

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Hargrave Parish Council  
Held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in Hargrave Village Hall**

Members present:  
Cllr J Gunthorpe in the Chair

Councillors  
J Brotherton    D Farrington    N How    H West  
Clerk- Ms J Hodgson

3 members of the public were present.

The meeting started at 7.00pm

**19-62 Apologies for absence**

It was **RESOLVED** that the reason for absence for Councillor Jones be approved. It was noted that East Northamptonshire Council Councillor Howell had sent her apologies with a message that she was aware of the planning applications under consideration.

**19-63 Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes for the meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**19-64 Declaration of interests**

No declarations of interest were made.

**19-65 Public Speaking Time**

Mr F Hickling of Phillips Planning Services Ltd spoke about both planning applications under consideration on the agenda., with particular reference to how the latest proposal had sought to address concerns raised against the previous application.

The Council asked question about the landscaping proposals for Rectory View, and proposals for rainwater catchment and the permeability of material proposed for access surfaces for the proposed dwellings under 19/01527/FUL.

A resident of Church Road spoke on behalf of a neighbour expressing concerns that privacy would be compromised by the proposed extension to Rectory View.

**19-66 Planning Matters**

a. Planning applications

**19/01471/FUL** Replacement of porch and erection of two storey side and rear extensions at Rectory View Church Road

**RESOLVED** The Parish Council does not object to the proposal as presented.

The Council requests that the objection from the adjacent property is carefully examined by the case officer. The Parish Council would request a condition is imposed for the effective management of surface water, in the form of rain water harvesting and permeable drive way

surfaces etc, in the interests of the new and existing properties of Church Road as existing properties are affected by surface water flooding in certain weather conditions.

The dwelling is located in a sensitive and central area of the village so the Council requests that any landscaping conditions pertaining to the front of the property reflect the history of the site and its 'cottage' nature.

The Council decision assumes that the materials will be sympathetic to the existing structure and the street scene.

**19/01527/FUL** Erection of two dwellings (resubmission of 19/00454/FUL) at Land Adjacent Rectory View Church Road

**RESOLVED** The Parish Council objects to application as in the Parish Council opinion, the proposal represents 'backfill' and sets a precedent for garden developments.

In the event that the proposal does receive planning consent, the Parish Council requests that a condition is imposed for the effective management of surface water, in the form of rain water harvesting and permeable drive way surfaces etc, in the interests of the new and existing properties of Church Road as existing properties are affected by surface water flooding in certain weather conditions.

The Council would also like to request that any non-material planning applications relating to the external appearance of the proposed dwellings are referred to the Parish Council for consideration.

b. 19/01093/FUL Chelveston Energy Park

**19/01093/FUL** - Construction and operation of a reciprocating engine peak lopping electricity generating station and associated exhaust stacks, cooling plant, access from an existing private track, and security measures at Chelveston Renewable Energy Park

**RESOLVED:** That the planning response determined outside of the meeting as shown in Appendix A be approved.

### **19-67 Site meeting re the trees and boundary of land adjacent to Rectory View**

It was noted that Councillors had been invited to meet with Mr McLoughlin to discuss the boundary between the land within the curtilage of Rectory View and the track owned by the Parish Council. Councillors Brotherton, Farrington, Gunthorpe and West together with the Clerk had met on site prior to this meeting. The work undertaken by the developer to determine an accurate boundary was explained together with works already undertaken to improve the drainage arrangements.

It was agreed that the Council should have sight of the reports from determination of the boundary prior to accepting the location and proceeding to make the appropriate registration at Land Registry.

### **19-68 Cheques for payment**

**RESOLVED** That the following payments be authorised

100877	Swarco Traffic Ltd – extra battery for speed sign	£255.00
100878	Aylesbury Mains Ltd – street lamp repair parish Councils Act 1957	£57.24
100879	Aylesbury Mains Ltd – street lamp repair parish Councils Act 1957	£99.00
100880	J Hodgson – 1 x salary & Expenses LGA 1972 s111 & s112	£210.55

## **19-69 Next scheduled meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Councillor Gunthorpe gave his apologies.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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### **Chairman**

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Appendix A

#### **EN/19/01093/FUL - Construction and operation of a reciprocating engine peak lopping electricity generating station and associated exhaust stacks, cooling plant, access from an existing private track, and security measures at Chelveston Renewable Energy Park**

The Parish Council is disappointed that it has not been directly consulted on this application and would like to make a representation.

The Parish Council strongly objects to the proposal.

The proposal for a gas fired power station is a departure from the original aims of renewable energy park and a departure from the planning consents given to date, and represents a general industrial intensification in a rural location.

National planning policy aims to support the transition to a low carbon future and renewable sources. This is a large development and does not represent a renewable or low carbon energy project within the countryside and any benefits from the proposal will surely outweigh the harm created through its development. Installing generators potentially reliant on fossil fuels at a time when there is a need to lower carbon emissions and move towards renewable sources of energy is surely contrary to National planning policy and Northamptonshire Climate Change Strategy which aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The building regulations are currently being changed to stop gas being used to heat new homes. They will have to have ground source or air source or electric heating. If this is provided by a gas-based energy plant it completely compromises the efforts to get away from fossil fuels.

On a more local level the Council has concerns about the pollution impact from the stacks and the noise emitted from the cooling towers and engines that could lead to unacceptable impacts on local residents and the wider environment. The Council would also require reassurances regarding the impact of a significant gas leak on settlements that are at lower ground levels than the proposed site.

The Parish Council endorses the objections lodged by Chelveston Parish Council and as such, respectfully requests that the application is refused consent.