

South Leverton Parish Council

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Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 17th July 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Memorial Institute

Present: Cllrs G Wareham – Chair; G Muir; R Loates; J Cawthorne; G Taylor
Clerk - Sara Stilliard

South Leverton Residents: None

Guests: CCllr Ogle; representative from EDF

PUBLIC FORUM –

Peter Smith – Project Development Officer - representing EDF's West Burton Power Station attended the meeting to give the Parish Council information on their proposed planning application for a gas fired plant – West Burton C. It is relatively small at 299 megawatts (vs 1,300 at West Burton B). The stack height will be much lower than existing stacks (45mts vs 80 mts) and it will use existing cabling and other infrastructure so should not affect local residents very much. It will be used as a peaking plant i.e. to cover periods of high energy demand. As such it will typically be run for short periods and could last for up to 40 years and be complementary to renewable energy sources.

It is likely to take 2-3 years to build and the earliest start date for this is late 2020. Construction plans are not finalised but large loads may be transported via river or railway rather than road. Peter said that a Community Liaison officer would be in place throughout the construction phase to ensure that traffic management plans / operational hours / other codes of conduct were being adhered to. The primary issues for residents were likely to be transport / environmental issues such as noise and emissions but commitments based on earlier consultations will offset its impact and more than compensate for its impact on the environment for example.

At peak construction there will be a maximum of 56 HGVs in and out of the plant although Council pointed out that it is often contractors vehicles which cause most issues for local villages. There will be a maximum of 200 construction staff and only 15/16 roles to operate the plant – sharing resources with the existing plants. Carly confirmed that there are no plans for West Burton A currently, although it will be decommissioned between 2021 - 2025 and if there is an overlap in the work they will have to take into consideration West Burton C's planning application

Central Government's Planning Inspectorate has accepted the application and EDF are now engaging with the community to address any concerns such as traffic management / the environment / noise / air quality etc. Full assessments have been done apropos this and reports submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. 3,000 households in the area have received letters and the application has been covered in the local and national press. The examination of the application will start in October 2019 and take up to 12 months for a decision. A 7 year planning window has been requested.

Stakeholders are now invited to make comments via the Planning Inspectorate web site <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> The first phase of the consultation closes on August 30th. **Action Clerk to register South Leverton PC as an interested party**

PLANNING MEETING

Apologies for Absence – none

Declarations of Interest – Planning Meeting. - none declared.

New applications – none

Applications awaiting decision – none

Decisions – none

Action Clerk to chase planning for a response re granting the additional bungalows when they are working within the original Core Plan which says that South Leverton is a non-sustainable village and no new houses are required.

Other planning issues

South Leverton Neighbourhood Plan

The Steering Group finally has the draft report from AECOM – their assessment of the 29 sites – of which they feel that 8 are best suited to the village.

A meeting of the Steering Group is scheduled for the 23rd July to consider a response. AECOM seems to have ignored comments from land owners; BDC; the current Neighbourhood plan and Highways in some instances and have applied theoretical housing densities for example. Although they do state that their comments are for ‘guidance only’ there should be a realistic response for residents to consider.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

07.19.01 Apologies for Absence – none

07.19.02 Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality - none at this stage

07.19.03. Report from the Chair - none

07.19.04. District and County Councillor Reports.

CCllr Ogle said that village drains are being cleared gradually by the County Council over the next 18 months but if there are any immediate problems they should be reported now **Action Clerk to report the drains in Cottam Road which need to be jetted.** Otherwise the Clerk will be informed when the work is being scheduled and can then report any specific blockages and ensure that cars are not parked over drains.

CCllr Ogle also reported that the county’s Children’s Service, particularly the cost of foster carers in Nottinghamshire, was costing much more than budgeted which was contributing to the £8 million overspend

At this point Cllr Muir left the meeting

07.19.05 Minutes of Meeting held on 13th June 2019

The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed off as a true record of the proceedings.

07.19.06 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.

None

07.19.07 The Lengthsman Scheme

Jack has done a good job in the village. Nothing to report

07.19.08. Correspondence

There was only 1 item of correspondence:-

A questionnaire asking about polling station provision **Action Clerk to complete and return**

07.19.9. Parish Paths/Rights of Way

07.19.9.1. Footpath along the Catchwater Drain

Laura Summers has contacted Network Rail about this matter now and they say they have a 20 day turnaround. So action may be forthcoming in the next months.

07.19.9.1. Old footpaths / footpaths on development sites

Being implemented – west side of the village to be done

AECOM seem to have ignored these footpaths (clearly identified by the PC) in their assessments of suitable sites for development

07.19.9.2. Issues to report

None

07.19.10. Highways/Pavements/Public Safety Issues

07.19.10.1 Street Lights & Pot Holes.

Cllr Loates thanked CCllr Ogle for his efforts on the village's behalf regarding the resurfacing of Town Street and Cottam Road.

07.19.10.2 Issues to report

A resident had reported a rat infestation to the Chair - around the bungalows facing High Street. They appear to be coming from under a shed. The Housing Association which owns the homes has declined to help and a Private Company has laid traps / caught some rats. **Action Clerk to report the issue to BDC Environmental Health**

The 30 MPH speed sign on Treswell Road has been damaged **Action Cllr Loates to send the Clerk a photograph for onward reporting to BDC**

The dyke at the top of Town Street looks in need of repair – the bank is slipping into the water.

Action Clerk to report to Highways

The Cottam Road resurfacing has been left unfinished in places near the dyke and rubbish has been dumped on the same verge – likely to slip into the dyke if left. **Action Clerk to report to Highways with photo evidence – and chase the damage to the dyke sides in this location**

07.19.11. Finance

07.19.11.1. Monthly Bank Reconciliation.

The Clerk presented the bank reconciliations to the 25th June 2019 - agreed by Council.

The following payments for June were approved for payment. **Action Clerk**

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| S Stilliard | Salary & Expenses | £316.12 |
| Holmes Groundcare | Grass cutting - churchyard | £ 73.00 |
| Jack Foster | Lengthsman | £207.63 |
| P J Cawthorne | Litter picking | £127.50 |
| Holmes Groundcare | Village grass cutting | £119.97 |
| Nth Notts CFR | Donation | £ 50.00 |
| CPRE | Annual membership | £ 36.00 |

07.19.12. Village Website

Cllr Taylor has added photographs of Councillors she has received and requested that the others be supplied, along with one of CCllr Ogle. so that residents could put a face to a name.

She has also deleted much of the out of date material and added some current items such as EDF information and information on recycling. **Action Clerk to send electronic material from EDF to Cllr Taylor to add to the website**

Cllr Taylor would like to have material to add to a village Facebook page and the website such as upcoming events etc **Action all Councillors to send any news items**

07.19.14 Village matters to report

07.19.14.1 The Churchyard

The Church has agreed to take over the strip of land in the churchyard currently owned by the PC. The Bishop will want to join the land to the main churchyard and consecrate it. The PC now awaits the Church's agreement to pay for the legal cost of the transfer of Deeds. **Action Clerk and Councillors to see if the Deeds are held by the PC**

07.19.14.2 Upcoming events in the village

Victor and Albert – a musical comedy evening has been booked for 11th October
The Craft Fair will be held as usual in November and a Burns Night event in January 2020

07.19.14.3 Village Newsletter

Cllr Taylor suggested that we should try to issue a twice yearly newsletter with contributions from both PC and resident sources **Action Clerk to put back on the agenda for September**

07.19.14.4 Defibrillator check

Cllr Jones has a replacement defibrillator should it be needed and has kindly confirmed that he is prepared to continue to make the monthly checks until such time as he leaves the village. **Clerk to put his replacement on the agenda for September**

07.19.15 Co-opting new members to the PC

The PC has received 3 resumes from potential new Councillors and is waiting for 2 more. **Action Clerk to circulate as soon as they are received**

Action PC to read and consider possible questions for each candidate for the next PC meeting

Action Clerk to invite all candidates to the September PC meeting (Wednesday 18th) after which a decision will be made on co-opting 2 new councillors

Dates of 2019 meetings to be held at 7 pm in the Memorial Institute

Please note the change of date from Monday 9th September to Wednesday 18th September

September 18th; October 16th; November 13th

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