



Minutes of the Extra ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 5 May 2015 at 7.45pm at Harrold URC, High Street, Harrold

Present: R. Tickle (chair) Cllrs, P. Hickman, J Stenhouse, D Brough, R Barrett, R Page, G Lloyd, and N Charsley

H Crabb (Clerk)

In attendance: Cllr A Foster, 6 Parishioners

Apologies – Cllr M Johnston

Disclosure of interests –None

Parish Referendum in respect of planning application number 15/00444/MAF – for a Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Farm with potential capacity in the order of up to 5 Mega Watts on land at Town Farm, Dungee Road, Harrold.

To consider the Parish Council response to the Borough Council in the light of the referendum result.

As the result of the Parish Poll was 256 for and 266 against the application, the Council agreed that the response would be an objection as it had been previously decided that the Council would go with the majority vote, however marginal, when the referendum was called.

It was agreed that the response would be made on the following grounds

- The visual impact of the panels and the conversion equipment.
- The proposed development is on a greenfield site
- Loss of good quality grade 3A agricultural land
- Prominence of the site on undulating land and the lack of screening

- The development is against government guidance for the location of solar farms
- The lack of a guarantee that the site will be run by the Community Group (Community Benefit Society).
- No guarantee over the minimum funding of the Community Benefit Fund
- No viable business plan produced by the Community Benefit Society to allow a balanced risk approach to requested investment
- There is no guarantee that the Community Benefit Society will be owned by local residents or that the Directors of the society will be local

The Borough Council also to be made aware of the poll result and the turnout.

Action Clerk

Quotations for refurbishment of Harrold skate park

Since the last meeting a 3rd quote had been received for £20,250 from Rampmental (the supplier who had resurfaced the ramp). They have spent time talking to users –but the plan would involve extending the tarmac area by 2metres which requires planning permission. Cllr Brough is looking in to this. It was agreed that this was the preferred option if the correct permission could be obtained.

The meeting closed at 9pm