

WILBURTON PARISH COUNCIL.

Parish Councillors:-

Mr. Alan Yarrow
Mrs. Anthea Dodson
Mr. Victor Harris
Mr. John Seaman
Ms. Ann Sherwood

Mr. Peter Warren
Mr. Dominic Drane
Mr. Paul Massey
Mr. Chris Fella

Parish Clerk:-

Mrs. Gillian Woods

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8 November 2010 in St Peters Hall

PRESENT

Cllrs Warren, Yarrow, Fella, Sherwood, Dodson, Drane, Massey, Harris and Seaman.

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies – All Councillors present

2. PRESENTATION FROM NICK SUTTON FROM ABBEY RENEWABLES

Nick Sutton introduced himself and his Company, Abbey Renewables which is based locally near Peterborough. The Company has been into renewables for 10-15 years and been following the solar market. The proposed site is at Mingay Farm. Feeding tariffs (subsidies) have been in existence in Germany, Spain and Italy for quite a few years – and introduced into the UK in April this year. Feeding tariff pays a subsidy per kilowatt of electricity produced to make solar a viable option. The maximum under feeding tariff is 5 megawatt schemes, which is what is proposed at Wilburton. The site offers a lot of natural screening, which would also be in-filled. The panels are a maximum 2.2m high, and there would be 21700 static panels at 25% angle facing south. Each line of panels would be separated by an 11 metre gap to stop shadowing and for maintenance etc. Will still be able to crop for hay and have sheep. Will have 4 “inverter” buildings which are 3 metres by 5 metres and 3 metres high. There would be a green mesh fence around and CCTV designed to blend in and be aesthetically pleasing. Would be monitored remotely by BP Solar who would manage site. Would be cleaned two times a year so not much activity and would endeavour for minimum disruption to the Village for construction and maintenance. Site would generate enough power for 1200 homes.

There is a possibility of solar panels being put on the roof of the school, benefitting the education of the children, saving electricity and money from the feeding tariff. On the site would be an area for an auditorium and information board.

The Company would also like to make a contribution towards the village pavilion.

The timescales for the project are to have an exhibition Thursday 11th November, submit the proposal mid November and hopefully go before the ECDC committee hopefully 2/2/11. If successful after the judicial review period, could start in May 2011 and will take approximately 4 months.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meetings on 11 October 2010 having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as a true record, apart from an amendment required regarding the Parish Council's contribution to HCV Group.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) St Peters Hall

Food Preparation area

Options and costings are still being investigated. Cllr Sherwood to investigate possibility of an oven and include this with the other proposals. Cllr Massey to investigate risk assessment and health & safety implications of including an oven.

Hall charges and booking forms

It was agreed that the booking forms and terms and conditions were satisfactory.

The options of changing to a block booking system or staying with an hourly rate were discussed.

It was proposed by Cllr Yarrow and seconded by Cllr Fella to change to a block booking system of 4 hour sessions.

It was counter proposed by Cllr Sherwood and seconded by Cllr Warren to continue with an hourly rate. A vote was carried out on the counter proposal with 3 for and 5 against. Therefore the counter proposal was rejected and the block booking system agreed.

Cllr Yarrow then proposed block bookings of 2 hour sessions and hourly rate thereafter, which was seconded by Cllr Seaman.

A Counter proposal was made by Cllr Massey and seconded by Cllr Sherwood to keep the block sessions at 4 hours. The vote for this was 4 for and 4 against. Cllr Dodson cast the deciding vote for this proposal.

Cllr Fella suggested different rates for Summer and Winter.

Resident rates were proposed by Cllr Seaman and seconded by Cllr Sherwood of:-

Winter -Monday-Thursday, & Sunday £30, Friday and Saturday £50
Summer Monday-Thursday, & Sunday £25, Friday and Saturday £45
Vote was 6 for and 2 against

Non-resident rates were proposed by Cllr Yarrow and seconded by Cllr Sherwood of:-

Winter -Monday-Thursday, & Sunday £50, Friday and Saturday £70

Summer Monday-Thursday, & Sunday £45, Friday and Saturday £65

All in favour

It was proposed by Cllr Yarrow and seconded by Cllr Sherwood to charge different rates for regular users. All in favour.

Sound control system

After obtaining 4 quotes for a circuit breaker system to be installed to control sound levels in the Hall it was proposed by Cllr Fella and seconded by Cllr Seaman to accept the quote from Bradford Electrical. All in favour.

It was proposed by Cllr Yarrow and seconded by Cllr Seaman that the Chair and Vice Chair to decide whether the quotation for a heating timer of £79.00 + VAT was what was required for the Hall and whether to go ahead with this work prior to the next meeting.

