

## **Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Riccall Parish Council on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013 from 7.30p.m. at the Regen Centre**

Attending: Cllr Keen (Chairman) Cllrs Adamson, Dawson, Duggan, Kilmartin, Nuttall, Owens, Sharp, Somers-Joce and Wilkinson.  
Mrs Sandra Botham-Administrative Assistant.

### **1 Apologies and Declarations of interest**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Rookes.

The Clerk was recovering from surgery and absent, though she had issued advice via email prior to the meeting.

There were no declarations of interest to note on items on the agenda.

### **2 Council Tax base changes**

An email from the Clerk had been circulated prior to the meeting, detailing how the changes to the Council Tax base will affect future budgets and precepts for local Councils and to give the Parish Council the opportunity to change its precept request to Selby DC for 2013/14.

*It was agreed that in light of new information issued by the government and by Selby District Council, the precept for 2013/14 would be increased by £5000.*

A new precept request form was signed by Cllrs Keen and Wilkinson and will be delivered by hand tomorrow morning, in order to meet SDC's deadline.

The budget will be amended to add £5000 to income and the expenditure will be amended to add an additional £5000 into streetlight replacements.

Cllrs requested that the final Budget should be dated, to avoid confusion.

### **3 Planning matters**

*Full planning application for the erection of two industrial buildings to house a power plant for the production of 20mw of renewable energy at Riccall Business park, Riccall Mine, Selby Road, Riccall 2012/1080/FUL (Cllrs Keen, Wilkinson and Owens.)*

The three case officers reported their findings to other members:-

Traffic –no major concerns, another business has recently vacated the site, lessening the impact of the new proposal and signs at the site exit direct traffic left out of the site, away from the majority of residences.

No objection to the buildings or type of use. There are no concerns regarding the visual aspects of the development as the site is located in a dip from the road level and trees already screen the site and it is unlikely the chimney would have any visual impact.

The opportunity of creating local employment is welcomed.

It was noted that the application details do not include scaled plans, which make it difficult to judge the distance from the capped mine shaft and the new proposals.

Cllrs noted:

- the original planning conditions for the site, stipulated the re-use of existing buildings. It was queried whether that still applied as this application proposes new buildings.
- Not sure of the amount of storage of material
- Lack of detail in the application makes it difficult to make an informed response
- the developers would have been welcomed by the Parish Council to discuss the development, prior to the submission of the application. The Council would also have appreciated an opportunity to visit a relevant local operation.
- Would the community of Riccall benefit from the energy produced?

It was agreed that due to a lack of consultation and inadequate information, the Parish Council did not feel able to support this application.

*Erection of a single storey extension to the rear following demolition of existing conservatory at 15 Selby road, Riccall 2013/0002/HPA (Cllrs Keen, Wilkinson and Owens)*

The Council had no objections to the application

**The Chairman thanked those present and closed the meeting at 8.15 p.m.**