

The Rooster

Roos Parish Newsletter

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Roos Parish Council

Attendance

The meeting on 10th July was attended by Cllrs Cheeseman, Cook, Craggs, Dodson, Helliwell, and Winter (Chairman) and by the Parish Clerk, Mrs Lesley Dearing. East Riding Cllr Richard Stead also attended.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Grant, Kirk and Smales.

The Chairman welcomed back Cllr Helliwell after a long period of illness.

Declarations of interest

There were no changes.

Minutes

The Chairman thanked Cllr Craggs for providing the Minutes of the meeting on 12th June. The Minutes were approved.

The following items arose from the Minutes.

Parish Paths. Cllr Craggs said that there had been no further developments.

Slurry lagoon at Tunstall. The Clerk had informed Mr Grassby of the gist of Mr Garbutt's letter but had not supplied an actual copy of it.

Footpath near Greenacre Park. The Clerk had informed Highways of the improvements needed as reported by Mrs Angela Dry.

ERYC Area Forums. The name of Cllr Craggs had been forwarded as the Roos Parish Council representative.

Tedder Hill wind turbines. Cllr Helliwell said that a resident had written to "The Rooster" objecting to a ruling by the Chairman reported in the June issue. The letter would appear in the July issue. Cllr Helliwell said that he realised that he should have advised the resident to write to the Chairman directly but wanted at least to inform members of the letter in advance of its publication.

Tunstall bridleway. At the last meeting Mrs Cherie Blenkin had said that ERYC should be asked to restore full access to the bridleway near Coastguard Cottages. Cllr

Craggs reported that ERYC were considering closing the entire bridleway because of danger from coastal erosion.

Correspondence

ERVAS Good Practice Guides

A ring binder had been supplied containing advice for voluntary groups on topics such as financial management, budgeting, and governance. The file will be held by the Parish Clerk for consultation by the Parish Council and local voluntary groups.

Research Project Questionnaire

Mr Malcolm Smith, a Principal Engineer with ERYC, wrote about his research for an MBA degree. He requested the completion of a questionnaire about civil engineering services provided by the local authority and how they could be improved. The questionnaire was passed initially to the Parish Plan Committee via Cllr Helliwell.

Closure of Pasture Lane, Tunstall : Access problem

Jack and Andrew Smales, Hall Farm, Tunstall, had written about problems caused by the closure of the road, which they had formerly used to access their land. They sought Parish Council advice.

After the road closure they had accessed their fields by taking large machinery inside the closure bollards. This had avoided the long route via Hilston Road / Furze Road, Roos, which would also have caused inconvenience to residents on this narrow road.

However, in early July, because other persons had destroyed the barrier, Highways had resited it and it was now impossible to access the fields by this route.

Cllr Stead advised that the letter should be referred to Mike Peak, Highways Department, marked "*For urgent attention.*" Agreed.

Yorkshire Day, 1st August

The Chairman had been invited to an occasion to celebrate Yorkshire Day and said he would be delighted to attend.

Youth Dance Platform

From 6.00 pm, 9th July, Memorial Hall, Beverley. A poster has been placed on the notice board.

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Roos Parish Council

Monday 14th August

7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute

Members of the public always welcome

Pensioner Benefit Help

An East Riding special team helps pensioners to claim benefits they are entitled to. The Project Manager, Martin Ruane, asked for help in publicising their work.

(See the separate feature after this Parish Council report.)

Roos Parish Plan

Pete Ashcroft, ERYC Forward Planning Officer, asked for a copy of the Plan. *(See PUBLIC SESSION.)*

ERYC : Statement of Community Involvement

The final draft of the statement (to be part of the Local Development Framework) had been received. Further comments were invited. Members had nothing to add.

ERYC : Parish Clerks` Yearbook

The Yearbook contains a wealth of useful information. It will be held by the Clerk for reference.

ERYC : Summer Scorcha 2006

A poster is displayed on the notice board with details of children`s activities (£3.00 a day) at the following venues :

Monday 24th July	Patrinton Primary School
Thursday 27th August	Withernsea High School
Thursday 27th August	Easington Primary School

Planning

New applications

Melbourne Butchers, Main Street, Roos

First-floor extension and change of store to residential flat. Members recommended approval.

