



MINUTES OF NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 11th June 2014 in Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Paul Presland (Chairman), Roy Gardner, Lee Parker (Late), Rita Schwenk and Alan Vince.

Attending: James Cartlidge (Babergh District Councillor), D Crimmin (Clerk) and 25 residents.

14/079 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Taylor and Williams sent their apologies.

14/080 Declaration of Interests

None declared.

14/081 Requests for councillor dispensation

None were received.

14/082 Minutes of meeting held on the 14th May 2014

The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Cllr Parker arrived

14/083 Public Forum

The vast majority of residents who spoke on the issue of the solar farm were against the proposal and urged NPC to reconsider its original support for it to be sited at Rogers Farm, now that the applicant had appealed to the Secretary of State against the application's refusal by Babergh District Council.

14/084 Planning

- a. The councillors reviewed **APP/D3505/A/14/2218072 Appeal against refusal of Planning Application B/13/01107 - Rogers Farm, Rogers Lane** - Change of use of agricultural land to use as solar farm for generation of electricity from solar energy together with associated works comprising solar panels mounted on frames, security fencing, inverters, transformers and a switch gear cabinet as amended by revised plans received on 19 November 2013 including amended project layout plan, updated tree survey and root protection plan, additional information pack, construction access plans and hedgerow and tree impact report, cross section views from Church of St Mary the Virgin, amended plans of proposed structures. As further amended by agent's submission of amended Construction Management Plan (received 2 December 2013) and amended Habitat Enhancement and Screening Plan (No.104 Rev.1) received 18 December 2013.

After listening to the opposition to the solar farm by residents the councillors resolved by a majority of 4 to 1 to withdraw their original support of the planning application and therefore could not support the appeal by the applicant.

- b. No further planning applications had been received since the agenda was posted.

14/085 BDC's Rural Housing Policy consultation

The councillors were extremely disappointed that a consultation on a subject, that could have a major impact upon the village of Newton, had been given such a short consultation period by BDC. James Cartlidge was asked to raise NPC's concerns with the authority.

The councillors reviewed the Rural Housing Policy consultation and resolved that they felt that the criteria was comprehensive and a supportive measure for the village to accept development in the original context of a hinterland village in the Core Strategy.



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14/086 BDC's Community Infrastructure Levy consultation

The councillors reviewed the Community Infrastructure Levy consultation and resolved that it was comprehensive and well thought out and that NPC had nothing to add at this stage.

14/087 Questions to the Chair

The councillors were sad to hear of the passing of Gordon Mortlock who had provided many services to NPC over the years, including the Village Sign, which will continue to demonstrate his skills and craftsmanship with wood. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of condolence to his family.

- The Clerk was asked to refer to what appeared to be cars dumped on the Green near Burchetts to the appropriate authority
- The Clerk updated councillors on the progress of the byelaws
- The repairs to the garage roof in the playing field are still being undertaken.

14/088 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th July 2014 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed _____

Date _____

Newton Parish Council adopted the General Power of Competence on the 11th July 2012.