

TRESWELL WITH COTTAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 3rd May, 2022, 7.30 pm
Clerk: Sara Stilliard 01427 881582 TreswithCott@outlook.com

Present: N Salter (in the Chair); F Tomlinson; L Mockridge; A Mockridge; D Bowden; R Fox

Also present: Clerk - S Stilliard

Parish Residents: 2 present

Guests: DCllr Coultate; CCllr Ogle

At the start of the meeting a team from the Gate Burton Low Carbon Energy Park organisation gave a presentation of the results from the first stage of the consultation on the project

There were 7 consultation events held – 5 in person at Treswell / North Leverton and 3 Lincolnshire based locations, and 2 online events. A total of 207 people attended and from them, the project website and other meetings with local people adjacent to the Solar site, 114 pieces of feedback were received. Some visitors to the events said that they were waiting for more detail before giving feedback, which may account for the difference between the interaction and feedback.

The most important aspects of the project were listed as follows:

- Landscape and visual impact
- Land use and agriculture
- Ecology and wildlife
- Traffic access during construction
- Noise and
- Flood risk

The underground cabling option was much preferred to overground power lines and of the 3 corridor routes there was no great preference expressed but it is likely to be the central route north of Torksey and Cottam. This route is also favoured by Green Island which company also has a solar project under consideration. There is a good relationship between the 2 organisations so it is likely that they will work together to avoid 2 lots of trenching etc

Local initiatives which could be funded as a result of the project fell into 2 categories of suggestions - those relating to ecology / wildlife / access on the Solar site itself / access to footpaths etc and initiatives which would more directly benefit residents, such as help to fund heat source pumps for homes / EV charging points / child care facilities.

Community benefits / funding could be structured in various ways such as given direct to Parish Councils to spend on behalf of residents or via Community funders which can match fund and seek applications for money for specific projects for example.

Potential issues which were raised included:-

- Loss of agricultural land and countryside at the Solar Park site
- The scale of the project
- Noise / line of site impact
- Effect on property prices
- Flood banks / flooding issues.

Whilst most residents understood the need for low carbon, clean, energy they did not want it in this location and 42% of respondents do not support the project. 30% said they were neutral and 15% wanted more information with only 13% supportive overall. All feedback is now being considered and used to revise the plans and the consultation results will be published at the statutory Consultation Stage which will be held between end June and early August

Cllr Slater asked about the timing of the project - the whole build will take between 2-3 years or it could be further phased i.e. the site developed first followed by the cabling. Since there are 3 companies with Solar projects linked to the grid at Cottam Power Station there will also be cumulative assessments done to assess the impact and ensure best practice. CCllr Ogle made the point that 40% of drainage issues are caused by utility companies damaging them and not reinstating them properly so it is important that this is carefully considered and repairs made at the time and not retrospectively.

Cllr Bowden asked about costs in relation to inflation and cost of materials etc. All costs are in a state of flux, however higher prices are likely to be offset by the higher price of electricity and the emphasis on renewable energy

The Chair thanked Beth and James from the Gate Burton organisation for coming to talk to the PC

PUBLIC FORUM:

2 Treswell residents mentioned that a number of trees have been cut down on Rectory Road in Treswell. The trees were situated on a Highways verge so are owned by Highways, which presumably had not given permission for their removal. CCllr Ogle asked that the residents write to him with as much detail as possible and supply photographs and he will report this to Highways. Copy to the Clerk please.

The Chair thanked the residents for bringing this to the attention of the PC.

They also addressed the PC in respect of retrospective planning application 22/00324/HSE. The structure referred to as a 'Timber Garden Shelter' is actually a brick built pizza oven within a garden structure and although the 8ft chimney has been removed now, the rest of the structure has not been dismantled, despite planners saying that it would be. At no time have the applicants tried to engage with their neighbours despite the structure being very close to the boundary. The residents has provided the Clerk with photographs and details and the Clerk has spoken with the planning officer who is now waiting for PC comments

PLANNING MEETING:

Apologies for Absence – Cllr H Cope which were accepted by Council

Declarations of Interest – none

New Applications – to be considered by the Parish Council -

Construct Timber Stables and an All-Weather Riding Arena, Change of Use to Equestrian The Warehouse Green Lane Treswell Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 22/00422/FUL | Received: Mon 28 Mar 2022 | Validated: Wed 30 Mar 2022 | Status: **Pending Consideration**

