

LITTLE BROMLEY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at Haywain Public House, on Wednesday 4th August 2021 at 19.00pm

In Attendance:

- Councillor J Buxton (Chairman)**
- Councillor A Spall (Vice Chairman)**
- Councillor S Sauka**
- Councillor I Smith**
- D Sauka - Clerk**

9 Members of the public attended

62/1. Apologies to be received and accepted
Cllr N Stock

62/2. Members Interests

- To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, other Pecuniary or Non Pecuniary interests
Cllr Spall declared an interest in item 62/4

62/3. North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Project

LBPC has been contacted by the Planning Inspectorate regarding the North Falls Offshore Windfarm proposed development.

The Applicant – North Falls Offshore Wind Ltd - is looking for development consent and has asked the Planning Inspectorate for its opinion as to the information to be provided in the Environmental Statement for the proposed development.

LBPC has been identified as a body that needs to be consulted and as such we can provide the Inspectorate with information that should be provided in the Environmental Statement, or to confirm we have no comments. Deadline for submissions is the 16th August.

Summary of North Falls Windfarm development and how it could affect Little Bromley – summarised from the provided documents.

Project initiated by Crown Estates to extend the Greater Gabbard Offshore Wind Farm (Suffolk) which went live in 2012. Will be over 100MW and is viewed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project.

Developer is a consortium between SSE Renewables and RWE Renewables

Offshore and Onshore element – we will focus here on the Onshore

Cable landfall is proposed between Clacton and Frinton – site to be selected. Cables will be supporting 400kV (reference, current cables at Ardleigh substation are 132kV)

New onshore transmission substation needed. National Grid to select site and design principles are many but basically all land within 20km of landfall, and all land within 4km of the existing 132kV

transmission line between Ardleigh Road substation and Little Clacton substation, excluding population areas over 5,000 , sites of SSI etc.

Cables to this substation will be underground. Routes not identified. There will be 4x export circuits with working width up to 70m for installation.

Additionally National Grid has decided that North Falls will connect to a new location called East Anglia Coastal. This site is not yet identified. The onshore substation will need to connect to the East Anglian Coastal station, and the East Anglian Coastal Station will need to connect to the Grid.

The view is that the onshore substation and East Anglian Coastal substation will in proximity of each other.

Current dates –

Informal consultation autumn 2021

Pre-app consultations 2022

Submission summer 2023

Consent 2024

Onshore construction start 2026

Offshore starts 2028

Operational 2030

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Buxton that LBPC would write to North Falls stating that LBPC would like to be continued to be consulted on the project, 2nd Cllr Smith. Unanimously agreed.

62/4. Change to Little Bromley Settlement Development Boundary

LBPC has been requested to respond to proposed modifications to the Tendring District Local Plan.

The change that affects Little Bromley directly is the proposed change to the Local Plan map – this is a requested change to the village Settlement Development Boundary. We have until 1700 on Tuesday 31st August to respond. Map entered into records.

Cllr Spall made a statement regarding the background of the settlement boundary – which will be entered into records. Cllr Spall was asked to leave the meeting.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Buxton that LBPC would not support the request, 2nd Cllr Smith. Unanimously agreed. Cllr Buxton to write to TDC with objections.

62/5. Public Participation

- Matters arising from members of the public
None

62/6. Next meeting date.

- 16th September 2021

Meeting closed @ 19.57

Signed:.....

Dated:.....16/9/2021.....

Name:.....JON BUXTON.....

Position:.....CHAIRMAN.....