

M I N U T E S

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Luxborough Parish Council held via Zoom on Wednesday 25 November 2020 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman, D Powell, Vice Chairman, A Sparling, Cllr O'Hare, Cllr Henson, Cllr Tombleson, S Pugsley, F Nicholson, H Gorman, M Gorman, M Andrews, G Harvey, A Harvey, L Phillips, A Maddock, J Grenville, R Wight, S Roberts, C Roberts, N Gillan Consultant. Clerk, D Wass.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Duke and Cllr Yiend.
2. **Declaration of Interest.** Cllr Tombleson declared a declaration of interest in the mast application as it would be visible from her property.
3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2020.** The minutes were approved and will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.
4. **PLANNING**

Application No 6/20/20/107. Proposed mast for emergency services at land to the east of West Slowley Barn. Additional information.

Several questions and concerns were put forward from residents and these were answered by N Gillan on behalf of the applicants in advance of the meeting and were read out by the Clerk:

- **Can the mast be disguised as a tree?**
- Tree masts have, in effect been discontinued. I am unaware of any that have been used for over a decade. They bring with them limitations on the antenna types that can be used and need headframes to support the antennas – meaning bigger and taller masts (usually 15-25m). They also divide opinion with as many people thinking they bad as good. In this case the proposal is for a simple 10m pole coloured dark brown and as such a very (in visual terms) inoffensive structure.
- **Could the mast be placed behind the building so that it is not visible on the approach to the village from the B3224?**
- This was the preferred location when the national Park provided feedback and EE approached the landowner on this basis after the withdrawal of the previous application. However, the landowner confirmed that this location would not be possible due to their own operational requirements
- **Can he confirm the arrangements for electrical power to the site?**
- A supply from the REC has been confirmed. As a National Park this will be dug to the site
- **Can he confirm what standby power arrangements will be in place and if a diesel generator is to be used, what noise mitigation measures will be in place?**
- A battery pack will last for 6 hours and then a tow to site generator would be used for the duration of any power outage (re-charging the battery as it goes).

- **What is the purpose of an RRV stand, is it permanent or purely for construction purposes?**
 - If the site goes down, the Home Office require that EE provide a location for a Remote Radio Vehicle. In effect this is a land rover with an extendable mast on the rear. This can be driven to site to provide replacement coverage until such a time as the site goes back on air.
 - **What is the purpose of a field track from the RRV stand when an adequate track exists to the site?**
 - Only 5m of track required from road to RRV location. Existing track to be used for the mast location. The two locations will not be linked by a new track
 - **What measures are in place to reinstate site traffic damage from the road to the site?**
 - Reinstatement would be in line with the requirement of landowner, highways department and the National Park as planning authority
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- Many of these points were raised again and clarified by N Gillan and A Maddock, the landowner. A Maddock corrected the information supplied that he would not permit the mast to go behind his building, this is incorrect and he has no objection as to where it is sited, however he felt that it would have more of a visual impact if it were behind the building due to the higher ground. N Gillan agreed to re survey the site and investigate this.
 - H Gorman stated that the access track is not a public highway and is a bridleway and the applicants would not have legal right of way over it. N Gillan replied that their legal team would have established the right of way before proceeding but he would investigate this also. NG said that the track would only be used during the construction period of one to two weeks and thereafter only once every three months by an ATV to carry out a site visit.
 - M Gorman queried that at the PC meeting on 14 October when this application was discussed the concerns raised by the village were not taken into account as they did not have enough notice. It was pointed out by the Chairman that the meeting was called after eight days of the application being received but unfortunately villagers were not aware of this as the site notice was only put up the day before.
 - There were several concerns about possible health risks particularly if 5G is installed on the mast in the future. NG assured the meeting that this mast is not compatible with 5G and would have to be replaced resulting in a further planning application. It will be a 4G mast for the emergency services. NG also stated that the public would be able to access the 4G. The radio waves from the mast would comply with the government and International standard for masts with 4G with regard to health. It was pointed out to him that at a previous meeting the PC were told that the public would not be able to use the 4G, NG said that this is incorrect but he would double check and let the Clerk know.
 - A query was raised as to whether there is a need for hard standing by West Slowley Barn, could a vehicle not be unloaded in the village car park and then the ATV only be driven up the track? NG replied that he was unsure what this was needed for and would find out.

- There was also more discussion on the noise levels from the generator. NG again responded that this was only in the event of a power cut and for a limited time as the batteries would have six hours of use before the generator would be required. It was mentioned that this village has not had a power cut for any length of time for eight years. The landowner also mentioned that he uses a generator on that site when feeding his cattle and has not been heard or commented on by the village.
- In conclusion NG agreed to resurvey the site and look at relocating the mast behind the building and also to look into the access and then notify the Clerk with his report. The Clerk to notify ENP of this and request extended time to respond. A further meeting will then be called to discuss the new report.

5. Chairman's Announcements.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Spencer from the pub has offered to fund raise in order to contribute towards the cost of new batteries for the secondhand defibrillator that he has kindly donated to the village which will be sited near the church.

6. Financial Matters. Nothing new to report.

7. Items of Interest. A planning application has been received for Gupworthy Farm. It was felt that as this is not in the area of the village the members present did not wish to comment. The Clerk to contact Cllr Duke and Cllr Yiend who were not at the meeting to confirm that they agree with this decision.

8. Items for the Next Meeting. To discuss the defibrillator in more detail. To discuss the revised report from NG regarding the mast application.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed

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