

The minutes of the planning meeting of Hales and Heckingham Parish Council held on Tuesday, 27th January, 2015 at 7.30pm in Hales Village Hall.

Present

Cllr. M. Epps
Cllr. Mrs. H. Hellendoorn
Cllr. Mrs. B. Herring
Cllr. J. Herring (Chairman)

3 members of the public

In Attendance Mrs Jane Hale, Clerk to the Council

112. Welcome by the Chairman of the Council.

Cllr Herring welcomed the members of the public to the meeting.

113. To receive apologies for absence from Council members unable to attend.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mason and Cllr McDonald.

114. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

There were none.

115. To receive and comment if appropriate on planning applications and correspondence as received

Application No: C/7/2012/7017

Norton Subcourse: Norton Subcourse Quarry, Loddon Road, Norton Subcourse. NR14

6RY: Extension to existing quarry involving the extraction of sand and gravel from three parcels of land with restoration to agriculture and heath land integrating with existing restored areas, retention of existing aggregate processing plant, silt lagoons, stocking area and access /haul road: Cemex UK Operations Ltd

With regard to the application before the Council which relates to the resiting of a power cable, placing it underground, the Council had no objections to this application.

It was noted that comments previously submitted by the Council relating to this site were not contained within the planning history and it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Herring would tidy up her excellent summary and this, together with a copy of the comments to previous applications, would be attached to the letter to the County Council enquiring as to why the Parish Council's comments were not on file.

As a matter of interested it was noted that the limit of 23 loads, or 46 vehicle movements daily were allowed of which 85% were allowed to travel through Hales.

Application No: 2014/2435 (application recd by SNC 21.11.2014, site notice placed 24.12.2014)
Land To North Of Hill Farm House Yarmouth Road Gillingham Norfolk NR34 0EE
To supply and install 2 x 60kw wind turbines (20m tower)

This application was brought to the attention of the Parish Council by Gillingham residents as they believe this is an application which warrants wider comment than just Gillingham residents so all nearby Parish Councils have been approached.

It was noted that the pre application discussions were for one turbine whilst the application was for two. The members of the Council had received information during the public session of their last meeting (14.1.2015) and had agreed to view the documentation on line and then respond as a full Council.

Councillors are concerned at the close proximity of the SSSI – Stanley and Alder Carrs and the visual impact the two turbines would have on the landscape. There also appeared to be confusion throughout the documentation relating to the height of the turbine and its hub. There was also concern regarding the proximity of residential dwellings.

Based on the information they have gained through the planning portal and from the objectors group from Gillingham, it was agreed that the Council would send a letter of objection to the application together with concern over the lack of consultation for this highly contentious application.

116. To confirm the date for the next Parish Council meetings as Wednesday, 25th March, 2015 at 7.30pm in Hales Village Hall which will also be the Annual Parish Meeting.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 25th March, 2015 at 7.30pm in Hales Village Hall which shall be both the Annual Parish Meeting and the March Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.24pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

25th March, 2015
Date.....