

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.40pm
on Wednesday 21 August 2013**

Present: Mrs F Rogers (Chair), Mrs T Cornish, Mr D Hunter and Dr C Rowe

Also present for all/part of the meeting: Mr T Fryatt (Suffolk Coastal District Councillor) and four local residents

In attendance: Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

During the period of public participation before the meeting the following matter was discussed:

PL\0231\13 (C13/2279/CCA): Installation and Operation of Small Scale Electricity Generation Plant: Land Adjacent to Sinks Pit, Hall Road

It was noted that the application proposed the installation of two generators inside a steel shipping container, on the part of the site where water sprays operated and adjacent to Hall Road. Existing methane gas piping would be extended to run to the container where it would be used to generate electricity. A local resident had considered the application and made observations on the noise disturbance which could result from the generators being sited inside a container and from the inlet/outlet ports. While the principle of electricity generation was a good idea, noise needed to be given further consideration and could perhaps be addressed by screening, sinking the container into the ground or by insulation.

A local resident advised that, as a result of her previous employment, she knew chemicals had been delivered to the site when it operated as a landfill site, and that they were stored in sealed tanks underground. She was urged to pass this information to SCDC.

**Councillor
Actions**

1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest.

Apologies were received from Mr B Rufford, Mr D Wilson and Mrs M Wilson. There were no declarations of interest.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Hunter to his first meeting.

2 Planning

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It was noted that the ambient noise level was low and mainly produced by the wind in trees and the existing water sprays. There was especial concern at the likely increase in the current night time level which would result from the operation of the generators and the impact of this on domestic properties nearby. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To object to the application on the grounds that there was insufficient evidence that the noise levels would be acceptable, in particular with respect to:
 - the impact of siting the generators inside a container which could have the effect of amplifying the sound
 - the level of noise which would be produced by the inlet and

- outlet ports
- the increase in the ambient noise level which would result from the operation of the plant at night.
- To send a copy of the local resident's analysis of the application to the County Council with the Council's comments
- advise the SCDC Environmental Health Officer of the Council's view and draw attention to the fact that the container would be installed on a site where the landfill contents were unknown, but were known to include chemicals stored in sealed tanks.

East Anglian Offshore Windfarm Cabling

The Planning Inspectorate had advised of the dates for Site Visits and Issue Specific Hearings as follows:

Site Visits: 10/11 September. The visits would include the section of the cabling in Bealings and cabling route Alternative Option A. Further details were awaited and the names of those attending needed to be confirmed by 3 September.

Issue Specific Hearings:

- **Onshore Construction Process** (to include explanations to the Inspectors of process, technique, sequence, noise and vibration): **19 September**
- **Traffic and Transport: 25 September**
- **Socio-Economic Issues: 26 September.** The Council had been specifically requested to attend this session.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- The Chairman and Mr Hunter would attend the Site Visit, accompanied by Dr Rowe if it took place on 11 September
- Mrs Cornish would attend the Hearing on 25 September
- Dr Rowe would attend the Hearing on 26 September
- Further consideration would be given to more attendees at the Council meeting on 9 September.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.15pm. The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 9 September.