

# Rudston Parish Council

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Minutes of a Special Meeting held in the Village Hall

on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2012

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1. Present: Mr. A.S. Ezard (Chairman)
  - Mr. N. Watson
  - Mr. S. Rhodes
  - Mr. R.D. Corner
  - Mr. T. Smallwood
  - Mr. R. Overfield
  - Mrs. A. Starkey
  - Mrs. F. Turner
  - Mr. P. Wood
  - Mr. J. Moorfoot
  - Mr. B. Warcup
  - Mr. P. Crossland (Clerk)
  
2. Planning Applications:
  - (i) 21 Southside Lane

Planning application for: erection of Conservatory to side. Plans been around members and returned at meeting. No observations beyond comment on large size.
  
  - (ii) Springdale Farm Wind Turbine

Planning application for: erection of single Wind Turbine 66.7m. to tip with associated infrastructure. Plans seen by some members, but because of change in detail and recent issues since special meeting at Springdale (10/1/12 refers), were the main item for this meeting. The plan now was for a smaller turbine, but sited nearer to the main road (and the village).

Mr. Watson referred to the proposed Community Fund which had been reduced to £10k per annum in line with the smaller size of turbine, and a planning statement document which gave a misleading impression of relationship and agreements with the parish council. This was read to the meeting by Mrs. Starkey, and stated that a village fund was to be set up and used towards "re-opening the pub as a community centre". No such decision had yet been possible and would not be decided without further consultation in the village. Mr. Watson had asked the applicants that the final sentence including the above phrase be deleted, and would check next day to see if that had been done. The statement appeared to have arisen from informal comments at the open meeting in May.

There was much discussion on the plans, with opinion among members leaning towards rejection. Though the applicants' willingness to liaise

with the parish council from the outset was noted. It was queried whether the results of the village survey on wind turbines in general would provide a pointer, and Mr. Watson commented that in general terms for the medium size of turbine proposed, it would be approximately 40 per cent for, 30 against, and 30 undecided or no opinion. Those figures could be interpreted differently to present a majority either way. It was agreed that in the event of approval that the Community Fund agreement be written into that approval. However, a poll of those present showed a clear majority against the plans. Reasons were noted down by Mr. Watson, chiefly that it would now be too close to the village, and he would e-mail final wording of that and associated comments to the Clerk for response to the county council.

### 3. Any Other Business

(Addition to agenda as it was apparent that members had other items to discuss)

- (i) Mr. Rhodes reported a minor problem with one of the pieces of equipment on the childrens playground.
- (ii) Mrs. Starkey referred back to the school transport issue (item 7 iii, last meeting). Mr. Watson was able to report that this had been raised at a recent meeting with Cllr. Evison who advised that probably nothing could be done following the decision that Boynton would remain in Bridlington area. It was explained that the decision was based on cost per child. However, Mrs. Starkey was advised to go onto Freedom of Information website to attempt to take the matter further.
- (iii) Mrs. Turner referred to the importance of the Broadband survey (item 14i, last meeting refers), to which Mr. Watson strongly agreed.  
(Clerk's note: recent letter from E.R.Y.C. also emphasises this)
- (iv) Road repairs in and around the village had still not taken place – to be chased up.
- (v) Mr. Overfield reported that Water Lane had become badly overgrown having received no attention this year. Mr. Corner reported a recent conversation with a county council employee who had advised that the "Streetscene" team had been disbanded due to national cutbacks. Clerk to report Water Lane by letter. In the circumstances Mr. Watson suggested it go to the parish councils liaison officer.

(Clerk's note: e-mail letter to ERYC

2/8/12)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

(Mr. Watson then introduced a 15 minute informal discussion regarding the future of the Bosville Arms and possible parish council involvement).