

**TRESWELL WITH COTTAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, 8.00 pm**  
**Clerk: Sara Stilliard 01427 881582 [TreswithCott@outlook.com](mailto:TreswithCott@outlook.com)**

**Present:** N Salter (in the Chair); H Cope; R Fox; F Tomlinson; J Rose; L Mockridge; A Mockridge;

**Also present:** Clerk - S Stilliard

**Parish Residents:** 3 present

**Guests:** CCllr John Ogle; DCllr Ant Coultate and 2 representatives of Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd

**Presentation from Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd**

2 members (Beth and James) of the Gate Burton organisation kindly attended the meeting to explain more about their application to build a Solar Farm in Lincolnshire (at Gate Burton near Gainsborough) which will need to be connected to the National Grid at Cottam Power Station – thus affecting the residents of Cottam particularly as corridors of cables are developed either underground or overground, linking the site with the Grid. The choices of location for the corridor and methodology will depend on the feasibility of ecology / heritage/ economics / land owner engagement etc

This project is one of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure and therefore it will be determined by the Planning Inspectorate at government level rather than by local planners. There will be a very formal and legally determined process and Gate Burton has various organisations working with it to ensure that communication and engagement with local communities is all done early and well

There is also a competing project being proposed by Island Green Power for solar farms at both West Burton and Cottam Power Stations linking to many other smaller sites. Gate Burton has only 1 development site which will require about 10 acres of the land at Cottam Power station

James explained that this project is at the early stages of the process and Treswell with Cottam PC is the first to engage with them. It will be at least a year before the full planning submission is ready and in mid-January 2022 the first round of consultation with local communities etc will start and another 6 months before the proposal is refined. In January there will be a series of in-person and virtual resident events in local venues as well as press coverage and leaflet drops to engage with the community. Parish Councils will be briefed ahead of these events and be party to all formal consultations.

The project is expected to export 500 megawatts of energy to the grid – 25% of what Cottam Power Station used to generate. Batteries form part of the plan for short term storage and release of power when needed. Battery services to the National Grid will also help to keep voltage stable. There are no current government subsidies for Solar Farms so it will be funded via a private sector multinational build project.

DCllr Coultate asked why it appears that solar farms are being centred in this area of Notts and Lincs. James replied that the driver is the availability of grid connections in the area via the decommissioned power stations or 'stranded assets'. Solar Power is an obvious option for the sites however there are other areas of the UK such as in Essex and Kent and Scunthorpe where Solar Power Farms are being considered

The Chair told Council that EDF had said that the Grid could not be connected to Solar Farms at the Cottam site. James confirmed that this is not the case.

The Chair asked about the level of disruption that the construction of corridors from Cottam to Gate Burton would cause to local communities. James said that it will not be insignificant but that 'haul' roads would be built to take the infrastructure in to the site – avoiding the need to use local single track roads.

The Chair asked how landowners would be compensated for the loss of their land – James said it would be leased and payments would typically be between £800 - £1,000 per acre depending on the viability of the land. Compensation for loss of business will not be paid but the organisation will try to mitigate loss, for example where a holiday rental property may lose business during the construction phase it could house contractors in the property who will be paying rent.

Cllr Cope asked how residents would be protected from any consequences of the construction and operation of the site at Cottam. For example proximity of housing to electromagnetic sub stations. James replied that all regulations would be

followed and the project would bring with it community benefits, amongst which is likely to be local jobs for the construction phase of the project. It makes economic sense to use both local labour and materials where possible

Cllr Rose asked if 2 organisations both end up with projects linking to the National Grid at Cottam, for example, will they work together to ensure that communities are not subjected to two lots of construction work at the same site. James said that they are liaising to try to mitigate this, although they are not completely in sync re timing but if they can work to agree one cable corridor they will

Finally James suggested that all further questions are compiled, ready to be addressed at the next visit during the consultation phase. The Chair thanked the team very much for travelling so far to be with the PC and to answer questions.

If any resident wants to look at the early plans etc please visit the following for more information  
[www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk](http://www.gateburtonenergypark.co.uk).

#### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

2 members of the public who have experienced vehicles not stopping at the cross roads from South Leverton into the village and subsequently smashing into their homes, were present and asked how the PC might be able to do to help with traffic calming measures. The Clerk had received correspondence from the residents and had forwarded this to Highways and the Police had been informed at the time of the accidents. The PC is trying to arrange a site visit between Highways and members of the PC / CCllr Ogle and possibly some residents, to determine what can be achieved to calm speeding - for example better street lighting, more speed signage or a barrier in front of the houses which are subject to damage as a result of vehicles not stopping **Action Clerk to obtain agreement and a date for this meeting**

Another resident told the PC that the flood lights at Sundown Adventure are now turned off at night but the teeth which are designed to prevent vehicles from exiting the entrance to the Park are so worn down, as a result of lorries traversing across them, that they are no longer effective **Action Clerk to write to Sundown to ask that they be re-instated**

