

Sulgrave News



January 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Regular Events

BB&C Service	2 nd Sunday of the month at Culworth church - 11.00am
Book Club	4 th Tuesday of each month at the Star Inn - 8.00pm
Circle Dancing	3 rd Thursday of the month at Culworth - 7.30pm
Pilates	Most Fridays at Sulgrave Church Hall - 9.30am

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If you have information, articles or stories for the newsletter telephone Janet on 01295 760397 or e-mail janet_m_smith@btinternet.com. As always, articles can be left at Sulgrave Village Shop

Philip Henn

Thanks to all friends for cards, letters and words of condolence since the death of Philip, a much loved husband, father and grandfather. He had lived all his life in Sulgrave.

Donations towards a hoist for E Ward at the Horton General Hospital, Banbury, raised £869 at his Memorial Service.

Thank you all for your generosity.

Daphne, Christopher & Jacqueline



A big thankyou to all who supported us at the Christmas Fayre held on December 4th. We raised just over £570.00 for the church!

As usual, the display of cyclamen took one's breath away. They are now adorning many a sideboard and window sill in Sulgrave. Thanks also go to all those who helped on the day and ensured that the event was a success.

Shrimp



*A big BIG thank you to all who generously supported this year's Christingle. We raised an amazing **£279.20 !!!***

With gift aid included the Children's Society will receive over £300.

Thank you also to all the members of the Christingle team who, despite many commitments, still gave their time to help run the event. You're all fantastic!

Look out for photos on the village website.

Jo Gregory



Janet & Maureen would like to invite you to our

Soup Kitchen

at Sulgrave Church Hall on
Tuesday 18th January 2011 at 12.30pm



Cock a Leekie Soup

Or

Scottish Vegetable Broth (V)

Both served with croutons, bread rolls and butter

Clootie Dumpling with Custard

or

Cheese & biscuits, celery & grapes

Cafetieres of freshly brewed coffee

Booking is essential
To reserve your place please call

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Draft Notes from Parish Council Meeting held 2ND December 2010

The Parish Council is made up of the following members and they can be contacted as follows:

Chairman - Cllr Graham Roberts (07778 584108)

Vice-Chairman - Cllr David Kellett (07747 808574)

Parish Clerk - Mrs Christine Coles (01295 276229)

Cllr Clare Pollak (01295 768224)

Cllr Jane Osborne (07879 624375)

Cllr Jo Powell (01295 768243)

Cllr Andrew Waite (07787 502260)

Introduction

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. A minutes silence was held in respect of the recent passing away of Philip Henn and Mrs Beardall.

To fully discuss planning application S/2010/1437/MAF, Wind farm comprising of five wind turbines plus underground cabling, meteorological mast, access tracks, control building, temporary site compound and ancillary development (includes environmental statement) at Spring Ridge Farm, land to the north of Welsh Lane, Greatworth

The Chair began the discussion by noting the Parish Council had always tried to keep the village fully informed from the very beginning of being told by Broadview that they were interested in placing a wind farm on Spring Farm Ridge. Broadview also came to a meeting earlier in the year and have organised two site visits to see other wind farms in operation. Cllr Pollak was able to go on the second site visit but that particular wind farm was much smaller than this proposed one. The final plans were received last week and were put out on display in the church hall during the weekend of 27th and 28th November. The details were also put on the website. The two action groups, Sulgrave & Weston Action Group and Helmdon and Stuchbury Action Group have attended meetings to put their points across. Broadview have just advised the council they plan to hold a meeting on 9th December with two councillors from each parish to discuss any further issues or answer questions from the Parish Council.

The discussion was then opened up to the floor.

Mr Christy advised he has objected to the application on the following grounds. 1. Impact of setting. 2. Adjoining land has been ignored and the proposed wind farm surrounds three designated landscape areas. 3. The impact on the natural landscape which will be destroyed after the 25 years as it will become a brownfield site. In addition to this Mr Christy was very upset about the tactics the company had used. They were unwilling to acknowledge the income per turbine on an annual basis. He felt they were very arrogant at two presentations and failed to take note of the serious concerns raised at these meetings. Mr Christy raised this with the Managing Director of Broadview who did not deny it.

Mr Wootton had studied the application in great detail and noted there was nothing new in the application. In Broadview's opinion it was a perfect site, with predicted wind speed. Road access was ideal. They did agree the landscape would change but in their opinion, the countryside is not special and there are few heritage assets in Sulgrave. This wind farm will not affect them and it would have an indirect impact on the setting. Mr Wootton then showed various photo montages which were completely unsatisfactory. Details in the planning application detailed the montages to be of moderate impact but Mr Wootton and others felt they were major.

A villager has also objected as the area is very close to a popular riding route across the area. The turbines would overshadow a large part of Sulgrave and dominate the area for everyone including walkers and riders.

There was concern about road safety along Welsh Lane as the traffic would increase on an already dangerous road. This road was given red route status last year and the council are to check if this is still the case.

Mr Lewis advised that there were strong reactions from Sulgrave Manor about the Enertrag application, which has since been withdrawn and this will be the same as the setting of the building will be affected. Mr Lewis will be contacting the Colonial Dames and Manor Board.

Cllr Pollak asked how the turbines would be lit as there was no mention of this in the current planning application. They would probably have a beacon on top to make light aircraft aware they are there. The current wind mast has a red lamp on it.

Mr Pollak would be objecting as he is custodian of Castle Hill and it was unacceptable to place a wind farm near to a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

The Chair then asked the councillors for their views.

Cllr Kellett acknowledged the need for renewable energy but the Parish Council were elected to represent the views of the village. Although only a small representation of people had come to this meeting he did not know of anyone who had expressed a keenness to have a wind farm. The views of the village must take priority and Cllr Kellett would be objecting to it.

Cllr Waite had looked at the dis-benefits and these outweighed the benefits. He would be objecting to it.

Cllr Powell agreed and it would have an effect on the conservation area. The bad points outweigh the good ones. She would object to it.

Cllr Pollak noted that her area of responsibility is heritage and there is a legal obligation to protect Scheduled Ancient Monuments for the future. The area would become a brownfield site in the future and she would be objecting to it.

The Chair noted that it was completely inappropriate to put a wind farm near to a conservation setting. There would no doubt be a significant impact on the landscape and the Parish Council should recognise responsibilities as part of the wider community. There is a noise concern for the quiet countryside and it is completely inappropriate for riders and walkers.

The councillors were then asked to vote and the five councillors present unanimously voted against the proposal. The reasons to the objection would be as follows:

1. The importance of a conservation area.
2. To set an argument against the impact being moderate only.
3. Designated special areas.
4. Validity of photo montages - Broadview failed to meet the request made by the Parish Council to take photos at selected view points.
5. Impact on footpaths.
6. Traffic concern.
7. The impact on the wider community.

Action: The Parish Council would send in their own objection with supporting documentation to SNC. The Clerk to contact the Case Officer at SNC and ask when the paperwork has to be submitted.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

27th January 2011 at 7.45pm in the Church Hall

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to
THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING

To be held on
THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY 2011
@ 7.45PM

In Sulgrave Church Hall, Manor Road

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION

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- **SETTING OF BUDGET FOR 2011/12**

We look forward to seeing you there



JANUARY 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Pilates 9.30am Church Hall	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Pilates 9.30am Church Hall	15	16
17	18 Soup Kitchen 12.30pm Sulgrave Church Hall	19	20	21 Pilates 9.30am Church Hall	22	23
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