

Meeting of Redbourne Council on Sunday 7 June 2020

Attendees Lynn Wainwright Penny Stevenson Tracy Eaden Judy Brown Philip Hotham Gonzalo Salvatierra

Minute taker Penny Stevenson in absence of Natasha Vick - Clerk to the council

Public Comment

No members of the public in attendance due to Covid 19

Meeting started at 10:05

20/0706/01 Apologies for absence : Natasha Vick Pauline Hawley

20/0706/02 The meeting has been called to make a decision on how to proceed with planning application PA2020/572.

Lynn gave an update on background to the comments on the planning application. It had been stated the parish council had been consulted by the applicant. Lynn advised she had been approached by the applicant on a different matter in February and the Biomass lagoon had been mentioned as an aside but no detail was given nor was it mentioned this was a consultation. Lynn advised that this statement has now been retracted by the applicant following on from her phone call and subsequent email to him on this matter.

A discussion on what constitutes a consultation followed and councillors concluded that it would not be possible to comment on the planning application without a formal presentation and consultation open to all residents. Insufficient information was available in the available planning documentation to allow conclusions to be drawn on the potential impact on the community. Residents need to be included in planning decisions of this nature and no formal presentation has been offered to allow any concerns residents may have to be explored and resolved. The clerk had written requesting an extension on providing comment to allow time to receive a formal presentation but this has been declined. Lynn highlighted a similar planning application in Appleby and Broughton took over a year before it entered the final stages of planning in order to allow residents time to be fully informed.

A request will be made to the clerk to write to the planning department expressing concerns on being unable to comment on this application. It is impossible to discern any impact to Redbourne Parish residents based on the contents of the planning documents.

In order to try and move forward in discerning the impact to residents Lynn advised she had asked the applicant if there is a similar Biomass plant. There is an opportunity to visit Nocton Biomass in the coming week. Numbers will be limited and it will not be possible to share transport due to Covid 19. A brief note will be placed on Nextdoor Redbourne (social media) linking to the full information on the Parish website.

The planning application falls within Hibaldstow Parish boundary. This may be the reason behind late notice to Redbourne? Hibaldstow Parish Council will be discussing the

application at its Parish meeting on 11th June 7pm. Penny to request Zoom link from Hibaldstow Clerk and also if the information passed to them from Merlin renewables (mentioned in their agenda) could be made available to Redbourne Parish Council.

20/0706/03 Concerns over use of Nextdoor as a platform to discuss planning applications has been highlighted again. Kyanite have been requested to spec and advise costings for a more interactive website to replace the current one. This would incorporate use of Forums to allow formal capture of residents concerns, allow subscription to a news letter and allow end user development and amendments. Wix have also been approached and have provided costings.

20/0706/04 Training for councillors. Tracy advised she felt she needed training and had been exploring what is available. Other councillors concurred they also had need for training. Tracy will follow up her initial investigations and see if an online package can be tailored to meet needs.

20/0706/05 Applications for Clerks position. Three CV's have been received. Agreed Tracy Lynn and Penny would review candidates against job spec then offer interview via Zoom possibly once decided who should be invited to interview.

20/0706/06 Use of whatsapp for informal discussions. Easier than email trail. Clerk can be included for info but any formal requests to perform actions will still use email. Present councillors agreed to be added onto Whatsapp.

Meeting concluded at 10.40