#### **PLANNING MEETING:**

**Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Dean Bowdens which were accepted by Council

**Declarations of Interest** – none

**New Applications – to be considered by the Parish Council** - none

**Applications – awaiting decision by Bassetlaw DC / Notts CC / Planning Inspectorate –**

**Demolition of the Existing Single Storey Outbuilding Adjoining the Farm House and Erect a Single Storey Rear Extension** East End Farm Town Street Treswell Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0EN Ref. No: 21/01417/HSE | Received: Mon 13 Sep 2021 | Validated: Tue 28 Sep 2021 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

**Convert and Extend Existing Barns into 2 Dwellings, Demolish Modern Barns and Erect One Dwelling. Erect 2 Car Port Buildings** Barns At Manor Farm Town Street Treswell Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 21/01030/FUL | Received: Mon 28 Jun 2021 | Validated: Mon 05 Jul 2021 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

**Change of Use of Two Redundant Agricultural Buildings to Workshop and Paint Shop** Corner Farm Coates Road Cottam Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0HA Ref. No: 21/01100/COU | Received: Thu 08 Jul 2021 | Validated: Tue 13 Jul 2021 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

**Discharge Condition 4 on P.A 19/01014/VOC -Variation of Condition 2 and 4 on P/A 17/01239/RSB to Allow Reduced No in Units from 96 to 90, Replacement of 32 No Caravan Pitches with 32 Pods, Replace 16 Pods with 8 Twin Pods, Revised Unit Type for Approved 2 and 3 Bed Units and Amendments to Reception Block to Exclude Managers Accommodation, Toilet and Shower Block and Replace with Separate Managers Accommodation** Development At Sundown Adventureland Rampton Road Treswell Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0ED Ref. No 21/01114/COND | Received: Fri 09 Jul 2021 | Validated: Wed 14 Jul 2021 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

## Decisions – made by Bassetlaw DC / Notts CC / Planning Inspectorate –

**Erect Two Storey Extension to Dormer Bungalow** Pear Tree Cottage Town Street Treswell Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0EG Ref. No: 21/01408/HSE | Received: Wed 08 Sep 2021 | Validated: Wed 08 Sep 2021 | Status: **Granted**

**Change of Use Class(C3) Dwelling to Class (C2) Children's Care Home for a Maximum of 3 Children, where Care is Provided** Chestnut House Town Street Cottam Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0EZ Ref. No: 21/01056/COU | Received: Fri 02 Jul 2021 | Validated: Wed 21 Jul 2021 | Status: **Granted**

### **Other planning matters**

#### SWNP update – Maralyn Papworth report

After local consultation and submission to BDC, 5 draft sites have been identified following Bassetlaw Core Strategy guidance. However the Group is now awaiting the outcome of the planning application on The Manor Barns, which may mean that fewer new dwellings are needed within the plan.

The next public consultation has to be a 6 week period after which it will be submitted to BDC for adoption

#### West Burton Planning Group

There was a meeting of the group on 7<sup>th</sup> October. They have engaged a company called Integrate + who will be running a workshop in March 2022 to engage the whole community the output of which will be a 2D plan for the site, taking into consideration resident wishes. Hopefully this will then be adopted as the practical / preferred plan rather than anything that EDF puts forward. It will be harder for EDF to rebuff a well-considered plan with the support of residents.

#### Solar Farm projects

A notification has been received from the Planning Inspectorate relating to the application by Gate Burton Energy Park Ltd for development consent – see above. The PC as a consultation body has been asked for a response if they wish to make one. This has been circulated to all Councillors for comment

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**11.21.01. Apologies for Absence –** Cllr Dean Bowdens which were accepted by Council

**11.21.02 Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality -** None

**11.21.03. Chairman's remarks on the Agenda**

None

**11.21.04. Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Cllr L Mockridge pointed out that 2 names of Councillors present at the meeting were incorrect. The Clerk apologised for the error and hand changed them and will change them electronically for posting on the BDC web site **Action Clerk**  
The minutes were then signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**11.21.05. Matters arising from the minutes – non agenda items**

Hedges in Cottam which were obscuring road signs have now been cut back and the Lengthsman has done work to this section of the path as well

**11.21.06. Police report**

PC Gareth Mitchell had submitted a report but with area wide stats which are of little interest to Treswell residents.

