

The Minutes of a Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Parish Council, held at Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 19.00hrs

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Present-Cllrs. D Kentish, B Odell, P Morriss, James Shorrock, Clerk-Mrs R H Trollope-Bellew, D.Cllr Barry Dobson.

Present:- 16 members

001/23 CHAIRMANS REMARKS-Cllr Kentish welcomed everyone to a special meeting to discuss the Councils response to the planning application of the Mallard Pass Solar Farm which had been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate.

It was proposed by Cllr Shorrock, seconded by Cllr Morriss to suspend Standing Orders after Item 3 for members of the public to participate. All agreed.

002/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & REASONS GIVEN – Cllrs Mrs Burgoin apology accepted.

003/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:- None.

**Meeting suspended – 19.10**

004/23 Mallard Pass Solar Farm Application (MPSF) – Sue Holloway member of the Mallard Pass Action Group (MPAG) gave an update from the start of consultations to the examination by the Planning Inspectorate.

Sue explained that we were in the pre-examination stage. Alicia Kerns MP for Rutland sent a message to encourage people to register by 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 which could be done either on line, paper copy, or contact a member of the (MPAG) who would be able to assist.

Sue informed the meeting of the following:

- When you register you can include a comment on:-
  - Scale, Construction issues, Landscape, Archeology, Mental & Physical Health concerns, Recreational amenity, Lost Farming land, Human Rights Infringed, Location, Bio-Diversity affected Heritage Impact, Carbon Footprint, Traffic & Transport, Flooding, Loss of Residential Amenity.
- Compulsory Acquisition Rights over land at Essendine by MPSF had been included in the application. This is rights over land without acquiring full land ownership;
- Site slightly smaller than previously but woodland had been relinquished back to the landowner despite the farmer not having any rights over that land;
- MPSF continues to use best & most versatile land, Grade 1 - 3a, land most capable of growing crops for food.
- Fundraising to appoint specialists, information available on MPAG website as following:-
  - Go to Fundme website page on MPAG;
  - Pay by BACS to MPAG;
  - Or Cheque – MPAG.
- Sign petition against the MPSF – contact MPAG for details, to be sent to Alicia Kerns MP.

Question and answer session then took place.

Cllr Kentish thanked Sue Holloway and urged everyone to register and place their objections to the application.

**Council Meeting commenced 19.55**

It was proposed by Cllr Morriss and seconded by Cllr Shorrock that the Chairman Cllr Kentish would register the councils objection to the application. All agreed. **Action Cllr Kentish.**

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005/23 To resolve on whether the Council will move into closed session. - None

006/23 Date of next meeting. To be arranged. **Action Clerk/Cllrs**

Meeting Closed 20.00 hrs