

**EAST BRIDGFORD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 3 February 2014
AT 7.30 PM IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL**

Present: -Chairman - Cllr J Turner, Cllrs P Clarke, D Atkins, P Bancroft, N Hall, N Lawrence, and D Meylan,

Also present: Mrs J Barlow (Clerk); EMF Temple (Deputy Clerk) ; R Tweed (member of public)

1. To make Declarations of Interest in any matter on the agenda

Cllr Atkins disclosed an interest in the application for planning permission re the proposed wind turbine

2. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Powell. Hunt, Strutt and Hartfield

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to bring forward Public Comment Agenda Item 5.

5. Public Comment

In public comment, one resident, who is also involved with the East Bridgford Community Energy IPS which has submitted a new planning application for a wind turbine, spoke in support of it. He explained the reasons why a new site was being proposed and how these addressed issues which had been given by the Planning Department in refusing permission for the previous application. New national consultation requirements had come into force for this process and he said that the returns from this showed a majority in support.

Another resident asked if the changes to subsidies and tariffs would adversely affect the suggested benefits to the Community from the project. It was also still a very significant structure in the Green Belt and it seemed to him that the environmental impact is as great as before. He was also worried that allowing a turbine would set a precedent. It was pointed out that the 'very special circumstances' needed for building in the Green Belt in this case include the community aspect, which no other external company could rely upon.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

The Chairman then moved to Agenda Item 3

3. To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2014 and when approved to sign them as a true record

Subject to two small corrections incorporated therein, It was proposed by Cllr Bancroft that these be approved , seconded by Cllr Lawrence and all in favour.

4. Matters arising from last minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

4.1 Painting Gates at Butt Field,

Action: Cllr Hunt to chase Bill Marshall for quote.

4.2 Riverbank and cliff top footpaths:

A number of issues about where responsibilities for maintaining footpaths lie have been resolved with Notts CC. One part of the cliff-top footpath, closed due to landslips during last summer's torrential rain, has re-opened but others in that area remain closed.

The Clerk has received a letter from Jane Baines agreeing that the trees on the unregistered land above the Marina track are the responsibility of the County Council and they will conduct a safety inspection

It was proposed by Cllr Lawrence and seconded by Cllr Hall , agreed by all, that a copy of the Council's report on the trees should be released to Jane Baines.

4.3 Langar tip site

Cllr Kay Cutts- has organised a petition to keep the Langar tip site open. . The Clerk reported that this had been passed to Cllr Cuts.

4.4 Playing Field

Purchase of additional play equipment

Cllr Bancroft reported that the work has been completed

Play Area

Action: maintenance issues have been referred to the Recreation & Amenities Committee

4.5 Snow Clearing

Notts CC has a register of local farmers who will assist with snow clearing, but there is nobody yet registered in the village.

Action: Cllr Hunt to ask Harvey Pickford if he would like to register.

4.6 Maintenance of village gullies and ditches

Action : This matter was not discussed and is to be carried forward to the March meeting.

4.7 Repair work required to finger posts (WI Hut and Butt Field)

In progress Cllrs Atkins and Clarke are to progress the repair work

4.8 Purchase of high visibility jackets

The jackets have been purchased and were handed out.

4.9 The request from the East Bridgford Horticultural Society for funding support for purchase of traffic cones and road signs –for use at the Village Show.

These have been ordered for £637.92 plus carriage of £40.

6 Chairman's Report

In the Chairman's Report, he outlined the progress being made with Severn Trent in getting them to fully investigate and resolve the problems with water and sewage drainage, particularly near Brickyard Lane and along Main Street. There is a significant repair needed close to the junction with Millgate, which will take place as soon as traffic issues are sorted out, and it appears that foul water is entering the rain water drainage system at several points. Severn Trent is considering the best way to resolve this. The Chairman will continue to monitor this process.

7. To consider and make recommendations on planning applications and receive RBC decisions

Ref 13/02447/FUL

Re East Bridgford Community Energy IPS Limited

- **Address:** Land South Of Oldhill Lane East Bridgford Nottinghamshire
- **Type of application:** Planning
- **Proposal:** Erection of a single wind turbine 60m to hub, 53m diameter blade (86.5m to blade tip); crane pad and access track for generation of electricity and connected to the National Grid. Financial profit to be used for community benefit.

By majority vote (for objection Cllrs Turner, Bancroft and Hall, for no objection Cllrs Meylan and Clarke, abstaining Cllrs Atkins and Lawrence).

The Council wished to object to this application for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development would be an intrusion into the Green Belt and may set a precedent for further installations.
2. It has concerns about environmental issues in this proposal
3. It would like to see more viable alternatives for green energy explored, which would not provoke such division and opposition within the local community.
4. It has concerns about the impact of noise.

