

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of South Killingholme Parish Council held on Friday 14th June 2024, commencing at 7pm at the Community Centre, Moat Lane, Sth. Killingholme.

Present: Chair: Cllr Evans, Vice Chair Cllr Robinson, Cllr Hull, Cllr J. Hesketh, Cllr K. Hesketh, Cllr Oldfield, Cllr F Coxon, Cllr L Coxon, Cllr Price

Clerk: Hannah Hepworth

41 members of the public

Greystoke Land: Sam Matthews and John Elliott

EA2406/1 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr White and Ward Cllr Peter Clark, Richard Hannigan and David Wells

EA2406/2 Declaration of interest

None

EA2406/3 Parish Council Standing Orders were suspended for 80 minutes to allow members of the public and press to make comments and representations

Sam Matthews commenced his presentation stating that the Data Centre was a long-term investment being the first of its kind in the UK bringing stable long-term jobs in technology and 28 jobs in the greenhouses. There has been a considerable amount of interest from local trades for the construction. A Community Chest will be set aside for local organisations to apply for funding from. A Construction Management Plan will be put in place to ensure the impact from vehicles in the construction phase is well managed. With regards to habitats, this is currently an agricultural field and sprayed annually so the habitats are minimal; half this proposed site will be wetland and the trees will screen it which will also increase wildlife. The buildings have been designed to be as low as possible.

A member of the public raised concern that Habrough had not been consulted; NELC were made aware of the planning application. Concern was raised that there had been fatalities on Habrough Road; the Construction Management Plan will ensure that traffic does not go through Habrough and that the risks are minimised.

A member of the public mentioned that it wasn't Greystoke Land building it so how would they know all this would happen? It was clarified to the member of the public that if the planning application was approved there would be planning conditions that have to be adhered to or the council have the right for the construction to be demolished.

Concern was raised about the Highways comment on the portal requesting further information at peak times. This data will be provided and considered by NLC.

A parishioner raised concern about the surface of the road; it was confirmed that this has passed a satisfaction survey for access and suitability.

A member of the public asked who the provider is; it was confirmed this cannot be revealed for commercial confidentiality.

A resident living in close proximity to the site stated this would be visible; it was confirmed it would be visible from the south-east during the construction and for some years to come.

A resident raised concern regarding plummeting house prices as a result, as seen in Hertfordshire. The detailed planning application will address the issues raised on the portal.

A resident stated it was a staggering proposal and the village had heard this all before and has been littered with false promises, continuing that the build was 3 times the size of Wembley Stadium.

Various members of the public asked why at this location and not the Humber Bank, Able Land, Airfields or EuroPark. This area has no risk of flooding; the other areas have and therefore the data centre would be uninsurable.

A resident raised the poor internet connection locally as an issue; the data centre will be connected by fibre network which will not impact on connectivity and will use a different infrastructure.

A parishioner asked about noise abatement measures; Greystoke Land are working with the Environmental Health to reduce this and there is a meeting next week with NLC to ensure the noise levels are acceptable.

Water was raised as a concern of how the rainwater will be collected from the roof and any sustainable drainage. This will come off into the ponds.

A local resident asked Greystoke Land to consider the PLACE report stating it is too late once it is built to then consider the issues.

2406/5 Proposed: Cllr Hull, Seconded: Cllr F Coxon

Resolved: The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish were agreed as a true record - unanimous

Proposed: Cllr Robinson, Seconded: Cllr Hull

Resolved: The minutes of the Parish Assembly were agreed as a true record - unanimous

Proposed: Cllr Robinson, Seconded: Cllr Price

Resolved: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting in June were agreed as a true record - unanimous

EA2406/4 Planning

PA/2024/584 – Data Centre

Proposed: Cllr J Hesketh, Seconded: Cllr Price

Resolved: That SKPC object to the application to build a Data Centre at this location – 3 in favour (Cllr K Hesketh, Cllr J Hesketh, Cllr Price), 7 against (Cllr Hull, Cllr Evans, Cllr Haigh, Cllr Robinson, Cllr F Coxon, Cllr L Coxon, Cllr Oldfield) – ***vote not carried.***

Proposed: Cllr Robinson, Seconded: Cllr Oldfield

Resolved: That SKPC support the application to build a Data Centre at this location request a ringfenced amount is allocated from the Community Chest to South Killingholme within the first year of construction, there is more mature planting from the onset and that any archaeology is preserved – 7 in favour (Cllr Hull, Cllr Evans, Cllr Haigh, Cllr Robinson, Cllr F Coxon, Cllr L Coxon, Cllr Oldfield) 3 against (Cllr K Hesketh, Cllr J Hesketh, Cllr Price), – ***vote carried***

PA/2024/347 ABP wind turbine

Proposed: Cllr Haigh, Seconded: Cllr Robinson

Resolved: That SKPC support the application with the condition of the wind turbine being 125m and not 150m – 8 in favour (Cllr Hull, Cllr Evans, Cllr Haigh, Cllr Robinson, Cllr F Coxon, Cllr L Coxon, Cllr Oldfield, Cllr Price), 2 against (Cllr K Hesketh, Cllr J Hesketh)

EA2406/5 Financial matters

- i) The internal audit was received and noted
- ii) The statements for the AGAR were agreed

EA2406/6 Agenda items for the next meeting include the SAFE, money alleged to have been stolen from playgroup, bookings, audit actions

EA2406/7 Date and time of next meeting

1st July 2024 6.30pm

Meeting close: 8.30pm