

Misterton with Walcote Parish Council

Minutes of proceedings at the meeting of Misterton with Walcote Parish Council held on Monday 19 May 2008 at 9.10 p.m. in Walcote Memorial Hall

Present: Councillors: S. Green (Chairman), C. Bach and P. Jackson
J. King, clerk to the Council
4 members of the public

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Watts and Gilbert

2 Declarations of interest from councillors

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved to approve the minutes of 7 April 2008.

4 Planning matters

4.1 Erection of eleven wind turbines 08/00506/FUL

The Council had received many comments from parishioners against this application and none for it. Therefore it was proposed that the Council object to the development.

Resolved to object to the application and to comment that:

The Parish Council is concerned that the development will dominate the environment and be visually intrusive. Several households within the parish will be seriously oppressed by the proximity of a wind turbine.

Many residents have concerns about the development causing excessive noise and disturbance.

The Parish Council has concerns that the Catthorpe A14/M1 junction, already an accident black spot, will be even more susceptible due to drivers being distracted by the development. Any traffic problems at this junction seriously increase the volume of traffic on the A4304 and therefore cause disturbance to residents of Walcote.

5 Playground matters

5.1 Request from Walcote on Wheels for support for skateboard project

Declarations of Interest: Councillor Green declared an interest in this item, as his wife was a member of the group, Walcote on Wheels. He declared the interest as personal but not prejudicial and remained in the meeting.

A group raising money fund-raising for a new skateboard ramp for the village requested a letter of support for the project from the Council to assist with grant applications for funding. It was agreed to write a letter of support but also to ask the group for further information and plans

5.2 Playgrounds project update

Three firms had submitted proposals for new playground equipment. It was agreed to convene a meeting of the working party to discuss the proposals.

6 Payment of Invoices

6.1 Allianz – 2008-9 Insurance renewal - £660.94

Resolved to pay the invoice.

6.2 Clerks expenses - £61.57

Resolved to pay the expenses.

7 Publications and documents received

7.1 Annual Playgrounds inspection

Resolved to ask the District Council to include the playground and Playing field in the annual inspection programme it was organizing.

7.2 Broadview wind farm proposal on land between Gilmorton & Ashby Magna. Invitation to a briefing meeting 17 June 2008

As no councillor present could attend it was agreed to ask either Councillor Watts or Gilbert to represent the parish

7.3 Eco-towns Consultation - ends 30 June

The document would be circulated

8 Any other items for notification only

8.1 Planning permissions

8.1.1 The Tavern Inn

Noted

8.1.2 7 Brook Street

Noted

8.1.3 18 Chapel Lane

Noted

8.2 Progress on recycling bins site at Walcote Memorial Hall

The Misterton with Walcote Community Trust was hoping to replace the existing lock with a code padlock. The clerk was asked to contact waste recycling department at Harborough to ask if they would be prepared to help with the cost of a barrier and hard standing to enable the recycling lorries to access the bins from the car park rather than Franks Lane.

8.3 LRALC May newsletter

Taken by PJ

8.4 LCC Community Heritage initiative

Taken by PJ

8.5 The Playing Field magazine

Taken by PJ

8.6 Local Council Review journal

Taken by CB

8.7 The Clerk magazine

Taken by SG

9 Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 24 June 2008

The chairman closed the meeting at 10.10 p.m.