

THORNHACKETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 10th September at Thornford Village Hall

In Attendance – Cllr Hillier (Chairman), Cllr Whitsun Jones, Cllr Taylor-Wade, Cllr Axten, Cllr Baxter, Cllr Robins, Cllr Keene

Also in Attendance – Mrs Hillier (Parish Clerk), 44 members of the public and 2 representatives of RWE

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks – The Chairman welcomed Councillors and local residents to the meeting. Normal rules of Council meetings would be relaxed so as to allow comments and questions from Councillors and then an hour would be allocated to allow for members of the public to raise as many issues as possible, but, please refrain from repeating issues. Following the time for questions, he would ask members of the public to leave so that Councillors can consider the next steps they wish to take. These will be reported at the next meeting on 18th September and on line.
2. Apologies for Absence – Cllr Hoff, Cllr Rogers, Cllr Bromell.
3. Declarations of Interest – None were declared.
4. Wyke Farm Solar Project – the two representatives from RWE present gave a brief summary of the project. The next Public Consultation would take place at Bradford Abbas Village Hall on Monday 16th September 2024 4.00-7.00pm. The consultation period would close on 23rd September 2024. Any comments and feedback would then be used to inform the final design. An application to Dorset Council was expected in December.
5. Comments and Questions from Councillors – there were none at this time.
6. Comments and questions from members of the public. These are appended as a summary.
7. Next Steps – Councillors were reminded that this is a pre-application consultation and that anything said would have to be caveated as things may change when the application is made.
 - a) Should we make a response?
 - b) If so what should it be?

Councillors decided unanimously not to make a response at this time to RWE. A summary list of questions would be collated and would be taken into account when the application is made.

It was also decided to respond to RWE regarding the community fund and the model that would be used for allocation of monies.

A site visit to another site for members would be requested.

Cllr Robins would collate any questions made by members of the public that Councillors had made note of.