

CRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting held on 28th.February 2011 at 7.00pm, held in the Old School, Church Street, Crick.

Present; J. Richards (Chairman) D. Tolfts (Vice Chairman) J. Goodger, W. Simms, W. Fursman, Mrs G. Nisbet, Miss A. Ward, R. Lowe, P. Dunkley, Mrs M. Gibbins.

3 members of the public were present.

259. **Apologies.**

R. Atterbury (another meeting)

260. **Declaration of Interests.**

Miss A. Ward declared an interest in agenda item 4 – finances and restoration of St. Margaret's Church – she is a member of their Executive Committee.

261. **Open meeting.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He informed the meeting of the sad loss to the community, John Duffin, a former Parish Councillor and Chairman of the Parish Council, who died on Friday 25th.February 2011.

A member of the public queried an article from the Rugby Advertiser alleging that the Parish Council was unconcerned over the proposals for DIRFT III and the proposals for wind farms. The Chairman informed the meeting that the Council did agree with the comments from DDC on the Yelvertoft Wind Farm proposals. Although DDC objected to the application, the applicant was successful on appeal. Objections were made to the wind turbine at Tesco, Danes Way, Crick but planning permission was granted. The wind turbine at Tesco, by the Eddie Stobart roundabout, was in Kilsby Parish and Crick Parish Council was not consulted.

The initial proposals for DIRFT III were from the property consultants and not a planning application. Issues were raised that concerns over the single carriageway of A5 existed and the Council is due to respond after due consideration, once the planning application is received. Members agreed that a 'green wedge' should be maintained around Crick Village.

A question was asked if the proposals for a footbridge, over the canal, were still in hand. Our County Councillor had requested an update from the County Council and the subject is on the agenda for March.

262. **St. Margaret's Church – finance/cost of restoration and agreement for a donation.**

Mrs S. Milne, the Secretary of St. Margaret's Church, Crick, informed the meeting of the financial state of the church and the lack of funding from Central Government and the PCC. English Heritage had made a grant for the restoration of the church tower and four windows but a condition of the grant was a further £21,000 should be raised in the next 12 months.

Friends of St. Margaret's Church are taking fund raising on board and have requested a donation from the Parish Council. An application has also been submitted for funding from the Gazeley UK Ltd. donation. After discussion, R. Lowe proposed that the Parish Council pledge the sum of £5,000 towards the restoration project, payable in the next financial year. The proposal was seconded by J. Goodger and agreed by those members present. Mrs Milne was thanked for her presentation.

263. Planning.

DA/2011/0046 – an application for the conversion of a former cow-shed to ancillary accommodation at Greenhill Farmhouse, 7 Drayson Lane, Crick. After inspection of the plans, it was agreed that the proposal will only enhance the area and no objections were raised.

264. Gazeley UK Ltd. – community funding – overseeing panel.

Two totally independent members of the public have agreed to join the overseeing panel, Sarah Alexander, the M.D. of BPC and Mr. R. Cave. A number of names were proposed to fill the three remaining positions on the panel and members took a vote on each, together with a vote on a person for a reserve position. The Chairman agreed to write to the proposed panel members before an announcement on their appointment is made.

265. Open meeting.

NCC/DDC is to be made aware of the asbestos that has remained in the hedgerow on the Yelvertoft Road footpath.

The Clerk reported damage to streetlight no. 139 – High Street/the Paddock. The damage has been caused following an impact by a vehicle. E.on has quoted £871 to replace the streetlight. The Clerk will seek advice from the Council's Insurer before proceeding with the replacement.

J. Goodger reported that the Payback team supervisor has advised that wooden shuttering should be used to retain the new gravel on the Yelvertoft Road footpath. Members agreed that the shuttering should be purchased to complete the resurfacing of the footpath.

Potholes were reported on the Crick by-pass – (Pmn – repairs completed 4/3/11)

Volkswind UK Ltd. has submitted an 'Assessment of Environmental Noise' in respect of the proposed wind energy scheme at Watford Lodge Farm, Watford village. The Clerk will retain the report if members and members of the public wish to inspect it.

No other issues were raised; the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

Signed.

Chairman.

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