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**Minutes of Hayton and Burnby Parish Council meeting held on 13th November 2014 at 7.30pm in Hayton Village Hall.**

Present: Cllr M.Bettison (Chair), Cllr M.Drewery, Cllr D.Nicholson, Cllr S Sedcole, Cllr D Smith, Cllr E.Thackeray, Cllr Wagstaff

ERYC ward Cllr D Rudd, J Green (clerk)

**Public Session**. There were no members of the public wishing to address the council.

**Welcome and Apologies**. Cllr Bettison welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**135/14 Declaration of Interest.** The Parish Councils Code of Conduct. To record any declarations of interest by any member in respect of items on this agenda. There were no declarations of interest.

**136/14 To Resolve to support, or otherwise, the planning application below.**

**Application no. 14/03275/PLF**

Installation of 500Kw ground mounted photovoltaic array and construction of associated agricultural vehicular access.

Location: Land West of Holly Tree Farm, Back Lane, Hayton.

Applicant: Oak Farming Unlimited Company

Full Planning Permission

Councillors expressed concerns about the visual impact of the development. It was felt that the size of this development was acceptable but there were concerns about whether this would set a precedent for further expansion. It was not known how much more renewable energy the grid could absorb. This was a new type of development in this area and Councillor Rudd said that he would ask for it go before the committee to ensure that all aspects of the development were thoroughly scrutinised.

Councillors resolved that the application should be recommended for approval with a condition requested that the site should be screened from the south by a hedge placed a reasonable distance from the panels, linking the proposed hedge to the west with the existing woodland to the east.

Councillors agreed to receive 2 urgent items of business.

 **137/14** The bench near the bus shelter in Burnby had been reported to be broken and possibly dangerous. Councillors agreed to inspect it and report to the next meeting.

**138/14** Correspondence from the Joint Local Access Forum had a deadline for responding which was before the next meeting. There were no particular problems with the verges in Hayton but several sites in Burnby where hedges had grown right out to the road leaving no grass verge. Cllr Sedcole and Cllr Nicholson to respond to the consultation.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm