

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF MORCOTT PARISH  
COUNCIL held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**01/24 Attendance Register:** Cllr's Johnson (Chair), Atkinson, Giles, Johnstone, Morgan, Taylor, Traylen. Clerk: Susan Awcock, fifteen members of the public.

**02/24 Apologise for absence:** All present

**03/24 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation:** Cllr Taylor declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 2024/0300/MAF being an employee of Anglian Water.

**04/24 Clerk and councillor reports:** Cllr Johnson, welcomed members of the public and explained that this is a meeting of Morcott Parish Council held in public but not a public meeting, therefore when speaking during the democratic time allocated, those wishing to speak should keep their address to the point and within the boundaries of planning protocol when speaking about the proposed solar farm.

**05/24 Democratic time to allow members of the electorate to speak. Depending on the number of members wishing to speak, time will be restricted and one question per person:**

First member of the electorate spoke against planning application 2024/0300/MAF, **on behalf of the Solar Action group:**

- Traffic disturbance
- Rutland County Council's failure to carry out an environmental impact statement.
- Misleading claims – brown field site
- Dominance – two hundred acres
- Loss of valuable arable farmland
- Damage to landscape.
- Negative amenity
- Modern slave labour
- Wildlife present.

Second member of the electorate

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- Traffic management plan with disruption with number of lorries for a period of twelve months
- Miles of lorries carrying cabling through a conservation village
- Impact of pollution
- Local roads are not suitable for this kind of traffic.

Third member of the electorate asked if Rutland's MP has been lobbied to support rejection of this planning application.

Cllr Traylen took the chair:

**06/24 Planning application: Planning Application Consultation 2024/0344/FUL, Creation of Driveway and garage to existing farmhouse, Vine Farm, Back Lane, Morcott, LE15 9DG:** Members agreed no objection to this planning application. It was noted that the boundary red line was incorrect.

**07/24 Planning Application Consultation 2024/0300/MAF: The installation and operation of a solar farm together with all associated works, equipment, necessary infrastructure, and biodiversity enhancement areas: Land to the south of Pilton Village, Luffenham Lane, Pilton, Rutland.**

Proposed by Cllr Johnstone, seconded by Cllr Giles to strongly object to this planning application on the following grounds: An in-depth discussion took place. Members agreed that Cllr's Giles, Johnson & Morgan prepare the many responses for submission to Rutland County Council upholding council's objection to this planning application. Response to be added when available.

Response: [Re Planning Application amends 2024-0300-MAF - Objections from Morcott Parish Council FINAL FINAL12042024.pdf](#)

**08/24 Any other plans received in time for the meeting.:** None.

Response to question re Local MP: Cllr Johnson reassured the resident of Morcott, that fully understood the concerns relating to proposed solar farms in Rutland.

Meeting closed at 6.50 pm.