

Burstall Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th June 2018 in the Pavilion

16.18 Present: Barry Gasper (chair), Nick Fiske, Andrew Cooper, Simon Girling, Andrew Kerrison, Ann Burchnall & Parish Clerk Jo Brown & John Foster

17.18. Apologies. Mary Smith & Rupert Caitlain

18.18. Declaration of Interest of any item on the agenda:

No declarations were made

19.18. Planning:

To discuss application DC/18/02452 - Brook Farm, Burstall Hill, Burstall
Erection of 20MW Flexible Electricity Generation Facility

Barry Gasper gave an update from Babergh District Council on this application. As of today no payment has yet been received for the application. They have been through the pre application but no information is available. Concerns were raised last year when a previous application was granted. It seems that the land owner has now changed his mind to allow this application. Barry Gasper is waiting for an email from planning department and will meet the senior planning officer to discuss this further and stop a greenfield site being developed for industrial use.

John Foster gave a detailed report on the battery storage facility explaining that there has now been a definition change, so the battery storage is now an offset of generation. This application has been made by a different company, Site Store Brook 2, to the first application. They need the application to then be able to get the money to fund the project. The Government has been encouraging battery storage but is now changing its mind as it may not be good to anyone and does not last longer than ½ hour, therefore they have recently changed the rules. The rating system has changed.

The battery length of cycle is not included on the application and therefore not sure of the longevity of the batteries. They are a fire risk as they get hot. This is also on a greenfield site but this is additional to land already being used. Concerns were raised of the cumulative impact at what point does it get too much!

It was decided that the council will oppose this application vigorously and the John Foster will email a response for the clerk to send. It was also proposed to arrange a meeting with the land owner to discuss the future of this development as it will have a knock on effect on the village.

20.18: Any other business/items for next agenda.

Add to next Agenda village road closures.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm