

The Minutes of an Extraordinary Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Parish Council Meeting, held at
Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall on Thursday 18th November 2021 at 7.45pm.

Present-Cllrs. D Kentish, B Odell, James Shorrock, Paul Morriss Clerk-Mrs R H Trollope-Bellew, C.Cllr A Baxter.

Public: 22 members present

AGENDA

036/21 Chairman's remarks – Cllr Kentish opened the meeting by informing those present that this meeting had been called to discuss the consultation in relation to the proposed Mallard Pass Solar Farm which affects a number of parishes in both South Lincolnshire and Rutland.

037/21 Apologies for absence & reasons given- D.Cllr Barry Dobson, Cllr Susan Burgoin & Kathleen Knipe – accepted.

038/21 To receive disclosures – *(NOTE-Cllrs are reminded that there is no need to declare an interest if it has already been recorded on the register of disclosable pecuniary interests in accordance with the DPI Regulations 2012)* None.

039/21 Chairman suspended Standing Orders, with agreement of Councillors, to allow residents to review the proposal, debating the main issues and implications, positive and negative.

It was reported that the application would cover just under 2175 acres (equating to over 1400 football pitches). As this is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) the process is different and the decision will be taken by the Secretary of State for BEIS, based on recommendations from the Planning Inspectorate (not at local level by the District or County Councils).

Concerns were raised on:

- Wildlife and biodiversity
- Flood risks
- Loss of productive agricultural land
- Visual blight of the surrounding countryside

Plus more issues which require further information and analysis.

Public Consultation events

This week there are public **consultation exhibition events** Please go along to obtain further information and ask questions. Go to <https://www.mallardpasssolar.co.uk/have-your-say> to register your time slot.

- Tuesday 23rd November, 2-6pm, Ryhall Village Hall
- Wednesday 24th November, 10am-3pm, Stamford Town Hall
- Thursday 25th November, 2-8pm, Essendine Village Hall

Webinar event

There are Webinar events that can be attend and contribute to, anonymously if you prefer and hear all the questions and answers put to the panel.

The Minutes of an Extraordinary Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Parish Council Meeting, held at Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall on Thursday 18th November 2021 at 7.45pm.

- Thursday 2nd December 6-8pm. Go to <https://www.mallardpassolar.co.uk/have-your-say> and click the link JOIN, it will take you into Zoom. No need to pre-register, but check your laptop/phone can run Zoom.

To watch the webinar visit: [Mallard Pass Solar Farm Community Webinar - Stage One - 17/11/2021 on Vimeo.](#)

The public consultation process is also different and it's your opportunity to influence the final scope of this unprecedented planning application which will be made in November next year. Whether you agree or disagree, or just want to see some changes, you need to give Mallard Pass your **feedback by 16th December**. No feedback means no wholesale changes to the forthcoming application.

Cllr Kentish thanked everyone for their contributions and it was agreed to resume the parish council meeting at 21.00.

After a debate it was proposed by Cllr Kentish, seconded by Cllr Morriss, those who spoke during the meeting were against the proposed development.

It was agreed by all the following:-

1. The Council objects due to its size & loss of agricultural land for food production;
2. Encourage residents to attend the open meeting at Greatford Village Hall on 2nd December at 7.30pm
3. Work with other parishes to obtain professional advice to obtain evidence and facts as to why this application goes against government principles.
4. Encourage residents to attend the public consultation, forward their responses direct to the company, ask that they contact their local district, county and MP (contact details to be forwarded).

040/21Meeting Closed - 21.20