

FROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM AT FROCESTER LODGE

Present: Cllrs. David Holpin (Chair), Wendy Hawkins, Bill Flude and Jane Davis

Apologies: Bob Hill

The meeting began with a presentation from Cambridge Solar Power, the firm that has submitted a planning application to construct a solar farm on land at Hillhouse Farm, north of Cambridge and the River Cam, and west of the A38. The solar farm is proposed to have the capacity to generate up to 30MW/year of power. Frocester Parish Council discussed the environmental and visual impact of this proposal from the perspective of Frocester Hill, its wildlife benefits and the community benefits that might result from its operation. Although small, there will be a financial benefit to Frocester Parish Council, this is determined by the number of households falling within a prescribed area centred on the solar farm.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th July 2014 were read and approved, after correcting the date of the previous meeting, by councillors and signed by the Chairman. The annual return for the financial year ended 31st March 2014 was discussed in relation to comments received from Grant Thornton concerning the council tax support grant and the trust funds declaration. These comments were accepted and will be taken into account in the return for next financial year 2015.

Further concern was expressed by Cllr Holpin for the slippage of the bank on Frocester Hill opposite Hill Farm. This concern will be sent to Richard Gray, Local Highways Manager (Cotswold South).

The meeting also discussed a number of planning applications:

1. S.14/1944/P3M - Change of use of existing machinery/cattle/grain store to light engineering.
2. S.14/1923/HHOLD - Two storey extension.
3. S.14/1906/HHOLD - Erection of a replacement garage.
4. S.14/1613/FUL - Erection of a new cricket pavilion.
5. S.14/1720/HHOLD - Construction of single storey extension.

No objections were raised for the first four applications and no further objections were raised for the last application.

Any other business raised the question of the state of the gravel surrounding the war memorial and it was agreed that a quantity of new gravel would be purchased and spread on the low are opposite Frocester Manor. It was also agreed that the parish notice board would be given a coat of oil. The date of the next meeting could not be set since the cricket club calendar was not available.

The next meeting date was not decided until the Cricket Club calendar could be accessed.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.