

Carlton Parish Council

Minutes for the Extraordinary Meeting of Carlton Parish Council on Tuesday 28th March 2023 to commence at 6.45pm at Carlton Methodist Church, School Room.

Present: Cllr's Lowes, Barker, Clayton, Deller, Holmes, Kibble, Quinn, and Taylor

Attending: H Phillips (Clerk) and six members of the public.

7. Apologies for Absence

The council received apologies and reason for absence from cllr Land.

Resolved: That the apology and reason for absence from cllr Land be accepted and approved.

8. Declarations of Interest

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

9. 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>

9.1 The council considered the above planning application in view of requirement to make comment to the planning authority.

A discussion was held, and using the Planning Material Considerations provided to the council each listing was deliberated in respect to the application to consider each respective response.

A number of questions were raised and were unanswered, therefore the council require further information from the applicant to enable a fair and considered reply and/ or observational response to the district planning consultation letter.

In summary the queried and items with concerns raised are: -

- Highway Safety.
- Layout and density of Building.
- Design, Appearance and Materials.
- Government Policy.
- Disabled Persons' Access (to nature paths)
- Nature Conservation.

A vote was held, and the majority cllr vote was to inform the district planning department of the council's objections and observations to the application.

Resolved: That

- i. **the clerk to contact the planning applicant to have clarification to the unanswered questions on the points above; and**

- ii. **the clerk compile a letter to the district planning department noting the key points of objection/ observation, ensuring that the correspondence is issued before the deadline to comment of 9th April 2023.**

9.2 The council received comment from members of the public (max.10 mins) relating to the application.

A number of members of the public made comment, a summary of their concerns is noted below: -

- Effects on the environment.
- Effects on wildlife, i.e., habitat and safety.
- Loss of home grown food production.
- The validity and possibility of returning the allocated land to its present and original state.
- Noise pollution.

Opposing public comment to the above concerns was received noting that the applicant would not receive government subsidies for/ from this project, and also that the project is 'green' energy and as would aid the progressing national energy crisis.

The chair thanked the members of public for their participation in the meeting and for attending.

10. Date of Future Meetings

10.1 Parish Council: 28th March at 7.30pm, or on closure of the Extraordinary meeting.

10.2 Finance Committee: 11th April 2023 at 7.30pm.