

MINUTES OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE TOLPUDDLE VILLAGE MEETING
HELD IN TOLPUDDLE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 23RD AUGUST 2012

PRESENT: Nigel Pitman Chair & Parish Councillor
 Tony Gould Clerk
 Parish Councillors and a large number of residents of Tolpuddle and some residents
 of Burleston and Affpuddle

WELCOME: The Chair welcomed all to the meeting which had been called to discuss one subject only which was the proposals by West Coast Energy to establish Milborne Wind Farm north of Tolpuddle and Burleston. He emphasised the need to keep the meeting civil. He said that there would immediately be the opportunity for people to present their views and that, if appropriate, votes would be taken.

DISCUSSION: There was a high level of contribution and the following addressed the meeting:- Geoff Tizzard, Maureen Fitch, Martin Usherwood, Kasia Robbins, Barry Sermon, David Holman, Bob Dean, Nick Gore, Yvonne Lee, Sue Oakley, Adrian Whittlesea, Hugo Wood-Homer, Nigel Fitch, Lynn Bailey, Hamish Green, Mark Piper, Janet Johnson, Rob Elliott, Diana Foreman, Richard Howard, Ian Bishop, Jim Reed, David Wilkinson, Peter Skaife, Richard Slocock, Iain Cambrook, Steve Lee, David Tackley, Graham Dove, Liz Phillipps, Steffan Pitman and Ian Stirling.

POINTS MADE: Importance of the site for historical and other reasons. Technical effectiveness of windpower and the effects of prevailing wind. Proximity of housing with reference to recommended guidelines on distance from housing elsewhere in UK. Height, position and colour of the turbines. Noise nuisance both low and high frequency. Effect on wildlife, on rights or way in the area and on horseriding. The fact that lighting might well be necessary for aircraft. The fact that solar power sited in fields is not so visually intrusive. Strategic need to argue against the site on grounds of suitability alone because the experience at Alaska Farm was that the Planning Inspector disregarded technical points on efficiency and concentrated on whether the site was suitable. The point was also made that renewable and green energy represent the right way forward and that the long term need for energy needed cannot be denied.

VOTES: The Chair advised that he would take two votes. One for all those present at the meeting and another for the residents within Tolpuddle Parish Council area only.

All at the meeting	In favour of the proposal - 11	Against – 72	Abstentions -11
Tolpuddle residents	In favour of the proposal – 8	Against – 61	Abstentions - 8

The Chair announced that there would be an open meeting for those concerned with an Action Committee in Tolpuddle Village Hall on Friday 24th August at 6pm.

He thanked everyone for their attendance and cooperation.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.