The Old Rectory, Roos (Mr & Mrs T.Stone)

Two applications.

1. Change of use (to turn part of the paddock into garden) and to erect a wall and fence.
2. Erection of two-storey extension to the south.

In October 2005 members had recommended approval of a similar application but it was not known whether it had been approved.

Mr Willis Ainley was allowed to comment. He said that the East Riding had designated areas of Roos as "green spaces". The land south of The Old Rectory was one.

Members could see no planning grounds to object to either application and recommended approval.

East of 1 Pinfold Lane, Roos (Ms L.Kidd)

Application for full planning consent for the erection of a detached dwelling. Members could see no objection and recommended approval.

Accounts

The Treasurer, Cllr Winter, presented two accounts :

Hire of Memorial Institute for three meetings	22.50
Clerk`s quarterly salary (225.00) + expenses (30.86)	305.86

Both payments were approved.

Any other business

Signs in Tunstall

Cllr Craggs said that the damaged sign at the beach had not yet been repaired and signs were needed to indicate the new passing places on Seaside Road and Rostun Road.

Clifftop rubbish at Tunstall

Cllr Craggs said that most persons using the beach brought rubbish to the clifftop bin near the boating compound but the bin needed to be emptied more often. Noted.

Passing place for Owstwick

Cllr Cook said that a passing place was needed on New Road. Noted.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Roos Parish Plan

Mr Willis Ainley recalled that the Parish Council had approved the draft Plan several months ago. Since then the draft had been extensively refined and proof-read – but there had been no changes of content.

Mr Pete Ashcroft (who had asked the Parish Council for a copy) had given invaluable advice on early drafts. He would be sent a copy when the Plan was printed in two or three weeks` time.

Improving streets in the parish

Mr Ainley said that in September the Street-scene survey by ERYC officers and Parish Council representatives would provide an opportunity to press for improvements.

Parish Council stance on wind turbines

In answer to a question the Chairman reiterated the Parish Council`s decision to oppose all turbine applications.

Help for Pensioners

In 2005 it was estimated that 4,000 East Riding pensioners might be eligible for Council Tax Benefit but had not made a claim. Why not?

Probably because pensioners did not know they could claim *or* they were put off by the claim process and the complex forms *or* they were too proud to claim.

Help available

To encourage applications the East Riding set up a Pensioner Benefit Help Team. The team visit pensioners in their own homes and fill in the forms for them.

In six months the team has helped 1,240 pensioners to claim. On average each is now better off by £15.45 a week and has received a lump sum of £700.

Could you claim?

Yes, if :

- you pay Council Tax;
- you are aged 60 years or over;
- you receive Pension Guaranteed Credit or have investments or savings worth less than £16,000.

Get the help

The Project Manager is Martin Ruane. He asked the Parish Council to publicise the scheme.

If you want a visit, help or more advice, ring the Team`s freephone number or get someone to do it for you :

0800 91 50 381

Roos Post Office and Store

If your Editor had been available to supply it, this item would have appeared in April when Karen took over.)

Suddenly – Good-bye and Hello

After months of waiting Gavin and Janet Eastman departed for France almost overnight and Karen Hodgson started peering through the Post Office grille.

We hope Gavin and Janet are enjoying their new life and we offer Karen a belated but warm welcome to Roos.

Our new service provider



Knowing that Roos folk like to know about newcomers, I asked Karen to supply some details and she readily agreed.

She is a Yorkshire lass, brought up in Scarborough. Her parents currently run a business in York.

After experience as a hotel manager in Scotland and Yorkshire, Karen spent 18 years as

a Lecturer in Hotel Management, first in Grimsby and most recently for 15 years in Norwich.

Why Roos?

Wanting a change, she looked for an opportunity to manage her own business. She wanted a financially-viable convenience store in a pleasant North or East Yorkshire rural village. Roos satisfied the criteria and she took the plunge. She started running the Post Office on 6th April and took over the Store on 10th April.

Early days

In the early days the work was hard. Karen found the long hours tiring until she built up a good team of assistants. It took time to start restocking to her satisfaction

Though there is much still to do, she enjoys the challenge and already takes some pride in the appreciation shown by customers at the friendly atmosphere she encourages.

Roos Village is larger than she realised and she likes its mix of housing types. The friendliness of residents is another bonus.