Ref 14/00017/FUL

77A Kneeton Road East Bridgford

- **Address:** 77A Kneeton Road East Bridgford Nottinghamshire NG13 8PH
- **Type of application:** Planning
- **Proposal:** Proposed outbuilding following demolition of four sheds

It was proposed by Cllr Meylan and seconded by Cllr Clarke that be no objection, and all in favour.

Ref 14/0006/LBC
The Old Mill Kneeton Road East Bridgford

- **Address:** The Old Mill 101 Kneeton Road East Bridgford Nottinghamshire NG13 8PJ
- **Type of application:** Planning
- **Proposal:** Replacement windows to top 4 floors and provide weather protection to parapet walls in felt and lead

It was proposed by Cllr Atkins and seconded by Cllr Meylan that there be no objection but the Deputy Clerk was asked to make the following observations to the Planning Dept.

1. Roofing felt should have minimum 3 layers.
2. Detail of internal rainwater drainage to be approved prior to start of work.
- 3..Trap door access to be included for future maintenance and details approved before work begins.

All were in favour of this motion.

Fosters Close

Waterloo Housing have asked the Parish Council for their views on a proposal to offer a dwelling to someone who meets all the criteria other than being local, because there has been no local take-up.

Action; Clerk to contact Donna Dwyer at Rushcliffe BC to ask whether the property has been fully marketed in the local area. Agenda item for March meeting

Proposed by Cllr Lawrence and seconded by Cllr Atkins and all in favour.

7.2 Decisions & Notifications: See appendix (attached to these minutes)

8. Finance

To receive the Statement of Account & approve and sign the Schedule of Payments:

The Schedules of Accounts and Payments is attached as an Appendix to these minutes and had been circulated to Cllrs before the meeting .

RESOLVED: To accept the Statements of Account to 30 January 2014 , and the Schedule of Payments for February 2014. Proposed by Cllr Atkins, seconded by Cllr Clarke and all in favour.

9 To receive and approve the Budget for 2014/15 and Precept for 2014/15

The Council considered the precept for the next financial year, and, after several years of making no increase, decided to increase it by 2%

Proposed by Cllr Atkins , seconded by Cllr Clarke and a majority was in favour.

10.1 To receive recommendations from the Executive Committee with regard to capital spending 2014/2015 and risk assessment. A sum of money from reserves is being set aside in the budget for proposed capital projects, being £20,000 for improvements to Butt Field and £10,000 for improvements to Cuttle Hill

Proposed by Cllr Atkins , seconded by Cllr Clarke and all in favour.

10.2 The Executive Committee recommended that a Health and Safety professional should be appointed to complete a full risk assessment for the Parish Council.

Resolved : That the Executive Committee be authorised to make further enquiries and appoint a suitable firm or individual.

11 To discuss progress towards updating the Community Plan.

A parish meeting is to take place on 13 February

12 To receive an update on the proposed Cuttle Hill Improvement Programme

12.1 There has been a favourable response to Cllr Clarke from the Greenwood Trust about the bid for 2 replacement trees where one was recently felled. The Greenwood Partnership has made a grant for £95. It is not known at this stage whether the school will be involved in the planting ceremony.

Action Cllr Clarke was asked to enquire

12.2 Mrs A Waring of Catfoot Garden Design has done an initial survey to assess the levels. This access needs to meet regulatory standards which includes Disability Discrimination Act equal opportunities for wheelchair users, pushchairs etc. It will also need to accommodate the existing trees on the site. The Clerk has inspected Mrs Waring's insurance policy.

Action : Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting to be held in February to consider the initial findings, with a view to reporting back at the March Parish Council meeting. This may also be the subject of discussion at the Parish Meeting on 24 April in the WI Hut.

Resolved Cllr Clarke to arrange for the next stage of the proposals and for Mrs A Waring to be invited to attend the March Council Meeting. **Proposed by Cllr Clarke , seconded by Cllr Hall and all in favour.**

13 To discuss issues relating to the condition of Butt Field

Ongoing . In addition, enquiries are to be made regarding ownership of Butt Field in the light of the School's Academy status. The Head Teacher is likely to know now. It is understood that the County Council are the owners with the Parish Council having the lease.

