



## Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish Council

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# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR TOCKWITH WITH WILSTROP PARISH

Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7pm  
Tockwith Village Hall

**Present:** Cllr Arnold Warneken, Cllr Stuart McHenry, Cllr Alex Marsh, Cllr Simon Blake, Cllr Helen Algar, Cllr Ed Harrison.

**Apologies:** Cllr Kriston Wright.

**In attendance:** Deborah Marshall (Clerk to the Parish Council), Becky Nicholson & Tim Mallett (VHMC).

**Guests:** County Cllr Andy Paraskos, Mike Kaye (Energy Oasis).

No members of the public were in attendance.

## DRAFT MINUTES

1	<b>Minutes of the last Annual Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023</b>
	The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved by those present at the 2023 meeting.
2	<b>Community Energy Fund - Mike Kaye, Energy Oasis</b>
	Mike Kaye provided the background to his organisation and the current structure of the UK energy industry. The market is dominated by five large corporations who are mainly owned by overseas companies. Much of the energy generated in the UK is sold to these corporations and charged back to the consumer at elevated prices and costs are dependent on international markets. Mike explained the benefits of community generated green energy. These include the use of landfill sites for solar farms, the utilisation of farmland which is unsuitable for agriculture and the obvious cost benefits of using energy which has been directly sourced. Mike gave an overview of the Grimsby Community Energy Project. This is a co-operative where investors can earn up to 5% on their investment in renewal energy. Solar panels are affixed to the rooves of businesses and community/ public buildings. This provides electricity to the community at a much lower cost and any excess

	can be sold on to larger corporations. Profits can be reinvested into community projects and the project also provides local jobs. The electricity supply in rural areas is under pressure due to the demand from EV Chargers and Air Sourced Heat Pumps and many small communities are suffering frequent power outages. Locally generated energy would provide funds to improve the supply infrastructure in these areas. Wind turbines, hydro power and hydrogen generation are also additional energy sources that can be explored.
3	<b>Village Hall extension plans – Cllr Simon Blake</b>
	Cllr Blake provided a recap on the presentation held at the PC's Extra Ordinary meeting on 22 February. S106 monies of £259K are available to invest in the hall and the VHMC would like to build an extension to increase the space available for hire. The VHMC has now been out to tender and has received three quotes for the extension. A preferred supplier has now been selected for consideration by the Parish Council. Mike Kaye put forward a suggestion that solar panels be installed on the south facing roof of the hall, which would make the building net zero carbon. The VHMC confirmed they will be exploring this option through grant funding at a later stage.
4	<b>Public Questions</b>
	There were no questions from members of the public.

**Meeting closed at 19:51**