

Minutes of a meeting of Spreyton Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 19th November 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Present: D Hawking (Vice Chairman), W Porritt, E Collins, J Talbot and C Wootton (Clerk). Also P Ridgers (WDBC), Mike Hulme and 7 members of the public.

1 Apologies: K Whitaker, E Osborn-Hodge (holiday) and R Henderson.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2014

2.1 Having been previously circulated the minutes were approved and signed.

3 Matters arising: None.

4 Interests in Agenda items/dispensations: None.

5 Highways and footpaths: There were no matters to raise under this item.

6 The Old Chapel vehicular access across the Village Green

6.1 The Valuation Office have undertaken a valuation and have put a value of £10,000 on the grant of the access. This has been communicated to Mr Clark.

7 Den Brook Wind Farm Judicial Review

7.1 Mike Hulme addressed the meeting. The High Court in Bristol ruled that WDBC acted legally in accepting a formula devised for measuring noise generated as the blades rotate through varying wind speeds, so called "wind shear". The Court only considered the Council's procedures for discharging a condition imposed by the Planning Inspectorate which required RES to show how it would measure, not the scheme itself.

7.2 Mike Hulme will meet with Cllr Ridgers concerning WDBC's decision.

7.3 RES put forward the discount scheme for electricity bills to householders living close to the proposed turbines without any consultation with interested bodies.

8 North Beer wind turbine re-siting update.

8.1 WDBC requires an Environmental Statement under EIA Regulations.

9 Planning matters:

9.1 Mr & Mrs J Hockaday and their Architect gave a presentation to the meeting of their proposals to develop The Barton site. The proposals will be to make internal and external alterations to the farmhouse including the addition of a porch to the south elevation, new internal partitions, replacement roofing and addition of dormer window and roof light. Also conversion and alterations to three curtilage barns. It is also proposed to demolish two modern agricultural buildings and erect 4 detached and 2 semi-detached dwellings.

Extension and alteration to existing barns and change of use to form 2 further dwellings.

New vehicular access, parking and garages for new dwellings together with associated landscaping. There would be 8 new dwellings in all. It was felt this would much improve the appearance of the site. The occupants of most of the properties in the vicinity of The Barton were present at the meeting.

10 Accounts to pay: None.

Cheques drawn: None.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.