

EAST HUNTSPILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Prior to the start of the meeting the following people made representations to the Parish Council against the planning proposal. Mesdames Birt Cross Tibbotts together with Messrs Crosby Chamberlain Frost Logan Picton and Stenning. The Chairman called upon Mrs J Boyer who spoke in favour of the proposal. She was supported by one other member of the public.

At the conclusion of this part of the meeting she called for a show of hands from members of the public who were residents of the village and on the electoral register who were for and against the proposal. It was clear that there was an overwhelming show of hands against the proposal.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for their contribution and advised that she was then proposing to open the Parish Council meeting formally to which they could stay and listen but certainly not to participate in any way.

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting of East Huntspill Parish Council that was held in the **Church Hall Church Lane East Huntspill** on **Thursday 31st March 2011** commencing at **7.30 pm** when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs T J Salway (Chairman) Mesdames K Bennett K Cooke V Shellard together Messrs G Boyer F Kidner N Litton R Puddy and the clerk Mr B Poole

In addition there were seventy plus members of the public present.

76.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

None

76.2 To receive any declarations of interest

Ref	Councillor	Type	Relationship
76.3.1 54/11/00004	Mr G Boyer	Prejudicial	Owner of part of the project land

Councillor Gordon Boyer departed from the meeting at this juncture

76.3 Planning

(1) To consider and respond to the following planning application

54/11/00004 – Council Date 08/04/11

Erection of five turbine wind farm

Land at Withy Farm Withy Road East Huntspill

It was noted that some 29 Letters of Objection had been received from Mr & Mrs Barry Mrs E V Birt Mr P Chamberlain Mrs V Chamberlain Mr H Coombs Mrs H Coombs Mr B D Crosby Mr L Cross Mrs S Cross Mr J Frost Mr T Gillard Mr R Hampson Mrs J Impey Mr P Impey Mr M Jackson Dr C Lane Miss A Moore Mr & Mrs Picton Mrs J C Pinder Mr S Potts Mr B Pugsley Miss A Pugsley Mrs J Pugsley Mrs G M Tibbotts Mrs J Turvey Mr S Turvey Mr M Wall Mrs J Ward Mrs C M Winter .

Whilst one letter in favour was received in the name of MT Pugh

After some lengthy discussion the Council although accepting that alternative sources of energy were needed it also took recognition of the feelings of the members of the public present who clearly objected to the proposals by a large majority and therefore decided on voting by 3 votes to 2 with two abstentions in favour of refusing the application

Resolved to recommend refusal on the following planning grounds

1. Because of the proposed height of the Wind Turbines it will have an adverse visual impact on the open countryside.
2. European landscape convention – this recognises landscape as legally constituting an essential component of people's lives.
3. It would appear from the plans that some wind farms will be closer to properties than that recommended by most other European countries which is 2km.
4. Concerned as to what the impact would be on the local fauna and wildlife habitat
5. Detrimental to health and a potential noise pollution
6. Potential loss of tourism through such an intrusion into the countryside so close to the Somerset Levels.

76.4 Other Business referred to the Clerk

None

76.5 Date of next Meeting – Annual Parish Meeting – 17th May 2011.

There being no other business the chairman brought the meeting to a close at 8.00 pm