The PC voted to support this application **Action Clerk to report to planning**

Retain Timber Garden Shelter Rose Acre Farm Town Street Treswell Nottinghamshire DN22 0EG Ref. No: 22/00324/HSE | Received: Tue 08 Mar 2022 | Validated: Fri 11 Mar 2022 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

The garden shelter has already been constructed so this is a retrospective planning application which the PC is opposed to both in principle and in this specific case. It was built with an 8 ft chimney to accompany a Pizza oven and this was very close to the neighbouring property and as a result smoke badly affected their neighbours garden and smoke even went into their bedroom we understand. The chimney has been removed (for now) but the pizza oven is still there the PC believes, although again we understand that the applicants have been told that the facility cannot be used. In which case it should be removed

It is disappointing that the owners of Rose Acre Farm would not engage with their neighbours and have now been forced to apply to retain the structure which they call a 'timber garden shelter' which it clearly is not – largely being of brick construction. As a result the PC objects to the planning application since it is not as described and materially affects the neighbouring property **Action Clerk to report these comments to the planning officer**

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

Demolition and Site Clearance Cottam Power Station And Adjoining Land Outgang Lane Cottam Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 21/01661/DEM | Received: Mon 01 Nov 2021 | Validated: Mon 13 Dec 2021 | Status: **Pending Consideration**
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**

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

Demolish Existing Outbuildings and Rebuild for Domestic Use Using Existing Materials Rose Acre Farm Town Street Treswell Nottinghamshire DN22 0EG Ref. No: 21/01837/HSE | Received: Thu 16 Dec 2021 | Validated: Tue 04 Jan 2022 | Status: **Granted**

Other planning matters

SWNP update

Maralyn Papworth reported that final responses and documents on the Neighbourhood Plan have been circulated and a Referendum will need to be arranged now to finalise the NDP review and adopt the plan for the village

West Burton Planning Group update

Leaflets about the work of the WB Planning Group have been delivered to all residents in affected areas now. Public meetings are being held on Saturday May 14th at Sturton le Steeple Village Hall and on Sunday May 15th at South Leverton Village Hall – both events start at 10.00 am. A lot of work has been put into the project and this is the public's chance to look at what is happening behind the scenes, view the masterplan options and influence the future of this important site. West Burton is also one of the 5 sites being considered for Nuclear Fusion, although a large amount of the site will still be available for other developments

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

05.22.01. Apologies for Absence – Cllr H Cope which were accepted by Council

05.22.02 Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality - none

05.22.03. Chairman's remarks on the Agenda - None

05.22.04. Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2022

The minutes were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

05.22.05. Matters arising from the minutes – non agenda items

30 MPH signs have been put up in the village as promised following a visit from Highways - but not on Cocking Lane and a resident asked that some could be added there **Action Clerk to request more signs**

05.22.06. Police report

There is now a monthly Stakeholder report being sent to all PCs – this has been circulated to Councillors and will appear in the next newsletter **Action Cllr Cope**

The relatively new Police Commissioner has been caught breaking a 30 MPH speed limit 5 times within 12 weeks with coverage in the national press within the last few days

A letter was sent to Councillors from PC Gareth Mitchell about a Neighbourhood Alert scheme. Residents are encouraged to sign up for this to keep up to date on rural crime at <https://nottinghamshirealert.co.uk/#SignUp>

05.22.07. District and County Councillors reports

DCllr Coultate has met the new Police Inspector for the area and he seems to be interested in rural crime. DCllr Coultate suggested that residents reporting rural crime refer to **Operation Galileo** since this is the code name for rural crime. There have been a lot of Land Rovers and Range Rovers stolen in the area recently with a poor police response. DCllr Coultate said he would follow this up but rural areas are still losing police officers to Mansfield on Friday nights.

Cllr Bowden suggested that Treswell could consider a Neighbourhood Watch scheme **Action Clerk to put on Agenda for July**

DCllr Coultate has asked for the static speed camera to be sited in Treswell and Cottam and will follow this up.

The proposals for the development of Cottam Power Station have gone quiet recently and DCllr Coultate suggested that a joint meeting between Rampton PC and Treswell with Cottam PC would be beneficial **Action Clerk to contact the Clerk at Rampton to set this up if they are willing**

DCllr Coultate reiterated his lack of confidence in the leadership of Bassetlaw District Council which has just agreed a loan of £1million to a private company!

