

HOLTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting

held on Wednesday 26th June 2024 at 8pm at Holton
St Mary Village Hall

MINUTES

Present:

Parish Council: Oliver Greene (OG) Chairman, Claire Rowan (CR) Vice Chair, David Johnson (DJ), Mark Rogers (MR), Mark Anderson (MA) and Faye Hall (FH) Clerk.

Members of the Public: 2

1. To accept councillors' apologies for absence

Apologies received from Mike Hay and District Cllr John Ward

2. To accept members' declarations of interest in accordance with the council's Code of Conduct

All live in the village

3. To permit public participation to make statements or ask questions.

The Chairman advised that the public forum would be opened for agenda item 5 as members of the public had no other issues to raise other than this.

4. Planning applications

No new planning applications have been received. An update on the planning application for the Care and rehabilitation Centre at Holton Hall Farm will be given at the PC meeting on the 3rd of July.

5. National Grid Statutory Consultation

The Chairman thanked CR for arranging and running the pylon information event on the 8th of June. CR thanked members of the public that have already sent emails to the PC with comments and responding directly to National Grid. The PC is just 1 response and we would like to encourage everyone to submit responses in their own words. Cllrs along with the 2 members of the public discussed the response to the National Grid Statutory Consultation. Cllrs all in agreement to raise the following in the PCs response:

- The PC does not agree with the proposal – to reiterate offshore and underground HVDC options are available. Not given opportunity to comment on alternatives which is a flaw in the consultation.
- Time frame is 3-5 years with working hours from 7am-7pm – this is unreasonable to have such a long working day. NG are proposing slightly shorter working hours for weekends and bank holidays.



- Key thing is the disruption of the B1070 through the increased number of lorries, the size of the HGVs, HGVs passing each other on a road which is not wide enough and the proposed 90 road closures for cables to come through would mean that people will look for alternative routes down smaller roads which are not suitable for diversions. Cumulative impact for traffic movements must be considered. Impact on emergency vehicle access down the B1070 with increased traffic and HGVs.
- The route proposed is wholly inappropriate – PC to propose that an alternative access route be made from the A12 at Capel St Mary slip road between junctions 32A and 32B using the route immediately north of the disused railway line to the NG compound in Raydon. Mitigation would be for this road to remain after work has been completed for use afterwards.
- Workers compound for vehicles on Acacia Road will create a traffic problem from HSM to Raydon and at the junction to the road. This compound will also be in view of a listed building. PC to ask for this to be pushed further north near Notley Enterprise Park.
- Farmers – impact on farm production before and after and impact of land lost due to trenching.
- Listed buildings – vibration on buildings caused from increased HGVs going past.
- Number of people and businesses that will be affected by the B1070 being used as a haul road – not only HSM but Raydon, Shelly, East Bergholt and half the population of Hadleigh. Also children going to schools.
- Habitat – hedges, trees and oak trees. Need mitigation for habitat loss.
- Light pollution – proximity to the AONB, ~~the~~ sight of the construction compound, need to ask for this to be pushed further back away from the AONB pushing it further north. Concerns for light pollution overnight – will the compounds be fully lit.
- Concerns over drainage if hedges and trees are removed – there is already flooding in Sandpits Lane.
- Concerns over under water pipes
- What are the carbon emissions for this project given the extent of it.
- What is the mitigation plan for the wildlife loss and hedges, trees and oak trees.

CR to draft a letter with the Clerk and circulate to the Cllrs.

Meeting closed at 2108hrs

