

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WROXALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 18 MAY 2009 AT 19.00**

PRESENT: Cllr A. Gallop (Chairman)  
M. Clayton, C. Rickards, J. Welstead, S. Underwood  
IN ATTENDANCE: M. Taplin, Clerk; 19 members of the public

A public discussion session took place in relation to the planning application for the construction of wind turbines at Ventnor Golf Club. All those present expressed their opposition to the proposal.

140/08-09 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Cllr Cole, Cllr Court, Cllr Wood

141/08-09 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST  
All members declared their residency in Wroxall for the Planning discussion

142/08-09 TO CONFIRM/APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 APRIL 2009  
**RESOLVED** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 6 April as a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

143/08-09 MATTERS ARISING NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION  
(i) Stenbury View footpath  
The Clerk had written to the Footpaths at IoW Council and received a response promising the path would be cleared as soon as possible..

144/08-09 TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2008-9 AND THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT  
The Clerk explained the out-turn figures and it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Annual Accounts for 2008-9 and the Annual Governance Statement.

145/08-09 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING  
**P00347/09** Sheepwash Cottage Manor Rd Relocation of access  
**RESOLVED** No Objection  
**P00444/09** Ventnor Golf Club Three wind turbines  
**RESOLVED** to recommend that the application be refused.  
The material considerations are:  
1. Although not in Wroxall, the turbines if approved will occupy the southern skyline and be visible from across the Parish.  
2. The application is contrary to Island Plan CP13 in having almost no Environmental, Economic or Social benefits, but many disbenefits: adverse visual impact unacceptable to local people, including flashing lights at night and flicker effect during sunlight periods; adverse aural impact as noise above WHO guidelines travels down wind through the Rew valley; adverse effects on wildlife including badger sets in Rew Copse, owl and bat populations within 250 m, bird population including endangered Dartford Warblers; industrial intrusion into an AONB countryside landscape; vibration on a major fault line; adverse effect on adjacent bridleway within the limit of 200 m recommended by the British Horse Society; adverse highway impact from size and number of vehicles during construction period.  
There has been no consultation with the people of Wroxall who will

be affected by the impact of the application's proposals. The Parish Council requests that a publicised spot height determinator be provided by a balloon raised from the site, and that Members carry out a site visit including viewing from Wroxall at this time.

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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS

**RESOLVED** To approve payments of the following accounts:

Cheque No	Payee	Amount	Details
	Clerks salary paid through IoW Council – to be invoiced		
<b>995</b>	M R Taplin	£ 36.45	Clerk's expenses
<b>996</b>	Zurich Municipal	£ 597.81	Insurance
<b>997</b>	Biltmore Printers	£ 201.25	Paper
<b>998</b>	SLCC	£ 94.00	Subscription
<b>999</b>	J. G. Cooke	£ 90.00	Grass Cutting

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read the list of correspondence received.

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ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (Not requiring a resolution)

Cllr Welstead drew attention to County Press notices about forthcoming road closures, which if taken at face value could see the village cut off for a considerable period. Discussion with County Highways had revealed that the notice was worded to give maximum flexibility for small periods of closure, and sections north and south of the village would not be worked on together. With his retirement from the Council imminent, he expressed his appreciation for all the help and advice received from fellow councillors during the time that he had served on the Council.

Cllr Underwood asked what to do with the bank signatory statement in the light of Cllr Wood's decision not to seek re-election. If Cllr Wood's name was deleted from the form, he should proceed with his own application to become a signatory – a further review would be undertaken by the new Council.

Cllr Clayton referred to the arrogant behaviour of cyclists riding through the village during the recent radonné. He also asked if any progress had been made with the movement of the dog waste bin (Clerk still has this in hand). Cllr Gallop had met the police concerning their taking over an allotment plot. The Clerk was asked to let the other allotment holders know that an Offenders Team (under supervision) would be clearing the site and burning the waste material.

He referred to the AGM of IWALC scheduled for 19 June.

The bridle way from Stenbury Way onto the Downs was completely washed out and needed attention from IoW Council.

The Chair paid tribute to the service and work of retiring Cllrs and asked that letters of appreciation be sent to those concerned.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.20

Signed..... Date .....

**Next Meeting: MONDAY 8 JUNE, 19.00 Methodist Church Hall**