

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF POTTO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2011 AT 7.15 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Councillor Mr A Wilde (Chairman) Councillors; Mr G Woodhouse, Mr I Macpherson and Mrs E Griffin

District Councillor: Mrs B Fortune

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Mr T Swales and Councillor Mrs A Carvell.

Meeting open to the Public

2 members of public were present; Mr & Mrs Thompson who wished to discuss planning application 11/02578/FUL for solar panels and a wind turbine at Lane House, Butcher Lane. Mr Thompson outlined the application and stated that he had canvassed neighbours on the application and did not receive any negative comments. The Chairman said that further discussions would be held during the council meeting under planning applications.

Meeting closed to the public 7.30pm

The minutes of last month's meeting had been circulated and were signed by the Chairman after being agreed as a correct record.

Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch

The monthly statistics for the Safer Neighbourhoods Team had been distributed by Email. All crimes are down on last years statistics.

Councillor Woodhouse had nothing significant to report regarding the Neighbourhood Watch.

Planning Decisions of Hambleton District Council

No Decisions.

Planning Applications

- a. Planning application 11/02223/FUL has been withdrawn.
- b. Planning application 11/02578/FUL Wind Turbine & Solar panels Butcher Lane.

Mr and Mrs Thompson have applied for permission to have 16 ground level solar panels and a wind turbine with a 9 meter mast installed at Lane House, Butcher Lane. It was noted that the proposed site is well away from other properties. Mr Thompson stated that the turbine will produce minimal noise, and will be silent at a distance of 100 meters.

Councillor E Griffin declared an interest, as she lives close to their property.

Cllr Woodhouse stated that he had been contacted by some residents regarding the application and that there were some questions regarding the application. Mr Thompson said that the immediate neighbours have been and contacted, and had no objections, and that their close neighbours across the road are very happy for project.

There were some questions regarding the height of the wind turbine, Mr Thompson stated that they had included some representative pictures to show the view of the wind turbine from neighbouring properties.

A motion to approve the application was approved by 3-1.

Matters Arising from last month's meeting

- a. Unsurfaced portion of Cooper Lane
 - a. Letters sent to Jane Charlton at the Highways department – they have stated that will respond within 20 days.
 - b. Letter sent to NALC – they have stated that they will respond within 21 days.
- b. Grant application for footpath signs was rejected.

Further discussion on this point suggested that the district council is statutorily obligated to replace broken or missing way markers. Cllr Woodhouse will put some words together and the Clerk will send out to Ian Burgess. To find out what we need to do to get them replaced i.e. do we need photos/map references etc?
- c. Computer equipment for Clerk. Councillor G Woodhouse has secured a laptop for £25. A printer still needs to be purchased, it was suggested that a Kodak is the most financially suitable in terms of cost per sheet printed.
- d. A new salt bin has been purchased for the corner of Cooper Lane at the bottom of the village. Hopefully it will be in place before Christmas.

No salt has been delivered to the existing salt bins in the village yet, it is meant to be done in November. Cllr Wilde will contact highways to chase up.

Finance

- a. Current & Previous Clerks salary is being processed and will hopefully be rectified shortly.
- b. Parish Council Elections, There is a £100 fee to be paid even if there is no election. We were aware we had to pay a fee if we did hold an election, however not one if there was not. This charge has not been budgeted for. No one on the parish council was aware of this requirement, Cllr Wilde will query this fee.
- c. Current Account Mandate, we require another signatory on the account. Cllr Griffin agreed to do this. Mandate forms will be passed for her to complete.
- d. Councillor A Wilde handed out draft budget for 2012. Councillors to look at and will discuss further at January's meeting. We will also discuss jubilee and grass cutting in January's budget meeting.
- e. Current finances;

£2,779.80 in Community Account.

£1700.65 in Business Account.

Reports from County and District Councils.

Nothing to report

Potto Village Hall

The Village hall meeting was last Monday, They had a representative from Eco Energy there to discuss solar panels on Village Hall. The proposed scheme is for a total of 40 solar panels on the south facing half of the village hall roof, which will produce up to 10kw of energy. The proposed scheme is likely to be in two parts;

Part 1, is for One North East to install free of charge a system which includes an electric car charging point at the village hall.

Part w, would cover direct generation for the village hall and supply to the national grid.

There will be a Village Hall dinner party to 'christen' the new kitchen on 14th January. There has also been a new oil tank installed at the Village Hall. It has taken a long time to be installed, as there are lots of tight regulations regarding it being a public building and having the nursery based there.

A Christmas tree has been installed in the village church yard, it has kindly been donated again by Prestons of Potto. Members thanked them for the donation.

Correspondence

- a. Register of Electors; we need to contact Diane Henry. She will let us know if we are able to hold a copy.

The Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.