

# WILBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of an extraordinary Parish Council meeting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013 at 7.30pm in St Peters Hall**

**Present:** Councillors Newman, Dodson, Yarrow, Fella, Warren, Kirk and Forsyth. 5 members of the public

### **010813 Apologies, Acceptance of apologies and Declarations of Interests**

Apologies were received from Councillor Furness. Councillor Hennessy and the Clerk

Councillor Dodson declared an interest in the planning application for the extension of the Solar Panel farm due to her brother-in-law owning land next to it.

Councillor Warren declared an interest in the planning application for the extension of the Solar Panel farm due to his second cousin owning land next to it.

Councillor Yarrow declared an interest in the planning application for the extension of the Solar Panel farm as he is a Farmer.

None of the declarations related to a pecuniary interest therefore each Councillor could participate in the discussion and the vote.

### **020813 Public Participation – to accept questions and comments from members of the public and councillors with a prejudicial interest.**

Ms R Meller of Your Shout reported that 1000 copies of information has been sent out to residents in the village and they had only had five responses three of which were positive and two negative.

Mr Akrill of Town Planning Services answered questions from the councillors regarding the planning application.

**Members of the public were asked to leave the meeting prior to the discussion regarding the planning applications**

### **030813 Planning**

### **Extension to the Solar Panel farm**

There was a discussion about the positioning of the extension in that some councillors felt it would be better on the north of the existing site rather than the south, however the counter argument was raised about the proximity to the village. The issue of the grade of land was discussed and use of good quality land which formed part of the extension.

Vote: 5 in favour of the proposal and 2 against.

Councillor Warren wished his opposition to be recorded  
Councillors Forsyth, Kirk, Newman and Dodson wished their approval to be recorded

### **Variation or removal of condition 2 (time limit on siting of mobile home) – Everitt Fruit Farm Station Road**

There was a discussion about the work that had already gone been done on this site and it was agreed that this condition should be removed.

Vote: Proposed Councillor Dodson, seconded Councillor Warren. All in favour

### **Approval received and noted**

Two extensions to existing garage and retrospective shed at side of 2 The Firs Wilburton  
Conversion of existing barns into 2 x 4 bedroom houses with 2 car sheds at Old Australia Farm, Twenty Pence Road Wilburton

**Appealed:** Refusal to fell Oak tree at 19 Broadway

**Queried:** Erection of large building next to Pony Lodge, Grunty Fen Road

This building had been reported to the Parish Council previously and Councillor Furness was going to speak to the owner. It would appear that the building had now become a dwelling .

It was agreed that following a discussion with Councillor Furness, East Cambs Council should be written to, asking them to visit the site.

Vote: Proposed Councillor Fella, seconded Councillor Warren. All in favour.

### **040813 Finance**

Following cheques were approved:

Maintenance of allotments	£75.25	
Grass cutting recreation field and Berristead Close		£463.44
Water rates – Cemetery	£9.48	

Water rates – Pavilion      £155.14

Vote: Proposed Councillor Dodson, seconded Councillor Warren. All in favour.

**050813      Any Other Business**

Councillor Warren expressed his concern about the presentation that was done at the beginning of the meeting which had not been notified to the Councillors in advance.

It was felt that it was something that needed to be allowed to happen during the public participation part of the meeting to ensure fairness and openness.

**Next meeting:      9 September 2013**