

BLYTHBURGH with BULCAMP & HINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd April 2024 in the Village Hall

Attendees

2023: **129 From the Council** Cllrs Orr Ewing (Chair), Cllr Lacey, Cllr Blois,
Cllr Smith (SCC), Cllr Ashton (ESC), Andy Rutter (Planning Officer SCC)

2023: **130 From the Public** 30

2023: **131 Apologies** Cllrs Lyth, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Strachen

2023: **132 Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Blois - Planning at Hinton.

2023: **133 Payment for End of Year Returns-** Agreed

2023: **134 Planning-** Application DC/24/1250/FUL- Marsh End. No objections received, recommend approval.

2023: **135 Planning-** Application SCC/0102/23SC. Mr Barker from Evolution Town Planning Ltd outlined the proposed scheme for a small waste to energy incinerator at Poplar Farm, Hinton. It would burn 10 tonnes of waste a day in existing farm buildings. This would require 14 vehicles a week and they would create two passing spaces on the Haw Wood Road. The plant would operate 24hrs a day but within strict guidelines on Air and Noise quality and the scheme would deliver a Biodiversity Net Gain. It would employ 6 people.

Comments Mr Barker and Andy Rutter then took questions from the public, concerns were raised about: -

1. Noise levels, these would be >10dbAs above background 24hrs a day.
2. Air quality,
3. Smell generated.
4. The quality of the reports within this submission,
5. The impact on existing businesses, which is primarily tourism.
6. The value of property adjacent to the site,
7. The increase in traffic and the measures proposed to improve this,
8. The sustainability of the feedstock and its nature and the remoteness of the site from the proposed sources,
9. Where the output waste would be disposed of.
10. Who has oversight of the monitoring when in operation,
11. The economics of the enterprise and whether any expansion would be planned if successful.
12. The wasted heat produced and whether any other use for it was planned.
13. Time allowed for consultation period, only a few weeks and over a holiday period.
14. Security of the site as drugs could be in the medical waste.
15. Fire risk, fire spreads quickly over cropped fields-low water availability at site.

The questions were answered in turn and Mr Barker attempted to reassure residents that the plant would comply with regulations and pose no harm. He also assured residents that no further development at the site was planned and the heat produced was just a byproduct. He confirmed that no contracts with Hospitals were in place at present and that they had not yet been approached. He felt the site was suitable as it was equidistance from Ipswich, Norwich and Gt Yarmouth Hospitals. He didn't know where the output waste would be sent. Mr Rutter explained that an extension to the consultation period would be granted and that he just needed to be contacted with an alternative date. At the close of the questions Cllr Smith addressed the room and informed people how to lodge a comment on the application through the County Council website and that anyone could do so, and it was important to do so using valid planning points. Due to the level of objections already received it will be going to committee for a decision and that public representation can be made. There is a 3min time limit on each topic and they will not allow too many people to speak. Mr Smith says he can also make a representation and he will have 5 mins.

Due to only three Parish Councilors being present and one having declared an interest in the application it was decided to defer making a decision until the other councilors could also vote.

2023 **136 Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 13th May 2024. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting.

Meeting Closed 20:54

These minutes are confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings of the meeting Monday 25 March 2024

Signed (Chair) _____ Dated

