

TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an EGM held on Wednesday 15th July 2013 in Tockwith Church

Present: Councillors: Mr N Waller(Chair), Mrs S Pearce, Mrs J Wardman, Mr C Billenness, Mrs S Corbett(Vice-chair),Mr K Pope.

In attendance: Mrs H Algar (Clerk to the Council), 1 member of the public.

Apologies: Mrs A Wilson, Mrs L Gill , Cllr J Thompson

13/126.Apologies for absence Cllr Waller opened the meeting

RESOLVED that all apologies were accepted for Councillors absent.

13/127 Planning

13/127.1 Moorside Business Park Tockwith York North Yorkshire YO26 7QG _
Erection of wood pellet silo and flue for biomass boiler.

Cllr Pope had completed a neighbour notification on this application and reported that there were no objections to him personally from the neighbours he visited but was told that one of the neighbours who he did not visit was putting together a list of concerns on behalf of them all.

Cllr Pope also informed the Council that the site operator would not allow access to the site for the Parish Council to look at where the boiler would be.

Cllr Waller suspended standing orders and a member of the public informed the council that an email had been sent with all the concerns from the local residents to the parish council. Council discussed the points raised by one of the neighbours to the proposed development and agreed that the points raised were more than valid and that it was impossible to respond to the planning application without further information.

It was also noted however that the Council were in total support of Green Initiatives to produce energy but required more information on the specific application before making a decision.

Standing orders were resumed.

The council agreed that the Clerk should make the following response to Harrogate Borough Council with respect to the application;

RESOLVED that the Clerk inform Harrogate Borough Council's planning department of the following

- The Parish Council would require further information as there was not sufficient provided with the application. It also wished to note to HBC that the site operator would not allow access to the site to discuss any of the council's queries about the application again making it difficult to respond.
- The Parish Council have no visual impact problems with the proposed application but they do have queries about the amount of Noise that may be produced e.g. what the levels would be and how long the hours of operation would be. Council also have concerns relating to atmospheric pollution with respect to the volumes and constitution of the pellets going through the system and the monitoring of those emissions.
- Council suggest that an Environmental Impact report would be required to make a full consideration and ask that HBC extend this period and request this to be done. This is in

part due to the location of the site next to a nature reserve and close to residential properties.

- Council will also send back to HBC the list of concerns raised by one of the neighbours to the application. The concerns to be returned are as follows;
- What is the type of wood that will be used?
- Is any of it waste wood?
- If it is waste wood what types are to be burned.
- Is there an agreed specification for the wood pellets which gives the full analysis of all its constituents? If so, what is it?
- What pollution control equipment will be installed on the boiler exhaust gas outlet?
- What type of permanent emission monitoring systems will be used to on the boiler gas outlet?
- Has any type of environmental impact assessment been made on the combustion process? Is one required by law?
- What will the heat from the boiler be used for?
- Will there be any electrical power generation associated with the boiler output?
- Is the boiler being specified to meet the heat and/or power demand of the existing buildings or will it have a greater capacity?
- Are any permanent fire detection and fixed fire fighting systems to be installed on the silo and fuel handling systems?
- Will the installation meet the requirements of the DSEAR (Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmosphere Regulations)?

The chairman thanked all for attending and declared the meeting closed.