

Grange Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting note, 6 September 2011

In attendance: Cllr David Wilkinson (DW)
Helen Hall (HH) – RES
Alison Jones (AJ) - RES
Sue Fortune (SF) – Lincolnshire Community Foundation
Matthew Horn (MH) - Bellenden
James Sachon (JS) – Bellenden

Venue: The Corn Exchange, Market house, Long Sutton

Date: 6th September 2011

Apologies:

CW gave the apologies of Mr Morh from Little Sutton Parish Council.

Meeting note

Due to the limited attendance the official agenda was not followed and meeting evolved into a general discussion. Below is an overview of what was discussed.

- It was agreed that Bellenden and RES would revisit the invitation process and MH would contact Parish Clerks over the telephone to discuss.
- MH clarified that other CLGs had been a very productive way to give information and receive questions / clarify issues.
- HH said RES was happy to look at alternative ways to engage with the Parish Councils. One possible option is for RES to approach each Parish and ask for the development to be added to their regular agenda.
- DW asked how the fund is allocated and who is eligible to be on the panel and to receive the money. HH and SF explained the set procedure.
- SF clarified that a panel would be set up that would agree the criteria for allocating the money. Each application would be assessed by the Community Foundation and then given a score for the panel to review.
- SF explained that the Community Foundation is there to make sure the process is fair and to help those wishing to apply.
- DW confirmed that the power station allocated a number of grants each year of up to £2,000 each.
- SF outlined that what could happen is that groups within a 10 mile radius could apply for the fund and those within 5 miles will get priority.
- HH confirmed the first consultation meeting for the funds will be in October so there is still time to engage with the Parish Councils in advance.
- HH outlined the phases of work on the Grange Wind Farm for DW and clarified that the period of most activity will be when the foundation work is taking place
- DW asked if all the foundation tests have taken place, HH confirmed that they have and the depth of each foundation will be 25 metres.
- HH outlined that there would be very little traffic work, with the exception of the road improvements needed and the turbine delivery stage.

- DW mentioned that the power station receives more grant funds than applications.
- DW mentioned that a local gym club was looking for a new venue and might be keen to apply for a grant.
- DW asked how long the development work would take place? HH confirmed it would be in the region of 18 months.
- The meeting ended with SF giving a presentation from the Lincolnshire Community Foundation on their role and work in the local area.