Anglian Water Reservoir proposals.
 - * Cllr ~~Bridgen~~ will produce the factsheet and Cllr Parker the questionnaire To use the Ecotricity questionnaire as input. *Flannery*
 - * Cllr Marshall and Flannery to look into land grading and other background information. *(Fact sheet)*
 - * To draft and confirm the elements through the Clerk; Drafts by 21/10/2022 to Cllr Bridgen.
 - * Print by the first week of November.
 - * Advertise through the community group, school, Facebook, website.
 - * The Clerk to investigate the GDPR impact of postcode and email address storage for questionnaire responses.
- * Cllr Bridgen creating flyer.

- 138/22 To discuss and agree actions relating to the proposals for the Ecotricity Heckington Solar Park.
- Further to 137/22 it was RESOLVED to:
 - * Collect facts and seek opinions of the electorate through the questionnaire including door to door delivery of questionnaire – need to resolve timely briefing for the door-step.
 - The Council viewed the video from the Ecotricity website.
 - There appears to be direct impact on significant areas of good quality agricultural land.

GENERAL

- 139/22 To discuss suggestions from the community group and identify associated actions.
- The proposal for a village Christmas tree and lighting was discussed, using a public donation for the tree, and that it will possibly be a cut tree for the first year.
 - For grid connection Western Power would need to survey (free of charge within 12 weeks); then connection and metering fee £1,400-1,800.
 - Solar lights as an alternative – commercial grade 1,000 LED would be circa £180/190 per set; It was RESOLVED to seek further public/business donation for purchasing the lights; The solar panels to be mounted on beacon stand; Possibly require two sets. A Community Group representative formally requested Council support for the purchase of lights.
 - If no other funding is forthcoming the Council RESOLVED to support the funding of one or two sets of solar Christmas lights up to a value of £380 (incl VAT) for use on the village Christmas tree for the benefit for the whole community on the basis that this is a one-off request standing on its own merit.
 - Cllr White left the meeting 20:22 and rejoined 20:30 during which time Cllr Parker acted as Chair.

CLOSE

Meeting Close: 21:01.