

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MILTON ABBOT GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY 2014 AT MILTON ABBOT VILLAGE HALL AT 9.15 PM**

(also available at www.chillaton.net and www.miltonabbot.net)

PRESENT:- Cllrs J Anderson (MA), H Asbridge (C), R Brewer (C), D Gradidge (D), P Hough (MA),
M Phalsson (B), J Spurr (MA), Mrs A Westcott (C) Mrs C Williams (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:- R Tucker (MA)

**2. APPLICATION 01243/2013: ERECTION OF WIND TURBINE AT BECKWELL FARM,
MEADWELL**

Consideration was given to formulating the Parish Council's views on this application, in the light of the public meeting held earlier that evening.

The overwhelming view of those present at the public meeting and those who had placed representations on the Borough Council's website, was that the application should be refused because of its adverse impact on the amenities of those living nearby, its visual intrusion on the landscape, its potentially adverse effect on local tourism-based businesses and the possibility that it might create a precedent for similar turbines in the same area.

The Parish Council acknowledged those concerns and a majority of Councillors present AGREED that:

(i) they were sufficient to outweigh the contribution that such a development would make to the achievement of national renewable energy targets and to the economy of Beckwell Farm.

(ii) having regard to the desirability of submitting the Parish Council's views before the expiration of the deadline for representations by members of the public, the Parish Clerk should prepare a statement reflecting the above decision and the grounds therefor, for approval by Parish Councillors by 9pm, 9th January.

(iii) upon receiving the approval of a clear majority of Parish Councillors, the above statement, amended as necessary, be submitted immediately after that deadline, to the Borough Council.

Councillors Ray Brewer and Amanda Westcott declared personal and prejudicial interests in the above item, remained at the meeting and did not vote thereon.

3. GRASS CUTTING – PAYMENT OF CONTRACTOR

It was noted that the latest payment to J. Murrain for grass cutting had not been received and it was AGREED that the cheque concerned be cancelled and a replacement issued, as soon as possible.

4. APPLICATION FOR GRANT AID – MILTON ABBOT AND DUNTERTON CHURCHES

A letter was received from Colonel Napier on behalf of Milton Abbot and Dunterton Churches requesting financial assistance for the coming year. It was agreed that grants would be made in respect of both Churches on the same basis as for last year.

5. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

In accordance with Standing Order 44, the public and press were excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

6. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PARISH CLERK

Following the granting of leave of absence to the Parish Clerk until 31st January 2014, it was AGREED that Councillor Asbridge would be appointed acting Parish Clerk, unpaid, with immediate effect.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5th March 2014 – Regular Parish Meeting 7:30pm Marystowe Church Hall

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.45pm.

Signed _____ **Dated** _____