

ANSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, 15A RYTON ROAD, NORTH ANSTON ON MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2022

Present: Councillors Diane Graham (Chairman), Marie Wilkinson (Vice-Chairman), Tim Baum-Dixon, Shaun Concannon, Clive Jepson and Philip Matthews.

In Attendance: Chris Pilkington (Clerk) and Lewis Stokes (Banks Renewables) public.

135.22 APOLOGIES

Apologies for the meeting and reasons for absence from it were received from Cllrs Ben Bentley and John Ireland.

RESOLVED: That the reasons for absences of Cllrs Bentley and Ireland be accepted.

136.22 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

(a) TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 31 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT INTERESTS UNDER THE MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

None.

(b) TO RECEIVE AND DECIDE UPON REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS TO COUNCILLORS TO TAKE PART IN DISCUSSIONS AND VOTES WHERE THEY HAVE DECLARED DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

137.22 PLANNING APPLICATION RB2022/1203, INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF A SOLAR ENERGY PARK AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMON FARM, BOOKERS LANE, DINNINGTON

The Council received a presentation from Lewis Stokes from Banks Renewables about the proposed development. He outlined the community consultation the company had undertaken to date and that a decision from the planning authority about the application might not happen until early 2023. There would also be a community benefits fund set up if the development took place.

(Cllr Baum-Dixon entered the meeting)

A discussion took place with a variety of concerns being expressed about the application. Namely that increased HGV traffic during and possibly after construction coming off the M1 and A57 and up the B6463 would encourage even more traffic to go through the centre of North Anston to avoid the B6463 then did so at present because of the density of traffic on that road and queuing times at the A57 junction. It was felt that the development would impact North Anston more significantly than any other area with about half of the development with Anston parish and yet the statement of community involvement stated that the development was wholly with Dinnington parish and that engagement had taken place or been offered with Dinnington St John's Town Council and Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council but not with Anston Parish Council prior to 5th September. It was not clear how much of the community benefits fund would come to Anston and how a related liaison committee would be constituted. Other concerns were that the development would be on green belt and it would set a local precedent if passed, that agricultural land would be lost, glare from the development, the possibility of additional overhead power cables arising from it and impacts on local biodiversity such as the local deer population. It was also unclear how many solar panels would be installed on the site as no number had been presented.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council object to the application on the grounds detailed above.

Chris Pilkington PSLCC
Clerk to Anston Parish Council
8th September 2022