CCllr Ogle told the PC that the new town of 4,000 houses which was to have been built at Ranby has now been cancelled

A community petition relating to Rampton Crossroads was presented to Highways following a recent fatality. They initially suggested a 50 MPH speed limit but this is not considered to be sufficient and a full report is being undertaken. Highways are moving from pot hole filling to surface patching and this will hopefully improve rural road surfaces over time. It was noted that Main street in North Leverton has now been resurfaced.

Drainage issues are also being addressed with the input of a bit more money to help deal with urgent cases.

05.22.08. Lengthsman Scheme

Treswell is not currently in the grant funded scheme run by BDC since until recently the PC did not employ a lengthsman. There is a call for applications before May 31st for those PCs who wish to apply for a Lengthsman grant

Action Clerk to apply on behalf of Treswell PC

The lengthsman seems to be keeping the villages tidy **Action Cllrs Salter and Cope to review his programme for the summer months**

05.22.09. Highways and Public Safety

05.22.09.1. Street Lights and Pot Holes

Nothing to report this month

05.22.09.2. Other issues to report

None

05.22.10. Report from outside bodies

None

05.22.11. Finance

05.22.11.1. Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation covering March and April is still in production and will be agreed and signed off by the Chair as soon as possible

05.22.11.2. Accounts for Payment.

The following payments were approved.

S Stilliard – expenses for March - April	212.45
Jack Foster – lengthsman services Mch - Ap	360.00
NALC – annual subscription	92.70
Cheque to Treswell PC Unity Bank account	10,000.00

Action Clerk to make payments

05.22.11.3. A change of bank account

The Clerk has opened a Unity Trust bank account, which will allow easier Internet access and bacs payments. Normally Unity Trust would be able to arrange for the transfer of all monies and banking arrangements from the Yorkshire Bank to them. However the Yorkshire bank will not allow this and it is proving very difficult to close it. In the interim a cheque for most of the funds held by Yorkshire Bank will be transferred to Unity Trust bank to allow the account to function – see above **Action Clerk to close the Yorkshire Bank accounts as soon as possible**

05.22.11.4. Certificate of exemption for AGAR external audit

The certificate of exemption was signed by the Responsible Financial Officer (Clerk) and the Chair **Action Clerk to send to the external auditors**

05.22.11.5. Governance Statements for 2021-22

The Annual Governance Statements were agreed by Council and signed by the Chair and Clerk **Action Clerk to send to the external auditors**

05.22.12. Correspondence

There were 5 items of correspondence as follows:-

A copy of Clerk Direct magazine

Some bus timetables for the Newark area!

A resident had e-mailed Cllr L Mockridge to report a bad experience with an Alsatian dog in a garden adjacent to the churchyard - barking and growling such that she was put off visiting the churchyard. **Action Clerk to report this to the BDC dog warden and reply to the resident**

A letter from a Hedgehog charity offering Hedgehog friendly products to residents – no further action required

A letter from a resident about the field site in Cocking Lane – the PC has already informed BDC planning about all activity on the field and will continue to do so as it happens. The Clerk has already replied to the resident

05.22.13. Queen's Jubilee celebrations – June 2022

Treswell has a programme of events planned, led by their village hall committee. Cottam will join with Treswell for the celebrations. On Thursday 2nd June there will be a concert in Treswell Village – The Churchfitters – a very popular folk group to start the celebrations. A pie and pea supper is included in the ticket price of £15. Tickets from the Clerk or Cllr Cope

05.22.14. Village Newsletter

The latest village hall newsletter with details of the Jubilee celebrations has been distributed to all residents. Another PC newsletter will follow **Action Cllr Cope**

05.22.15. Defibrillator Checks

These were confirmed as done. However Maralyn has indicated that the defib at the Village Hall requires new electrode pads – the existing ones expire in July 2022 **Action Clerk to order a new set**

05.22.16. Treswell Telephone box – future use

It was suggested that it be used as a book exchange and this will be added to the agenda for July to try and take this forward with a PC volunteer **Action Clerk to add to agenda**

05.22.17. Co-opting a new Parish Councillor

Matthew Bendell, who lives in Cottam, has applied to join the PC and was unanimously co-opted by Councillors. He will take up the position from the July PC meeting **Action Clerk to inform BDC and bring forms to be signed to next PC meeting**

05.22.18 Any other business / items for next agenda

Neighbourhood Watch scheme to be added to the agenda **Action Clerk**

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

July 5th
September 6th
November 1st

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

Sara Stilliard – Clerk, tel. 881582

NB. Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

Distribution list: Parish Councillors, CCllr J Ogle, DCllr A Coultate, PC Gareth Mitchell; Notice board; BDC website & file.

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