Licence

We are currently awaiting a meeting with Environmental Health and licencing department to get some advice and information regarding the licence for the Hall.

(b) Pavilion and Recreation Ground

Giles Dodson from Bidwells contacted Cllr Dodson on Friday last week regarding the queries previously raised, especially the offer of a 99 year lease on the football field and not on the recreation ground. He had met with the trustees who were concerned and did not understand why we were unhappy with their proposals. Cllr Dodson confirmed that the main concern was that the present lease on the recreation ground does not have an automatic renewal.

Giles Dodson advised that there was no intention of not renewing the lease in 14 years and will go back to the Trustees for a letter of intent for "security of tenure".

Their proposal is for the pavilion to sit on the boundary on the football side so it can be under the 99 year lease, to enable grants and funding, but still be able to service both football and cricket clubs.

Cllr Dodson confirmed that she would contact Jim Hill from the Football Association to see how this would affect obtaining funding/grants etc.

Cllr Dodson will also confirm with Giles Dodson that the above has been discussed at the meeting, that the Council is happy with progress made and investigating the impact of the proposals with grants/funding etc.

Cllr Dodson confirmed that Abbey Renewables have proposed a grant towards the pavilion and to assist with gaining more funding.

Cllr Dodson requested that the Parish Councils congratulations and thanks be passed to the firework committee on the great display.

(c) Dog litter bin near church

It was confirmed that there is no viable site for the placement of a dog litter bin so this is on hold at present.

5. REPORTS from County and District Councillors

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

E-Mail from CCC re Blocked Gullies in High Street – No action required.
Letter from Mick George regarding HCV Lorries – No action required.
Letter from ECDC regarding Emergency Planning Awareness Seminar on 11 November 2010 – No action required.
4 quotes received for circuit breaker and timer for electricity in St Peter's Hall – GBES, Barnwell Electrical, Thompson Electrical and Bradford Electrical – Agreed as above to accept quote from Bradford Electrical.
Letter sent to Hereward Housing regarding Flats at Bakery Close – Awaiting response.

7. FINANCE

Accounts to pay:-

Water rates - Recreation Ground - £19.46
Citizens Advice – Donation - £150.00
Dial-a-ride – Donation - £150.00
Each – Donation - £150.00
Gate to cemetery - £348.97
Clock-winding - £39
Grass cutting cemetery - £276
Caretaking – St Peter's Hall - £277.33
Parish and Booking Clerk - £299.70
Petty Cash - £50.00
Cricket, Football and Berristead £413.93
Replacement chq – Truelink - £359.69
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Hall Floor - £2590.88
Locks, hinges and bolts for Cemetery - £75.82

It was proposed by Cllr Seaman and seconded by Cllr Sherwood that all accounts be paid as above.

Precept

It was proposed by Cllr Yarrow and 2nd by Cllr Warren to keep precept the same and to review prior to submitting in February. All in favour.

Budget 2011/2012

It was agreed to add this to the Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting.

8. PLANNING

Applications received:-

Retrospective Planning Permission for a single storey side extension to form en-suite bathroom and dressing room – Last Resort, Stretham Station Road, Wilburton. No objections but proposed by Cllr Sherwood and 2nd by Cllr Drane that comment should be made regarding the planning being retrospective.

Applications approved:-

Attachment of two air con units at Soft Option Technologies.
Extension and detached garage – 1 Fairview Farm Bungalow, Twenty Pence Road.
Replacement windows at 2 Church Lane.
Ongoing maintenance work to trees at 11 Clarkes Lane.

Applications refused:-

Variation of Condition 4 to remove agricultural occupancy restriction to Willow Lodge, Grunty Fen (Appeal has now been launched).

9. COUNCILLORS QUESTION

Cllr Yarrow raised query regarding the Village Christmas tree. Cllr Dodson to arrange.

Cllr Harris raised the issue of the condition of the car park next to the hall and the condition of the fence alongside. Parish Clerk to contact Hall caretaker regarding the car park and Cllr Yarrow to advise the Clerk of the letting agency concerned regarding the fence.

Cllr Warren has now received 3 quotes for the slabs to the Cemetery path of £735, £625 and £625 (Net figures) from L Yardy, K Skeels and P Hopkins. It was proposed by Cllr Harris and seconded by Cllr Sherwood to accept the quote from Ken Skeels. All in favour.

He has also received a request for the use of the Hall's tables and chairs on 28 November 2011.

Cllr Sherwood raised the issue of hot water for washing hands in the Hall toilets. Parish Clerk to check with caretaker.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING -13 December 2010

Meeting closed 10.20pm