**Action DCllr Coultate to ask him to give more specific local details**

He did say however that speeding is a hot topic re rural issues and asked that if there is a specific location which could benefit from the police attending as a deterrent to let him know

**Action Clerk to confirm specific areas with the Council and make this request - rather than the more general request on behalf of the village which has already been made**

DCllr Coultate made the point that police resources are targeted where demand is greatest so urban areas inevitably get more police attention

**11.21.07. District and County Councillors reports**

DCllr Coultate told Council that he had attended a recent Policing Forum and speeding had dominated the meeting. The police had agreed to a greater presence in rural areas where communities could identify specific hotspots (days and times) for speeding. He also said that he would invite the new Police Commissioner - Caroline Henry - to a Treswell PC meeting to talk about speeding

Poaching also came up in the Forum and can be used as a cover for the theft of farm vehicles. The police do take reports of poaching seriously and will attend if the public reports it  
EDF have agreed to a community meeting in January to talk to residents about the PowerStation's future  
DCllr Coultate was asked how many council houses are unfilled in the Bassetlaw area because it seems that some are being used to house people who work in the Sheffield regions. DCllr Coultate and CCllr Ogle both said there could be a political element to this as a way of advancing the idea of a Sheffield City Region incorporating Bassetlaw

### **11.21.08. Highways and Public Safety**

#### **11.21.08.1. Street Lights and Pot Holes**

The chevron sign at Cottam, opposite the Moth & Lantern, which has now been revealed as the hedge has been cut back, is in need of replacement **Action Clerk to request this from Highways**

#### **11.21.08.2. Speeding / HGVs in the village / traffic incidents**

The Clerk is awaiting a response from Highways re a meeting with representatives from the PC and residents to walk the village looking at the black spots to determine actions which would be appropriate and permissible to mitigate the issues. She will chase this more vigorously to try to get a meeting date agreed for early in the new Year **Action Clerk**

#### **11.21.08.3 Other issues to report – sandbags for the village?**

The Lengthsman is doing a good job of keeping the village tidy.

He cannot cut the playing field grass at Cottam however so this will need to go to tender for the New Year **Action Clerk to add to the list of budgeted items for consideration at the Extraordinary budget meeting in December**

Now that remedial flood works have been carried out in the village fields are more likely to flood than homes. However some residents may feel that availability of sandbags in the village would be a good thing. **Action Cllr A Mockridge to ask these residents for their views.**

Council agreed that the village needs 4 new grit bins **Action Clerk to order them**

### **11.21.11. Report from outside bodies**

None to report

### **11.21.12. Finance**

#### **11.21.12.1. Bank Reconciliation**

The bank reconciliation covering September and October was agreed and signed off by the Chair.

#### **11.21.12.2. Accounts for Payment.**

The following payments were approved.

S Stilliard – expenses for July – Oct	481.85
Jack Foster – lengthsman services for Oct	102.00
Trans- Sport – spare defib pads and batteries	103.08
Helen Cope – wreath for Remembrance Day	35.00
NALC – councillors training courses	67.20

**Action Clerk to make payments**

#### **11.21.12.3. Budget for PC spend / Precept for 2022/3**

The Clerk told Council that the precept for 2022/3 had to be decided at the January PC meeting and applied for in early February. This should relate to the budgeted spend for the year and therefore a budget needed to be held. **Action Clerk to prepare all relevant budget figures for Council which will be discussed at an Extraordinary PC meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Action Clerk to book the Village Hall for December 7<sup>th</sup>**

### **11.21.13. Correspondence**

There were 3 items of correspondence as follows:-

Clerk Magazine

BDC Fact Book – given to the Chair for information

A letter asking for contributions of £100 linked to planting a Blossom Tree, with the money going towards a Covid Memorial in Langold and Retford Kings Park. Council have nowhere to plant a tree so no further action required

### **11.21.14. Queen's Jubilee celebrations – June 2022**

Currently 2 venues are being considered – Treswell and Cottam but these could be combined if necessary. The PC would make a contribution – amount to be decided at the extraordinary PC budget meeting in December

A contribution to also be sought from DCllr Coultate and CCllr Ogle

**11.21.15. Village Newsletter**

The Clerk showed the PC an example of a simple newsletter which could be produced quarterly to give residents information on what the PC is doing and used to ask for resident views on proposed projects for the village for example. Discussion on the content and timing of a newsletter to be continued at the extraordinary PC meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**11.21.16 Any other business / items for next agenda**

It is not certain that the 3 defibrillators in the villages are being checked including for replacement batteries and pads which may be needed. The Chair to ask Maralyn Papworth how often she checked them and how this was done so that a rota for monthly checking can be established **Action Cllr Salter**

New items for January agenda include:-  
The PC's precept for 2022/3  
Monthly Defibrillator Checks x3  
The lengthsman – review of how working

**Dates of Meetings for 2022 - Meetings will now be held on the first Tuesday of each month with a 7 pm start**

January 4<sup>th</sup>  
March 1<sup>st</sup>  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
July 5<sup>th</sup>  
September 6<sup>th</sup>  
November 1<sup>st</sup>

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.45 pm

Sara Stilliard – Clerk, tel. 881582

**NB. Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting**

Distribution list: All Parish Councillors, CCllr J Ogle, DCllr A Coultate, PC Gareth Mitchell;  
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