

GLINTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Friday 5th February 2016
at the Village Hall, High St.

Present: Councillors; D Batty, RW Johnson (Vice Chairman), G Kirt, D Lane, RW Randall, P Skinner, ETE Spendelow, D Wragg, Mr JV Haste (Clerk). Also present 5 members of the public (all representing National Grid) were recorded as in attendance.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Action

In the absence of Councillor Holdich the meeting was chaired by Councillor Johnson

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** — Councillors Mrs C Bysshe, Liz Bond and J Holdich OBE,

2 **MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

By unanimous agreement – consideration of item 7a (see record below) was considered at this point of the meeting to allow NG to set up their presentation equipment for item 5

3 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None, other than the consultation at agenda item 5.

4 **STANDING ORDERS** – Standing orders 3f, 3g and 3h were suspended by unanimous agreement of Councillors present in order to allow an open discussion with National Grid representatives on their proposals to address the concerns of residents and the parish council in regard to an imminent planning application to upgrade the Gas Compressor station

5 **NATIONAL GRID PRESENTATION AND OPEN DISCUSSION**

Simon Best informed those present that NG were still working on predicted noise levels at the vent stack and were confident that the information would be available for the meeting of the parish council scheduled for 16th February. Simon introduced the NG appointed architect Tony Markwick with whom NG had been working hard to address, as far as possible, the issues raised with their previous planning application. Height of the units had a bearing on noise levels but the new proposal would be approximately a metre lower and still allow for the sampling required by regulations using different sampling techniques.

Councillor Kirt referred to the view from the A15 and that the public would see the upper levels of any cladding. Tony presented drawings showing cladding to the compressors with an elliptical slope facing the A15 to negate the industrial appearance of the units.

Previous concerns had been expressed about wind noise resulting from the use of perforated metal plating screening. Tony felt that they could address the aesthetic and landscape scene with those materials and had the supplier's assurance that those materials would not have that consequence. Simon commented that NG would expect a condition of planning permission to be that NG would be held to account for excessive noise levels

Tony then addressed the issue of screening and the fact that trees would take 15 years to mature. The proposal now is to include 15 metre sculptural trees into the design. These would be constructed of metal using varied finishing to give a realistic appearance viewed from the distance and would give early screening whilst the younger trees matured.

The Vent Stack design was already complete as the earliest part of the installation and therefore seen by NG as limited scope for design change. Councillors asked that consideration be given to treatment of similar cladding to the compressors and sloping cutoff as this part of the upgrade was twice the height of the existing stack and the closest to the A15 making the visual impact all the greater.

Councillors asked that further consideration also be given to the intended hours of working in the construction / installation phase as the previous application referred to working 7 days a week including Bank holidays. Simon referred to a section 61 agreement that will set the parameters for working. NG will look again at this issue and look to avoid if possible or at least notify residents if not the case.

Simon Best concluded the discussion by summarizing the points which will be given further consideration or explanation. NG to attend next meeting with Noise level information

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

6 **STANDING ORDERS** – Standing orders 3f, 3g and 3h were reinstated by unanimous agreement of Councillors present.

7 **PLANNING**

- a. . 16/00038/CTR – Balcony House 20 North Fen Road – Remove One Ash Tree – by Mrs Emma Windsor.

(note: This item was considered earlier in the meeting as noted above)

Councillor Johnson reported the views of members of the Planning Working group. Parish Councillors were opposed to this application and were of the view that the Ash Tree should remain and be preserved if at all possible. Parish Council were of the view that the applicant be asked if the Menage could be turned through 90 degrees to avoid the necessity for the tree to be felled.

Furthermore it was noted that the applicant stated that following removal, the remaining two trees would then be visible, however they appear on the plan to be side by side rather than in line through line of sight from North Fen Road. As such the tree would be lost from the landscape as viewed from North Fen Road

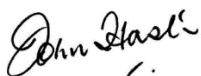
Parish Council were strongly of the opinion that all means should be explored to preserve the tree. Furthermore if the City council were minded to permit the removal of this tree then it should be replaced by a mature Ash Tree and not a mere sapling.

Clerk to notify the planning authority

Proposed Cllr. Johnson - Seconded Cllr. Spendelow

- b. To consider any further action arising from the consultation by National Grid – none, pending further feedback and planning application from NG, noting that NG were hopeful of an early submission to the Planning authority.

Meeting closed at 8.32 pm. Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 16th February



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