## HICKLING PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF PARISH MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 31st August 2010, at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Hall

## PRESENT: CHAIRMAN: V TALLOWIN VICE CHAIRMAN: H PURNELL COUNCILLORS: R COOK, N BAKER, K MOODY, M ELLIOTT, MJ ELLIOTT, D PUGH D BEALES

Clerk: Mrs S Sainsbury

## Apologies – Councillors I Watton and L West

## 8.00pm The meeting commenced -

This meeting was called by Mrs Angela Lambard and five electors – M Scott, G Harper, J Sealey, C Glass, R Williamson to propose a motion that a Referendum of the whole village be held on the following question 'DO THE PARISHIONERS OF HICKLING WANT A WIND TURBINE INSTALLED FOR THE NEW VILLAGE HALL'

Mrs Angela Lambard said that although she had called the meeting it was the right of the parish council to chair the meeting and that the parish council had taken up this option.

The Chairman V Tallowin welcomed Mrs Elizabeth Smith, solicitor from NNDC and the 161 parishioners and thanked them all for attending and their patience whilst waiting to sign in as this had taken over an hour and when they left please do so in an orderly manner,. The Chairman then introduced Mrs Elizabeth Smith, the NNDC solicitor who was au fait on parish matters.

Elizabeth explained the statutory requirements as stated in the Local Government Act 1972, pt 3, paragraph 18. In summary -

- it is the right of the parish council to chair the meeting
- that all parish poll voters must be on the electoral roll
- it will cost the parish, which will be put on the precept
- the district council (NNDC) organize the parish poll
- it will take place between 14-25 days from today's date
- 6 electors must call the meeting
- 10 electors must propose and support the motion
- the wording of the proposal must be fixed by the end of this meeting
- the result of the parish poll is not binding
- no other item allowed on the agenda
- no option but to follow the statutory requirements once the letter proposing the calling of a parish meeting had been received by the parish council
- the Returning Officer at NNDC can refuse the request

The calling of the meeting was because the 6 electors felt that the village had not been consulted on the issue of installing a wind turbine which would provide free electricity and an income stream to the new village/sports hall to be built on the recreation ground.

The parishioners did have another option of objecting to a wind turbine by writing to the planning department if and when the plans for a wind turbine were submitted.

Many of those attending thought the meeting was about voting on the wind turbine issue not for a referendum (parish poll).

Mrs Angela Lambard then proposed the motion "That this Parish Meeting hereby requests the District Council to hold a Referendum under Schedule 12, Part 3, Paragraph 18 of the Local Government Act 1972. The question to be asked shall be:

'DO THE PARISHIONERS OF HICKLING WANT A WIND TURBINE INSTALLED FOR THE NEW VILLAGE HALL  $?^{\prime}$ 

Mrs Angela Lambard and 9 electors supported the motion, so the motion was carried.

Electors supporting the motion -

Mrs A Lambard, Harrow Weald, Staithe Road, Hickling Mr G Harper, 15 Mallard Way, Hickling Mr J Sealey, Willow House, Ouse Lane, Hickling Mr M Scott, Southerley, Heath Road, Hickling Mr C Glass, Bydown, Stubb Road, Hickling Mr R Williamson, Acorns, Staithe Road, Hickling Mr A Rich, 14 Mill Close, Hickling Mr P Benjamin, Mill Field, Heath Road, Hickling Mr L Hannent, 5 Stubb Road, Hickling Mrs D Scott, Southerley, Heath Road, Hickling

The Clerk to contact the Returning Officer at NNDC of the proposed motion for the referendum.

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

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