

## Burgh and Tuttington Special Parish Meeting 03/04/2017

### 1. Welcome and Introduction

- a. Parish councillors present; Mr D Papworth, Mr F Hurrell, Mrs Judith Holloway, Mr C Piggott, Mrs C Taylor. Clerk Mr Joseph Winterbourne Apologies: Mrs R Topping, Mr R Llewellyn
- b. Mr David Harrison
- c. Steve Riley
- d. Mr Keith Simpson
- e. PCSO Andrew Mason
- f. Mr Jef Van Poorvliet                      Colby & Banningham
- g. Patrick Mutimer Aylsham Growers Renewables

### 2. Purpose of Meeting: How to improve the quality of village life in an era of increasing size and frequency of farm and contractor traffic.

### 3. Declaration of interests: These would be declared as people spoke.

### 4. Clerk'update

- a. Since the parish meeting on 27/03/2017, there have been a number of emails.
- b. Keith Simpson our MP confirmed he would be in attendance.
- c. David Harrison confirmed he would be in attendance.
- d. Aylsham town Clerk expressed empathy over the general issue of road traffic in rural areas.
- e. There were emails from individual residents in Burgh.
- f. Banningham and Colby clerk sent out the invite and Jef Van Poortvliet and Bob Hewitt indicated they would attend.
- g. PC Andrew Mason kindly changed his shift to attend the meeting.
- h. Aylsham Growers Renewables have been in contact to confirm they will come to the meeting.
- i. Norman Lamb has been contacted.
- j. Notices on the parish noticeboards.

## 5. Aylsham Growers Renewables

Patrick Mutimer, the chairman, gave an outline of the business. Aylsham Growers Renewables supply feedstock to Scottow Bio-Digester ,mainly Maize and rye for renewable electricity – Base load electricity. Try and run harvests sensibly using local contractors. 1 harvester and 10 trailers. Drivers are given induction training they are expected to follow highway code. Vehicles have specific number. Any problems phone manager with the number. They run a oneway system.

## 6. David Harrison: Background to the whole issue of transport is with legislation. Any changes need national changes.

- a. Steve Riley: reminded the meeting that a digester had been planned for Alton but had been refused. The main issue had been traffic movements.

## 7. Keith Simpson: here in a listening mode. Traffic vehicles are subject to law in terms of size etc. Traffic is not top of the legislation list. Aware of the impact of heavy traffic on property, road verges and roads. Government has supported this business.

## 8. OPEN FORUM

Apologies for any misspelled names

- a. Patrick Prikopp opened with a prepared statement. He stated he was part of an action group who wanted to stop tractor traffic from Scottow through Spratts Green and Burgh. The amount of tractor traffic is unacceptable. He stated that Burgh and Tuttington parish council hadn't been part of the planning process. Other parishes such as Swanton Abbott and Llamas had managed to put in objections. Stressed the action group wanted to work with Burgh and Tuttington parish council.
- b. The chairman stressed that no planning had come to the parish as it was not part of North Norfolk. He also mentioned growing patterns were variable.
- c. Patrick Mutimer: few wide roads in Norfolk, the manager goes through the routes each morning. There are maps showing the fields used in rotation. Expecting 4/5 days movement this year.
- d. Phil Letman : handed out a map to some people. The map showed areas marked in different colours.

- e. Susan Mather: Oulton parish councillor claimed Aylsham Growers gets runs from up to 7 miles.
- f. Patrick Mutimer explained that crop rotation meant that a wide range of routes were used.
- g. Chrissie McVeigh: had studied the planning for the Scottow digester. Why can they work outside the 3 mile radius?
- h. Steve Riley: it would be helpful if there are traffic variations.
- i. Jeremy Hickling: challenged the right of the chairman to chair the meeting.
- j. David Papworth: explained his interests as a local farmer.
- k. Clive Taylor: why is this a parish matter?
- l. Colin Campbell: Had AGR been contacted by the clerk with a list of specific questions?
- m. AGR replied Yes.
- n. Chrissie McVeigh; Back to planning. Challenging the amount of land needed to supply the digester.
- o. Susan Mather; Questions on routes and size of trailers spot on. This type of renewables no longer supported by DEFRA. Transport no longer means it is carbon neutral. How many deliveries?
- p. AGR Try to get 33000 tonnes. Trialling new products
- q. Phil Letman: Need information. Has planning changed.
- r. Maria Hickling: Have been to planning. There is no planning variation to extend areas.
- s. Jeremy Hickling; Are AGR shareholders sending crops to the digester.
- t. David Hitcham; Very concerned by the whole issue of traffic-buses,tankers,tractors, cars. Lots of discourteous drivers.
- u. Sue Brewer: had seen tractor driver on mobile phone.
- v. AGR: please phone if infringements are seen.
- w. PC Andy Mason reminded people of the £200 fine.
- x. Yvonne Stuart: If planning has been violated, traffic should stop.
- y. Colin Campbell: Is there confusion over parish council AGM and parish meeting?
- z. Maria Hickling: tractors coming in convoy.

- aa. Patrick Prikopp: Much more traffic in general. How can we improve transport from the digester.
- bb. Steve Riley: Quite correct that planning rests with North Norfolk. Information should come back via councillors.
- cc. Oulton parish council requested that neighbouring councils should be consulted.
- dd. Caryl Taylor; Is it green to grow crops for the digester? What do we do about traffic? Drivers should be made to keep to low speeds. Time constraints need to be enforced.
- ee. Jef Van Poorvliet: Colby councillor and AGR director. Any breach of planning will be looked into. Drivers are expected to follow training. Traffic problems are not caused deliberately. Issues will be taken back to the board of directors.
- ff. Phil Letman: new roundabout not wide enough to allow tractors to exit onto A140.
- gg. General closing comments: AGR will pursue issue of existing planning. Maize transport will be 5 days. Rye transport will be a few days longer. AGR are trying to do their best
- hh. Keith Simpson: Will take issues back to parliament.
- ii. Next scheduled council meeting 15/05/2017.
- jj. Patrick Prikopp: Thanks to all who came to the meeting councillors, guests and especially residents

#### Agreed Actions

1. Planning legalities to be clarified by Aylsham Growth Renewables. Ask AGR representative to come to meeting on 15/05/2017 and report back.