

## ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in the Market Hall at 7.30pm

**Present** Cllr Kyle Blue (Chairman) Cllrs M Lewis, P Knowles, E Potter and M Jenkin  
Clerk, C J Elphick  
District Councillor Adrian Todd  
Sixty members of the public

**Apologies for absence.** had been received from Cllr M Coates and County Councillor Libby Bateman

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr S Dunning declared an interest in planning application No. 13/0917. He is the applicant. Cllr Dunning did not attend the meeting.

**Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013 had been circulated and were signed by the chairman as a correct record.

#### **Planning**

No. 13/0917	Installation of a single wind turbine, associated infrastructure and access route
Type	Full Application
Location	Raisgill Hall, Tebay
Applicant	Mr S Dunning

The Chairman outlined the application to the meeting and invited comments from members of the public. A number of points were made including the following:

The application is for a wind turbine some 67 metres (230 feet) to the blade tip. This is much greater than that which would normally power a farm and provide a surplus to the National Grid. It is further noted that the electricity generated in this case would be connected directly to the National Grid without being connected direct to the farm.

The scale of this proposed structure in the particular location would be inappropriate, particularly as it would be within a few metres of a proposed extension to the Yorkshire Dales National Park and visible from the Lake District National Park. From the proposed elevated position the structure would be clearly visible from Orton Scar AONB and many other locations including the Howgill Fells. The foregoing observations would undoubtedly have an adverse effect on attracting tourists to this hitherto unspoilt landscape. Tourism is a major source of employment in this area.

It is considered that approval of a wind turbine in this location would create a precedent and lead to a proliferation of similar structures along the high ground towards Kirkby Stephen further polluting unspoiled landscape.

A show of hands from the public present indicated almost 100% opposition to the proposal. No hands were raised in favour.

It was **resolved** that Orton Parish Council recommends **refusal** of this application.

**Date of next meeting** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014