

Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr J Dickin

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 18 July 2013, at Cockshutt Millennium Hall starting at 7.30pm

Formal Meeting

Present:

Councillors: John Dickin (Chair), John Cooling and Canice Lawrence
Clerk: Carole Warner
Shropshire Councillor: Brian Williams
Members of the Public: One

104/13 Public Participation Period:

None

105/13 Apologies for absence:

Linda Baumgartl, Eddie Jones and Ian Morris (all accepted)

106/13 Minutes:

The minutes of the Meeting held on 20 June 2013 were read, approved and signed.

107/13 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

- a. Members were reminded that they were required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, whether or not the Interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

b. To consider any requests for Dispensations:

None

108/13 Planning:

a. Decisions Received: to note

None received

b. Applications Received: to agree response

- i. 13/01989/FUL Kenwick Lodge, Cockshutt, SY12 0JQ
Installation of a single 225kW generator wind turbine (46m high to tip) with control box and all associated works

Following discussion it was resolved to object to the application. The following response was submitted:

It was resolved to object to the application for the following reasons:

- The size of the turbine is excessive for the rural location. In addition, the proposed site is 15m higher than the village and the site's close proximity to the village will make the visual impact on the community excessive.

- There appears to be no data supplied regarding wind speeds recorded at the height of the turbine at the proposed site. Due to the size of the turbine and the issues identified above, the applicant should supply at least 3 months wind speed data to justify the size and viability of the turbine.
- The proposal does not appear to have considered the environmental issues which will impact this and other local farms which have DEFRA Stewardship agreements and sites within the Parish which are SSSI and Ramsar designated. The farms and sites attract migrating birds and this does not appear to have been considered.
- Inaccuracies and missing information in the Design and Access Statement:
 - The site (page 2) is described as 350 acres. Although the Farm (page 3) extends to approximately 350 acres the actual site is 210 acres. The remaining 140 acres is to the south of Cockshutt.
 - It was noted that the farming unit description included 'running a large arable enterprise'. It is understood the activities of the farm relate to dairy farming only and not arable.
 - The Parish Council has been informed by local residents that some photographs are not of the proposed site.
 - It states there are no footpaths on the farmstead however there are 5 footpaths on the site. There is no reference to risks associated with 'ice throw' from turbines in relation to the footpaths.
 - Access to the turbine will be needed not just for installation but for regular maintenance and repairs. No plan of the access route has been supplied.
 - Clarification of the turbine to be used as the noise assessment supplied is not for the turbine quoted in the Statement.

It was noted that turbines of similar and smaller size have already been granted permission in this and neighbouring parishes. It is known that additional wind turbine applications are at various stages of submission. The Parish Council requests that wind turbine applications are not considered in isolation and the potential of turbine clustering in the rural north should be given due consideration in the determination of applications. Otherwise the community's view that a wind farm is being created by stealth in this area of north Shropshire will become a reality.

The Parish Council also noted that planning applications for wind turbines appear to be determined without a balanced approach to the negatives as well as positives. This should be corrected.

- ii. 13/02144/FUL Avalon, Crosemere Crescent, Cockshutt, SY12 0JW
Erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling

It was resolved that there were no objections to the application

- iii. 13/02547/FUL Frankton House, English Frankton, SY12 0JX
Erection of single storey extension to rear to include balcony above and external staircase

It was resolved that there were no objections to the application

c. Shropshire Council: SAMDev Revised Preferred Options Consultation

It was agreed that the comments contained in the document reflected the Parish Council's submission.

109/13 Parish Clerk Report:

a. Gas Tank Area – The Meadows

The Clerk advised that further damage to the area had taken place and both she and the Chair had spoken to Flo Gas but had not made progress. The Clerk advised she would seek guidance from Shropshire Council's Public Protection Team.

b. Community Support Lines

The Clerk advised a resident had come forward and she was seeking guidance from Shropshire Council.

110/13 Financial Matters:

a. Balances for Information – to note

Noted and approved

b. Outstanding accounts – to approve

The following accounts were approved for payment.

C Warner	342.90
HMRC	208.00
SALC	20.00
V&W Electrics	83.13

111/13 Parish Councillor Vacancies

a. To confirm co-option procedures

It was resolved to conduct the vote for filling the 2 vacancies by secret ballot.

b. To consider co-option of Parish Councillor(s)

Three candidates were nominated for consideration: Jamie Cureton, Chris Hodnett and Andrew Shakeshaft.

Andrew Shakeshaft was co-opted to fill the first vacant position.

Chris Hodnett was co-opted to fill the second vacant position.

112/13 Parish Council's Grant Application process

It was resolved to adopt the draft Grant Policy and Application form with immediate effect.

113/13 Provision of Doctor's Surgery at Millennium Hall

The Chair advised that he and Cllr Morris, who was also representing the Millennium Hall Committee, had met with representatives of the Medical Practice. The Chair outlined the Practice's concerns regarding a satellite surgery and confirmed that it was not feasible for the surgery to continue. The Chair advised the Surgery would cease from 1 August 2013. The Clerk would investigate whether any community transport could supplement the regular bus service.

114/13 Jubilee Field

a. Feasibility Studies – input from Millennium Hall Management Committee

Cllr Cooling showed members the suggested plans from Lightmain regarding the Multi Use Games Area. The Clerk advised the representatives from the Millennium Hall would be meeting with Cllr Cooling and herself regarding a patio area.

115/13 Councillor Reports:

Cllr Cooling advised he attended the meeting to be reported under item Parish Matters.

116/13 Parish Matters:

a. Baschurch Parish Council letter 9 June and meeting 9 July 2013 – Closure of Baschurch Fire Station

Cllr Williams reported that Shropshire Councillor Stuart West had assured him that no decisions on any closures had been made and all options to reduce costs were being considered.

Cllr Cooling who attended the meeting on 9 July confirmed that was his understanding and that impact assessments on the various options were being conducted.

117/13 Highways:

a. Shropshire Council Road Safety Policy

Shropshire Council's email of 18 July regarding the installation of a Vehicle Activated Sign outside Glendower House was discussed. It was agreed the Clerk should make further enquiries regarding options.

b. Street Light on Church Green

It was agreed to allow the light to be used by the Police as part of its traffic flow monitoring programme.

c. Hedges

The Chair advised that he had received comments about some overgrown hedges in Cockshutt. He would talk to the owners in the first instance.

118/13 Consultation Documents:

a. Shropshire Council: The West and Shires Permit Scheme (WaSPS)

It was agreed that this document would be noted but no response would be submitted.

119/13 Correspondence:

The following correspondence was noted:

- a. SALC Bulletins
- b. Shropshire Council email 2 July 2013 – Pavement Permit Applications

120/13 Date of next meeting and to consider future agenda items:

The date was confirmed as Thursday 19 September 2013

The Chair, Cllr John Dickin, declared the meeting closed at 8.45m.

Signed.....

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