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Minutes of Dry Drayton Parish Council (DDPC) Meeting
Tuesday 1st June 2021 at 7.00pm, held at The Barn, Duck End Farm, Dry Drayton

Present: S Aldersley (SA) (Chair), E Pyle (EP) (Councillor), T Houlihane (TSH) (Councillor), K Cullen (KC) (Councillor)

Attending: S Etherington-Meech (SEM) (Clerk/RFO), Cllr E Murphy (EM) (County Councillor), 6 members of the public

1. To Accept Apologies for Absence

Apologies accepted from Cllr Edward Wickham (work commitments), Cllr Simon Lander (personal reasons) and Cllr Garvie (District Councillor) (unwell).

2. To Accept Parish Councillors Declarations of Interest for Matters on the Agenda

Cllr Aldersley declared a pecuniary interest in Item 4.2 (Update on East West Rail (EWR) consultation) since the railway line would cross farmland that he owns if the northern route were to go ahead. However, it was agreed that as the whole parish is likely to be against the proposal for the northern route, SA remained in the meeting when this item was discussed.

3. To Agree to hold a Public Forum

The public raised their disappointment with DDPC response to the EWR consultation believing they have not had a proactive approach, they are aware of a leaflet drop, but worried there is a danger of the northern route happening. TSH highlighted the only action that can be taken at present is responding to the consultation and TSH and SA advised that it is also the responsibility of individual residents to comment as all responses would be considered. DDPC advised that their response to the consultation had already been submitted and was available with the last parish council minutes. DDPC highlighted the following:

- A report is expected to be on Look East on Thursday 3rd June in relation to this issue.
- SA and TSH have been actively involved in the campaign against the northern route and have worked with Fiona Peck (Springhill Stables) and Anthony Browne MP in this respect.
- The southern route needs to know there has been a fair comparison for both routes, however, the northern route is not the preferred option.
- TSH attended an EWR meeting last week, and it was discussed that unless new evidence comes to light the northern route does not make sense due to factors such as the number of houses that would be lost for the line and the number of earthworks that would be required. Also, Northstowe station would add more time, so it makes more sense to link to Cambourne and not Northstowe and there is a demand for a station on the southern route.
- Southern campaigns are likely to be exaggerated.
- There will be no detailed plans until a route is chosen.

Another member of the public asked why only a northern or southern route are being discussed with no mention of a western route and no co-ordinated response such as with C2C and the metro system. TSH advised that responses to the consultation can only be as it currently is and as stages of consultations evolve, the next phase might be more joined up and will likely be that over the next year local plans etc will be considered.

4. Matters for discussion/correspondence received

4.1 To discuss and approve invoice received from UK Power Networks (UKPN) in relation to costs incurred for disputed substation base at the allotments off Pettitts Close for a sum of £5,868.98

SA read out an email he sent to councillors in relation to UKPN and the signing of the wayleave agreement following the last meeting. SA requested with UKPN that the invoice be reduced, however, after receiving a breakdown of works already carried out it was not possible for any reduction to be made. SEM advised that she contacted DDPC insurance company for advice and the outcome was that DDPC are obligated to settle the invoice due to covenants and should have sought advice in 2020 when the original letter from UKPN was received in relation to signing a wayleave agreement. SA advised that DDPC have received offers of monies towards the invoice from residents, however, DDPC are awaiting a response from CAPALC legal department as to how they may be able to accept these monies. SA did

highlight that the works for the relocated transformer started a week last Saturday, the slab cast last Saturday and the cables are to be laid shortly and the transformer put in place.

RESOLVED^(Prop SA, 2nd TSH, unanimous) for settlement of the invoice to UKPN for a sum of £5,868.98^(Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908)

4.2 Update on East West Rail (EWR) Consultation – Anthony Browne’s visit in May to the parish/attendance at EWR northern route meeting ^(TSH)

This item was covered under Item 3 (Public Forum)

5. Planning applications received for consideration

5.1 21/01895/HFUL - 57 High Street Dry Drayton CB23 8BS - Two storey rear extension with first floor balcony, new entrance porch infills and new external finishes

RESOLVED^(Prop EP, 2nd KC, unanimous) that DDPC object to this application with the same objections as the previous application (21/00593/HFUL) as the proposal still includes a balcony.

5.2 21/01982/FUL - 46 Pettitts Lane Dry Drayton CB23 8BT - Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with new Passivhaus bungalow, adjacent double garage with covered link

RESOLVED^(Prop EP, 2nd TSH, unanimous) to support, no comments to be made.

6. To accept notices and matter for the next agenda

- Discharge of conditions for 65 Pettitts Lane
- EWR
- Email received in relation to ponds and great crested newts
- Zero Carbon Communities Grant

7. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall (subject to restrictions being lifted on 21st June 2021)

8. Closure of meeting

SA closed the meeting at 7.51pm

Signed.....Chairman

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