

Mins extra meeting 7 March 2016

Prior to the meeting a discussion took place on the Villages Community Fund (former Bernard Matthews Wind Farm Community Fund). Paperwork was to be approved and nominations for the Fund's Panel.

A meeting held in February with Mr Graham Tuttle of the Norfolk Foundation and Bernard Matthews suggested that the committee consist of three Westhall PC members, two from Holton and two from Sotherton & Blyford PC; at a further meeting held by Westhall PC to discuss the fund and documentation the PC reflected that Blyford as furthest from the Windfarm site and therefore should not be included.

Norfolk Foundation had prepared draft 'Guidelines and Notes for Applicants' documentation prepared by NF and proposed changes were as follows -

- a) That the rule preventing Panel members who are personally interested in an application from voting on it should be expressly spelt out, and a quorum identified.
- b) That the bi-annual meetings be held in April and October rather than July and January. Should an application require to be considered outside the meeting dates a further meeting would be called rather than using email (especially in a contentious case) as this may be the quickest way of reaching a decision.
- c) To stipulate the Fund's financial year. To run from 1 July to 30 June, for instance the Fund's first financial year would end on 30 June 2016.
- d) Should an applicant not have a bank account and no supporting organisation with an account could Temporis Wind settle third party invoices issued to the applicant. Westhall PC would prefer not to hold monies on an application's behalf as we would then have to account for that in our books.
- e) Could Fund be index linked and could any unspent monies held in an interest bearing account?

Discussion ensued – Westhall as parish most affected should get majority of fund, if Blyford was included then Spexhall also should be included. If Sotherton submitted an application then it would probably benefit Blyford anyway. What date would the Fund commence as the Wind Turbine was generating in 2015. The question was asked why members of the Community Council or Church Council members could not be included on the committee. In answer it was stated that the PC is accountable for its actions, and members have registered personal interests with WDC. There should be no requirement for PC to hold funds for other organisations who do not have a bank account, in fact applicants could use the Community Council.

Chairman asked who would be interested in forming a committee. Mrs Palin, Mrs Clark and Mrs McTaggart stressed they did not want to be involved. Mr Studd stated he would not stand if Mrs Studd was interested. Mrs Studd, Mr Langford and Mr Lickman agreed to stand, and Mr Lickman proposed that Mrs Studd Chair the first year. Proposed acceptance of the committee by Mrs Clark, seconded Mrs Palin. Proposed acceptance of Chairman, Mrs Studd by Mrs Palin, Mr Lickman and Mr Langford.

Mr Lickman on behalf of the PC thanked Mrs Studd for all her work involved in setting up the Fund.

