

MORNINGTHORPE & FRITTON PARISH COUNCIL

20th February 2013

A Parish Council meeting was held on Wednesday 20th February 2013 at 7.30pm at The Barn, Friars Farm, Morningthorpe.

Those present were:- Chairman, Mr P Roger, Mrs C McDonnell, Mr E Oxer, Mr S Riches and Mr D Sargent.

1. As the clerk, Mrs E Riches was unable to attend due to illness, it was proposed by D Sargent and seconded by C McDonnell that S Riches would act as clerk for the meeting.
2. There were apologies from Evelyn Riches (illness) and District Councillor Mr M Windridge (Existing council commitments).
3. There were no declarations of interest in any of the agenda items.
4. The meeting was suspended upon a proposal by P Rodger, seconded by S Riches for the public session.

During this period:-

- a. There were a number of verbal submissions made by members of the public, both in favour and opposed to the planning application for 4 Wind Turbines with a maximum height of 126.5m near Hempnall (2013/0105).
- b. There were also written submissions made by both Hempnall Parish Council, and District Councillor Windridge opposing the planning application
- c. Comments from those opposed covered items such as the visual & environmental impact, the effectiveness of onshore wind farms, the impact on houses directly affected, and the potential for additional wind farms throughout the area if this application is approved.
- d. Comments from those who supported the planning application included the need to increase our renewable energy supply, the cost effectiveness of renewable energy and the improving technology behind wind turbine generation.

The public session was closed at 8.15pm and the meeting resumed.

5. A proposal to support the planning application 2013/0105 in respect of the proposed wind farm subject to the inclusion of a bond to cover the cost of decommissioning the wind farm, was made by D Sargent and seconded by C McDonnell. The proposal was passed 3 – 2.
6. Additional items put forward for next meeting agenda were:

- a. Reports of speeding traffic on Brick Kiln Lane
- b. Proposal for purchase of speed signs for village under the Highways Partnership Scheme discussed at previous meeting.
- c. Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report for land at Long Stratton

7. Date of next meeting: TBC

The meeting was closed at 9.00pm