

**Minutes of the Special Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5
March 2008 in the Methodist Church Hall**

Present: Chris Worrall (Chairman), Ann Dowson, Doreen Engall, Nick Evans, Shaun Hamilton, Ernest Smith, Robert Templey, Allen Williamson

Apologies: Steve Appleyard, Wendy Evans, Madge Johnson, Alison Payne, Sue Vicary

Guests: East Riding of Yorkshire Council: Councillor Symon Fraser Portfolio Holder for the Environment and Paul Bellotti Head of Community and Sustainable Development

Plus 6 members of the public

Clerk: Steve Young 01757 288234

Declaration of Interest,

The Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001. To record any declarations of interest by any Member in respect of items on this agenda, N Evans a non-prejudicial interest in 26/08

26/08 The special meeting was called so that the Parish Council could meet Councillor Symon Fraser and Paul Bellotti so that they could “explain community composting and how it fits within the East Riding Council’s recycling Target 45+ with the aim to offer information and clarity to the discussion”

Paul Bellotti and Symon Fraser handed out a sheet of information on community composting which highlighted that ‘garden organics’ comprised 17.9% of the collected green bin waste. If this goes to landfill it gives off unwanted methane gas and affects the ERYC recycling target set by Europe/London, if this target is not hit then the ERYC faces possible fines of £9 million per annum. This obviously would impact on services. Symon stated that he wants garden waste to be composted rather than being buried.

Paul stated that the East Riding residents are doing well and we are ‘a good average’ recycling area but that we need to do more. He said that residents want to recycle but it must be made easy for them. The East Riding Council is now running a pilot scheme to collect garden waste in brown bins, the expectation is that it will be successful and will be rolled out in stages across the East Riding. He said that depending how the roll-out is done Holme on Spalding Moor could see brown bins in months or certainly within 2 years

Paul explained Community Composting and defined it as garden waste being composted on a local site by a local group for the benefit of the local community. He said that this was an initiative started to try and divert garden waste away from landfill, he said it could exist alongside brown bin collections.

The benefits are lower transport costs, the community would gain £75 credit for every ton collected to be spent on community projects and compost generated could be returned to the community.

Paul stated that 4 schemes are due to start shortly with a possibility of a fifth, of the 4 schemes 2 are run by the Town Council concerned and 2 by community groups. In each case the project was to be started with a small number of residents with the plan to roll out to more as the project gathers pace, each project was planned to be different in terms of collection etc. He could give no information on positive or negative reactions as 2008 will be the first season of the scheme so no results are in yet. He said that community composting is not proven but a test but that the East Riding Council planned to monitor the schemes and step in if there are problems eg of non collection

Various specific questions were put eg size of sacks/type of garden waste to be allowed and were answered by saying that these factors would need to be addressed by each community scheme and that the East Riding Council and the Environment Agency would give advice

Pocklington Town Council is the nearest neighbour in the scheme and it has taken two years to reach a start point but that was due to planning permission problems

R Templey stated that misinformation had been spread and Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council has not blocked the proposed Holme Composters scheme, it was asked for comments which it provided. The decision whether to go ahead lies with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council
S Hamilton stated that based on 35% take up a scheme in Holme on Spalding Moor open to the whole parish would generate £180 per month in credits, this being at odds with the £975 quoted in the Holme Composters application

There being no further questions/comments Chairman thanked the two guests for their attendance

27/08 Planning applications

DC/07/05958/PLF Erection of conservatory and detached garage to rear at 70 Old Road for Mrs JS Ormesher, Councillors were concerned at the restricted driveway and its effect on coaches and deliveries

DC/08/00825/PLF Erection of conservatory to rear at Graystones 20 Moor End for Mr SE Bunker, Councillors had no comment

The meeting closed at 8.27pm

As previously notified the next meeting of the Holme on Spalding Moor Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 19 March 2008