

Mendlesham Parish Council

An Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting was held in the Old School Room, Mendlesham, Thursday 23 May 2024 at 7pm.

1. Present: Cllrs H Orton (Chair), N Foster, D Foster, S Hyde, S Judd, E Ward, A Davey, C Orton, P Allen and A Johnson (Clerk) and 66 members of the public.

Apologies: D Lummis (personal reasons)

Acceptance of apologies: Confirmed

The filming statement was read out.

2. Interests

a) To note Councillor's declarations of interest in any of the following agenda items.

It was noted that despite all cllrs being residents of the parish, the planned pylons, according to current proposals, were not immediately neighbouring any property or land belonging to any cllrs. Therefore, no interests were declared.

b) To agree any dispensations regarding any declarations of interest

None required

3. Minutes:

a) Extra Ordinary Meeting 20.5.24 pages 2148-2150 inclusive were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting, signed and dated by the Chairperson

4. National Grid: Norwich to Tilbury

a) To discuss National Grid: Norwich to Tilbury

Chair read statement to advise the members of the public the planned format of the meeting.

Four guest speakers were invited to give their background and position on the National Grid: Norwich to Tilbury proposal. These included one member of MSDC staff involved in NSIPs planning, two cllrs from SCC and one local farmer.

The public were then invited to ask the speakers questions.

After much discussion, the chair thanked the public for their time and asked for a vote, by show of hands, to gauge the overall opinion.

Members of the public unanimously voted refusal of the NG proposal.

b) To agree next steps

PC to collate parishioners' questions and opinions from the meeting and feedback forms and provide a response to National Grid to be drafted at next PC meeting.

8. Any other business: matters of report and future agenda items

None

Meeting closed 8.39pm.