

Carlton Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Carlton Parish Council on Tuesday 4th October 2022 held at 7pm at Carlton Methodist Church.

Present: Cllrs Bell, Clayton, Deller, Land, Lowes, Mann, Quinn, and Taylor.

In attendance: Mrs H Phillips – clerk and five members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

None were received.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

3. Proposed Planning Application for development of a ground mounted solar farm and associated infrastructure at land south of A645, Wade House Lane, Drax. Ref: 2022/1005/SCP (see link below) <https://public.selby.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RH2BHYNX0EX00&activeTab=summary>

- 3.1 The council received a presentation on the above proposed planning application by Mr Philip Elborne, the representative of P3P Partners, Ms Lesley Giles, of Island Green Power and a representative of Landpro Ltd.
A summary of the presentation is as follows:-

- The EIA scoping and screening assessment process has been completed. Public Rights of Ways have been assessed and will be moved if required on a temporary basis.
- The project is over a 7 hectare site which will have a 25m walkway surrounding it. The intention is to plant numerous trees, hedges, meadow, and wildflower areas, and enhance the area for public wellbeing and exercise. The ground within the solar farm will be grassed so possible for sheep grazing.
- The application will be put forward circa November 2022, expecting one year before being given the decision, with two years before the project would commence; Summer 2024 to install and 2025 to set to work.
- The solar units follow the sun and have a very low noise when in motion. There have been glint & glare tests completed showing negligible issue.
- If the solar units become damaged they will be repaired/ replaced in a program of works and there is no leakage or environmental risk.
- The site has a 'shelf-life' of 40 years and must be restored to its pre-installation status by the company.

A full public consultation is to be held in November 2022, at Camblesforth Hall, date to be confirmed, flyers and notifications will be posted.

- 3.2 The representatives received the following questions from Councillors.

i) Regarding the point of access to the site.

The company intends to enhance existing tracks and roadways for the duration of the installation and future works access. This is a requirement from SDC for sufficient and suitable access and egress.

ii) What is the quality of the agricultural land at the site.

50% of the proposal area is Grade 3 which is the lowest grade of land; why it was chosen.

iii) Regarding the Battery Stations.

These gather power at time of peak grid usage which is fed into the grid for national usage. The units are the size of a small shipping container.

3.3 The representatives received comments/ questions from members of the public.

i) What is the timescale, start to completion.

A maximum of 6 months; the cable link to the grid being the most complicated process.

ii) Does the site make the area industrial instead of agricultural.

Once the term is completed the land returns to agricultural.

iii) Are you removing trees when processing the land.

No trees will be removed.

iv) As with other local parish councils will there be funds available to assist in local community projects.

If there is a specific project that the council has in mind then assistance could be given.

4. The council considered the proposed outline planning application 2022/0738/OUTM, development at land north of Carlton Holy Family High School, Station Road, Carlton. (see link below)

[2022/0738/OUTM | Outline planning application for the erection of up to 190 dwellings \(Use Class C3\) formal and informal open space, landscaping, works and means of access \(all other matters reserved\) | Land North Of Holy Family School Station Road Carlton Goole East Yorkshire \(selby.gov.uk\)](https://selby.gov.uk/2022/0738/OUTM)

4.1 No representative from NYCC Development Manager regarding the access and egress of the site for the proposed development.

A discussion was held and as the application has been amended it was felt that more consideration is required.

Resolved: That

- i) the councillors review the amended application and review at the meeting on 25th October 2022; and**
- ii) the clerk to pursue a site visit with the NYCC Development Manager be approved.**

5. The council considered the Selby District Council 'Local Plan' within the Pre-Submission Publication deadline of 5pm on 28th October 2022.(see link below)

<https://selby-consult.objective.co.uk/kse/>

A discussion was held, and it was felt that more consideration was required.

Resolved: That the councillors review the SDC Local Plan to discuss at the meeting on 25th October be approved.

6. Date of Future Meetings

- 6.1 Finance Committee: 11th October 2022 at 7.30pm.
- 6.2 Allotment Working Group: 12th October at 7pm.
- 6.3 Cemetery Working Group: 20th October at 7.30pm.
- 6.4 Staffing & Recruitment Committee: 25th October 2022 at 7pm.
- 6.5 Parish Council: 25th October 2022 at 7.30pm.