

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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### **Minutes of a Meeting of Lanlivery Parish Council held in Lanlivery Church on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 6.30pm**

#### **12/167 Present**

Cllrs Roberts, Bonney, Christophers, Haley, Hughes, Richards and Turner

#### **In attendance**

Sally Vincent, Parish Clerk

Cornwall Cllr Bain

48 members of the public

#### **12/168 Apologies**

PCSO Natalie Phillips

#### **12/169 Declaration of Interests**

- i. Pecuniary – None
- ii. Non Registerable – Cllr Richards declared a non registerable interest in PA13/01996 and PA13/01282 as he was a near neighbour.
- iii. Dispensations - None

#### **12/170 Public Questions**

The Parish Clerk read a letter from Mr & Mrs Littleton in support of their application for wind turbines at Sweetshouse and Chark.

**Elvina Grace** spoke in great detail against the proposals for the two wind turbines and noted, *inter alia*, that the data shown in acoustic noise assessments was grossly misleading, that wind turbines can cause sleep deprivation and other physical illnesses, that there was insufficient infrastructure in place in Cornwall to cope with more green energy entering the grid, that there was a bill currently going through parliament which, if made law, would prevent turbines being built within 1 ½ kilometres of a domestic dwelling.

**Susie Lewis** spoke against the proposals and pointed out that there were several mistakes in the noise assessment relating to the Sweetshouse turbine. It had also been claimed that the turbine would not be visible from the adjacent houses and neither would the flicker be a problem but this was completely incorrect.

**Tony Bignall** stated that, contrary to the Littleton's claims, the Sweetshouse turbine would be a considerable hazard to road safety. Wind turbines were only 24% efficient; this was the wrong machinery in the wrong place.

**Nicky Cook** endorsed the comments previously made and stated that there were significant errors in the application, particularly in the visual forecasts

**Peter Miller** stated that it was inevitable that the tourism industry in Cornwall would be affected eventually by a proliferation of wind turbines and solar farms being installed in the county.

**Giles Clotworthy** reported that he had previously represented the parish council at a Cornwall Council planning meeting when a turbine application at Trevenning Farm had been considered. However, he felt he had wasted his breath as his objections had not been listened to by the Cornwall Councillors, which had been a deeply depressing experience. He considered that Cornwall Council must be asked to defer any decisions on further wind turbine development until the new Core Strategy had been adopted.

**Sarah Marsh** was very concerned that unless society did something about carbon emissions and global warming then the next generation would suffer. Although she didn't support the erection of huge turbines she considered that some sacrifices would have to be made.

**Clive Littleton** defended his application and stated that he was speaking as an impassioned Cornishman and not as a landowner. A few years previously he had tried to install a turbine at Chark but this had proved to be untenable. However, following the solar farm application at Rew Farm, Sweetshouse he had considered that wind turbines would fit well with the area becoming a centre for renewables, which was why he had made the applications. He considered that Cornwall was uniquely positioned to provide renewable energy; the government had promised a lot of money which Cornwall should take advantage of.

A gentleman from Redmoor stated that he had a small turbine but was not in favour of these applications for giant turbines.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their contributions and asked for a show of hands on both applications.

Nobody in the room supported the application; 38 voted to object, 10 abstained.

Robert Hemmings stated that he could be put out of business because Cornwall Council had consistently failed to repair the road to his farm. Cllr Hughes wholeheartedly endorsed this and stated that the road was in a terrible state.

Concerns were raised about the state of Higher Pennant Farm; containers, caravans, static caravans, a new barn, lorry bodies, waste material etc. etc. were now on site, which were a terrible eyesore and made the property look like a scrapyard. Mr Batchelor stated that the presence of the miscellaneous rubbish was a pollution hazard and his wife tabled some photographs illustrating the extent of the development. The Clerk confirmed that she had received several letters from concerned residents and had reported the issue to planning enforcement. Residents stated that they hoped that the site would be looked at as a whole and not piecemeal, given that previous enforcement investigations had inexplicably failed.

#### **12/171 Minutes of meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

Proposed by Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Christophers and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

#### **12/172 Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda – for report only**

The renovation of the bus shelter at Sweetshouse was complete apart from the decoration, which would be done as soon as the weather improved. Cllr Richards wished to record his thanks to all the people who had helped with the project.

The new seat for Lanlivery village would shortly be installed by Ed Veerman.

### **12/173 Correspondence – for information only**

The correspondence file was left 'on the table' for Cllrs attention.

It was noted that a further 11 letters of objection to the proposed wind turbine on ground to the south east of Pullington Farm, Sweetshouse and 48 letters of objection to the proposed wind turbine at Chark Farm had been received. A letter explaining the reasoning behind the applications had also been received from the applicants, which had been read aloud earlier in the meeting by the Parish Clerk.

Letters of objection had also been received about the ongoing development at Higher Pennant Farm.

Cllr Christophers noted that Gilbert Rawlings was on the electoral register as living in the parish.

### **12/174 Accounts for Approval**

It was proposed by Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that accounts to the value of £885.60 be approved

Adoption of the Annual Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. It was proposed by Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Haley and RESOLVED that the annual accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 be adopted.

Adoption of the Statement of Assurance to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. It was proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Bonney and RESOLVED that the Statement of Assurance to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 be adopted.

### **12/175 Planning**

1. PA13/01996. Full planning permission for an Endurance E3120 wind turbine. Land near Sweetshouse. It was proposed by Cllr Christophers, seconded Cllr Turner and RESOLVED that a recommendation of objection be submitted to Cornwall Council. *Reasons:* 1. The data shown in acoustic noise assessments is grossly misleading and only predictive and not actual in respect of local windspeeds 2. There is insufficient infrastructure in place in Cornwall to cope with more green energy entering the grid 3. There is a bill currently going through parliament which, if made law, will prevent turbines being built within 1 ½ kilometres of a domestic dwelling. 4. Contrary to what is claimed by the applicant, the turbine will be clearly visible from the adjacent houses, and the homes will also be affected by flicker. 5. The turbine will have a detrimental effect on nearby Lanhydrock House and Restormel Castle. Cllr Hughes abstained from voting

2. PA13/02179. Application for a new planning permission to replace an extant planning permission in order to extend time limit for implementation re: C2/10/00939 – extension/alteration to the existing cottage. Valley View. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Haley and RESOLVED that a recommendation of no objection be submitted to Cornwall Council.

3. PA13/01282. Construction of one 49m (hub) high, 78m (tip) high wind turbine to include ancillary development and provision of new vehicular access. Chark Farm, Redmoor. It was proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Christophers and RESOLVED that a recommendation of objection be submitted to Cornwall Council. *Reasons:* 1. The data shown in acoustic noise assessments is grossly misleading and only predictive and not actual in respect

of local windspeeds 2. There is insufficient infrastructure in place in Cornwall to cope with more green energy entering the grid 3. There is a bill currently going through parliament which, if made law, will prevent turbines being built within 1 ½ kilometres of a domestic dwelling. 4. A massive turbine some 253 feet high and 600 feet above sea level at this unspoilt rural location will have a detrimental effect on wildlife and the nearby Redmoor Nature Reserve and the historic Lanlivery Church. 5. There will be an unacceptable impact on both Curlew and Roundhouse Barn (Rew Farm) as the turbine will be in direct line of sight from both the houses and gardens with no mitigation from trees or other natural screening as is claimed in the Landscape and Visual Assessment Report submitted by the applicants.  
Cllr Hughes abstained from voting.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Annual Meeting of the Council