

## Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm held at the Village Hall

Present            Cllr Andy Notman – Chairman  
                          Cllr Andrew Pendered  
                          Cllr Shirley Firth  
                          Cllr Alistair Marr  
                          Cllr Simon Brown  
                          Cllr Martin Jones  
                          CCllr Michael Haines  
                          CCllr Steve Criswell

Sarah Mizuro (Clerk)

15 public members present

		Action
27	<b>Apologies and reasons for Absence</b> – Cllr Tony Reynolds, DCllr Graham Bull	None
28	<b>Members declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda</b> – Cllr Notman and Cllr Jones – Village Hall invoice	None
29	<p><b>Public Forum</b> –. Cllr Notman welcomed the members of the public to the meeting. CCllr Criswell informed the meeting that Envar planning had been occupying most of his time with over 900 comments received. All issues raised will be considered. The expectation on the County Council regards structure of the planning application only, any emissions will be regulated by the Environment Agency and would have to meet the national standards.</p> <p>Transport is considered and Envar have stated that there will 200k tonnes of waste into the site per year which is within their existing licence 12k tonnes of this can be medical waste. Cllr Brown asked if vehicle size would be specified, ie. All over 7.5 tonnes so could not come through the village. CCllr Criswell replied that vehicle size was not specified and some LGVs could be used.</p> <p>CCllr Criswell continued regarding the Wheatsheaf traffic lights and stated that these would be going ahead with funding still in place for them. There is no confirmed date for completion. Cllr Notman thanked CCllr Criswell for his continued work on providing a solution at the crossroads.</p> <p>CCllr Haynes spoke about the improvement in vehicle speed in Pidley following the traffic calming measures with speed down to 4% from 30 – 40% previously.</p> <p>Cllr Brown stated that there has been a noticeable difference in the speed of vehicles entering the village since the 40mph buffer zones have been installed.</p> <p>The following comments and questions were made by the public members at the meeting regarding CCC/21/088/FUL ENVAR</p> <p>1. Objections have been raised on the County Council website. Commented that Pidley Parish Council had submitted a particularly good statement and asked if Woodhurst Parish Council would be using any of this information. – Cllr Notman stated that all comments on the website would be taken into account and this was</p>	

	<p>one of the reasons for a meeting not having been called sooner to allow the Parish Council time to gather and consider all information before comments were submitted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Envar have been dishonest in their application and would this be enough to reject the application. For example the consultation area is not circular and cuts out all the nearby villages. – Cllr Notman stated that this had been taken in account and would form part of the comments submitted.</li> <li>3. Concerned that Envar is advertising as green process as lorries have been seen some distance from the site. Also stated that there are other ways to generate heat and the medical waste is only being taken in for profit as there are other facilities within the county that are not up to full capacity and could be used. – Cllr Notman commented that he did not believe there is any restriction on distance that Envar can travel to. Also they have a licence to dispose of waste and are not restricted if other facilities have capacity.</li> <li>4. The planning application is very technical in places and difficult to understand. – Cllr Notman explained that the Parish Councillors were not expected to have expertise in these areas and the County Council would cover this.</li> <li>5. The application states that there will be 120 lorry movements per day, this would be a lot per year if run 5 days a week. – Cllr Notman stated that a restriction on number of vehicles would be requested.</li> <li>6. The POWI group have suggested that the site would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in the county. Cllr Notman and Cllr Jones commented that this is not the case and there are many larger site in the county.</li> <li>7. How will the furnace be run – Envar have stated that all medical waste will be transported to the site in sealed bags that will be burnt in an enclosed furnace.</li> <li>8. The definition of clinical waste was questioned – Envar have stated that no body parts will be burnt at the site however the licence obtained will be for all levels of waste.</li> <li>9. Emails received by those not attending the meeting were read out by Cllr Notman. Comments included concern regarding safety procedures in case of an accident. Fly and odour issues Unsuitable location for the number of lorry movements planned. Concern regarding steam from the chimney. Will the operation be 24/7 365 days a year. Storage of hydrogen – Cllr Notman confirmed that Envar have stated that very little will be stored on site.</li> </ol> <p>Cllr Notman explain that the heat would be used to turn the compost into gas and pellets. Cllr Brown stated that there are many other systems running that use this process as a positive thing. The issue is how the heat is generated. Cllr Notman explained how the planning application would progress with all comments from public members and Parish Councils being available on the website. Cllr Firth thanked Cllr Notman for his time and hard work in compiling the proposed response.</p>	All
30	<b>Minutes</b> – Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.	None
31	<p><b>Finance</b> – Financial Statements were agreed.  Payments to be made – Agreed Cllr Notman proposed Cllr Marr seconded  Clerk Salary £181.44  Village Hall Hire June – November 2021 £240.00  J J Garden Maintenance £352.50  The Village Hall treasurer has emailed details of an increase in hire charge to £50 per meeting from April 2022  It was agreed to renew the Liability Insurance for another year at the cost of £273.71</p>	All

32	<p><b>Planning – 21/01746/FUL Margent Farm Old Hurst Road Pidley – no objections raised</b></p> <p>CCC/21/088/FUL ENVAR – see public forum comments. The draft response document compiled by Cllr Notman was discussed and agreed - this is available on the Woodhurst Website and will be submitted to the County Council.</p>	SM  AN
33	<p><b>Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – To be carried forward and reviewed at the next meeting.</b></p>	None
34	<p><b>Health &amp; Safety / Public Right of Way –</b> Cllr Notman informed the meeting that dog waste bags were being left on Fullards Farm footpath and signs regarding this would be displayed.</p>	None
35	<p><b>.Maintenance –</b> Cllr Notman informed the meeting that the kerb at West End has been repaired. The weeds in Church lane were mentioned – Cllr Notman to report.</p>	AN
36	<p><b>Village Hall –</b> Cllr Notman gave thanks to those involved in the organisation and carrying out of the redecoration of the Village Hall.</p>	None
37	<p><b>LHI –</b> The 40mph buffer zones have now been installed. Cllr Notman informed the meeting that a speed logger would be installed in South Street to provide the data needed to make an LHI bid.</p>	AN
38	<p><b>Wheatsheaf Crossroads –</b> Covered in Public Forum.</p>	None
39	<p><b>HGV's –</b> Concern was expressed regarding the number of agricultural vehicles coming through the village, Cllr Notman explained that they were not covered by the weight restriction. Andersons transport lorries are still coming through the village and Cllr Notman agreed to write to the company asking for this to stop. CCllr Haynes commented that the Pidley loory group had been successful in lowering the number of lorries in the village, he will forward the letter they use to Cllr Notman.</p>	AN
40	<p><b>Sustainable Energy –</b> This will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	SB
41	<p><b>Correspondence –</b> An email has been received and responded to regarding the Swan Weir pond and it being mention on a local website – The Parish Council has no control of this website. A parishioner has requested permission to install a bench in the village in memory of their parents. Cllr Notman to reply.</p>	AN
42	<p><b>Items and date for next meeting –</b> LHI, Sustainable Energy, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, Envar.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Meeting Closed at 22:00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 19:30.</p>	