

## TERLING AND FAIRSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of Terling and Fairstead Parish Council held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 8.30 am, at Terling Village Hall

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Present:	Mrs S McNamara (Chairman)	Mrs J Long
	Mrs J Halfhide	Mr R Dixon
	Mrs L Sime	

1 member of the public

28.30 ***Apologies for Absence***- were received and accepted from Councillors Alder and Tugwell,

28.31 ***Declaration of Interests*** – None

28.32 ***Meeting Open to the Public***

A parishioner read out a statement expressing his concern that the Parish Council objection to the Longfield Solar Farm' Planning Application EN010118 did not reflect the views of all the parish and that Councillors, though welcome to comment to the Planning Inspectorate on an individual basis, are not qualified to object or recommend approval of this planning application. He felt strongly that the Parish Council should withdraw its statement recommending that the DCO should not be granted.

RD stated that the Parish Council's submission to the Planning Inspectorate was based on pre-examination observations and that opportunity has now passed, and the Parish Council is now focusing on the applicant's submission to the Inspectorate and its response to Relevant Representations from Interested Parties. The Longfield DCO is now under the formal examination procedure.

SM, as Chairman, apologized personally for not challenging Councillors as to whether the Parish Council was in a position to approve or object to the planning application.

28.33 ***Minutes of Last Meeting***

It was proposed by JL, seconded by SM and unanimously agreed that the Chairman should sign a copy of the minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

28.34 ***To approve the Parish Council's Additional Responses to the Statement of Applicant's Comments on Relevant Representations (as per HMPI website)***

RD read out a statement explaining the process for Interested Parties to comment on Relevant Representations and the process around the Parish Council's submission.

The five-page submission was discussed in detail and some minor amendments were made. LS's excel spreadsheet detailing parishioners' concerns (submitted Dec 2020) was referred to and it was agreed to add a point in Additional Comments regarding benefits to the parish/community. JH proposed that this final draft should be approved for submission, subject to the addition of an informative under the Section: Additional Comments, Point 4. The final draft and the Additional Comments will be circulated to councillors prior to submission, seconded by RD, unanimously approved.

SM expressed her grateful thanks to all councillors who had worked on this submission.

28.35 ***Information exchange / next agenda items*** – Planning Application – The Piggeries

28.36 ***Date of next meeting, including committees***

***Parish Council Meeting, 20th September 2022, 7.30 pm, Terling Village Hall***

***Parish Council Meeting, 25th October 2022, 7.30 pm Terling Village Hall***

Meeting finished at 9.29 am

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