14 To receive a report on update of the Parish Council leaflet.

Cllr Strutt was not at the meeting so the matter is carried forward

15 To receive a report on the monthly list of outstanding issues.

Date	Item	Issue
December 07	4.7	Sign board at the Toll bridge drawing showing first draft circulated - £1,104
October 08		Double yellow lines around the village ~ being reviewed
		Sports club licence – Awaiting response from Fraser Brown
		New Footpath leaflets as new network in place – Jane Baines
November 12		Rental value of Brian Crossland allotments – Revaluation of assets to the list every six years due in November 2014
August 13	27.5	Cut overhanging branches on footpath by old Post Office ready for Village show in April 2014
Nott's CC		Butt Lane outside Medical Centre 15m of guardrail +marker post
Nott's CC		Old A46 Fosseyway junction signing improvements
		Kneeton Road Interactive sign – defer indefinitely

16. To consider whether there are any consultation issues arising from the Agenda.

The Community Plan meeting on 13 February has been advertised. Consultation will also take place on the Playing Field and Cuttle Hill renovations at the Annual Parish Meeting. The possible diversion of Footpath 12 will need consultation if planned.

17 to consider whether there are any insurance issues arising from the agenda

Use of high visibility jackets on behalf of the Council will need considering as part of the risk assessment

Butt Field needs to be inspected regularly. The issues arising from the lease with Nottinghamshire County Council, in particular the responsibilities of maintaining the field, need to be resolved.

Action: Clerk and Chairman to progress as part of ongoing matters referred to Fraser Brown

18 To receive reports from Committees

Executive Committee

18.1. To discuss contracts for Casual Labour, Litter Collection and Play Area maintenance.

Resolved. Responsibility for the tendering process and award of these contracts has been delegated to the Executive Committee. Updated contracts and a tender document have been prepared.

18.2 To consider purchase of additional litter picking sticks.

This had been agreed in principle but the insurance implications are being considered by the Executive

18.3 Sports Pavilion

John Brailsford has advised that the Sports Pavilion be insured for £425,000. It is already insured for a slightly greater sum.

Action:-Cllr Turner to speak to John Brailsford about whether his valuation includes professional fees, site clearance, and loss of rent, which may explain the difference . Proposed by Cllr Atkins and seconded by Cllr Meylan and all in favour

19 To receive reports from the Clerk

Internal audit

Alan Hopwood has completed his internal audit to 31 January 2104

20 To receive matters for report

20.1. Margidunum roundabout

The flooding has been reported to NCC Highways who are aware of the problem and investigating

20.2 Post Boxes

Cllr Clarke reported that James Briggs Ltd has kindly given the Council paint for the village phone box, free of charge.

20.3 Church Clock

Gus McDonald, Church Warden has asked for a grant towards repair of the Church Clock striking mechanism. **Action** : Clerk to request latest accounts. To go on to March agenda. .

20.4 Assets of Community Value.

Action: To go on to March agenda.

20.5 Interactive "Your Speed" sign on Butt Lane

The interactive speed sign on Butt Lane has been ordered but cannot be installed until the 30mph zone is re-defined. However, Notts CC has agreed to erect a temporary sign which will stay in place until this occurs.

20.6 Hedge by the footpath on Dovecote Close

Hedge requires trimming. **Action** Cllr Hunt to check.

20.7 Cutting back hedges before the Village Show:

Planned for April 2014. To be raised at the Parish Meeting. Noted.

21. Correspondence for information only None

22 **Closure** The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

Date of next meeting: Monday, 3 March 2013 at 7.30pm

Chairman Date

RBC Decisions (received to date)

10/01962/O UT	The Crown Estate (Mr N Harper). Land East & West of Chapel Lane, Bingham. Up to 1000 residential dwellings (C3); 15.6 hectares of employment development (B1, B2 and B8); local centre comprising up to 300m sq of retail floor space (A1); primary school (D1); health centre (D1) and community centre (D2); a 1.6 hectare mixed use site (B1, B2 B8 and car parking), allotments and open space (including play areas and community park); flood management and drainage works, transport and access works, and ancillary works. Permission granted (PC objected)
13/02070/F UL	Mrs R Watkins. Erection of 12 no. new 6 metre columns to provided low profile floodlighting to three tennis courts Permission refused (PC did not object)
13/01502/F UL	Mr T Cockayne, Ash Close Farm. Agricultural storage Mr building (following demolition of existing poultry sheds). Permission granted. (PC did not object)
13/02046/T PO	Mrs Atkinson, 2 Cuttle Hill Gardens. Remove dead wood and rebalance crown. Permission granted. (PC did not object)
13/02166/F UL	Mr I Greaves, 11 Kirk Hill. Erection of single storey porch and cloakroom to front elevation. Permission granted. (PC did not object)
13/02116/F UL	M Shacklock, 24 Kneeton Road. Timber single storey garden shed. Permission granted. (PC did not object)