Out of hours

Apart from walking her dogs twice a week on Tunstall beach Karen has had little time yet for leisure interests but is looking forward to hands-on pleasures about the home – gardening, DIY and decorating.

She enjoys reading biography and well-written bestsellers (e.g. by John Grisham). She is experienced in website design and producing training materials on CD and hopes eventually to return to this creative side of computer work.

Role in the community

In a village store, as in a pub, much depends on the talents and personality of the proprietor. Karen has a cheerful and outgoing personality. She enjoys engaging with people in her work but also appreciates her privacy, time for her own interests. She has much to offer our community. We wish her well and hope she will be happy in Roos.

Letter to the Editor

End Cottage
Hodgson Lane
Roos

Dear Sir,

Roos Parish Council 12th June 2006 Tedder Hill Wind Turbine Application

The parish ballot referred specifically to the Tedder Hill application and I feel, therefore, that the Chairman was in error to suggest that the "results applied to all applications."

I would suggest that the Council's minuted opposition to any future applications, seemingly based upon his view, may be invalid.

I hope that I am not alone in wishing to consider each individual planning application on its merits and without prejudice. I expect the Council to act similarly.

Yours truly,

Richard Crook.

COFFEE MORNING

Heathcote House, Main Street, Roos

(by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Kerry Richardson)

Saturday 22nd July : 10.00 - 12.00

Cake stall Cream scones Tombola Raffle

In aid of the Church Roof Fund

Roos & South Holderness Singers MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING

English Songs Spirituals Songs from the Shows

Friday 28th July

7.30 in All Saints, Roos

Guests Helen Audley, clarinet

Susan & Gordon Smethurst ("The Singing Vicar")
performing Gilbert & Sullivan items

Tickets £4.00

including light supper afterwards at The Rectory

Tickets and further information from Ben Pawson,
Owl Tree Cottage, Rectory Road, Roos (671087)

Proceeds towards the £130,000 needed for urgent church roof repairs



Withernsea Lifeboat Fundraising Group
invite you to join them for this year's

LIFEBOAT SUMMER LUNCHEON

Prepared by top chef JOHN PAUL

and served by staff of the John Paul Restaurant, Cowden

Aula Hall, Withernsea High School

Tuesday 15th August : 12.30 for 1.00

After-lunch speakers Licensed Bar Raffle

Tickets (strictly limited) : £16.00 each

Tickets : Rachel 01964-613648 / 07703-322003

email : Rachel@speckr.fsnet.co.uk

Brenda 01964-613188

Roos WI

At the meeting on 5th July Mrs M.Pittock, Vice-President, welcomed members and guests from Hollym WI. The previous meeting's Minutes were approved.

Business

Mrs M.Stephenson announced travel arrangements for the Canal Cruise and for the evening visit to the Hornsea Lifeboat with supper afterwards at Whithead's.

Members unable to attend the 85th anniversary celebration were given their souvenir beakers and cakes.

Roos Show

Members who had won cups and prizes were congratulated and thanks were expressed to helpers at the Show and to those who had given items for the Cake Stall. £93.00 was raised for WI funds – a record!

Guest speaker

Seiko Hatfield (from Japan but now living in Beverley) brought dishes of traditional Japanese cookery, very attractively presented, and members were encouraged to taste everything. Members enjoyed the informal and very happy evening. Mrs H.Smith proposed a vote of thanks.

Conclusion

Mrs J.,Dowling, President of Hollym WI, judged the two competitions : for an item from schooldays and for the flower of the month. The raffle was drawn and everyone was wished a safe journey home.

Next meeting : 2nd August, Memorial Institute. 7.30.

Speaker : Mary Cornwell, the Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council.

New members very welcome.

The Rooster

Donations

Apologies to Mr & Mrs A.Hupper whose donation should have been acknowledged in June.

Many thanks to the following for recent donations :

132 households have now donated £602.00 for 2006. More donations will be welcome to cover this year's likely costs. Please place in an envelope marked "Rooster" and either leave at the Roos Store or deliver / post to me at :

Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos, HU12 0LB.

The bank requires cheques to be payable to "L.Helliwell".

Rooster Association Provisional Committee

At last it seems possible for some volunteers to meet to initiate the Association. See the separate notice.

ROOSTER DEADLINE

Please supply news, reports, notices, etc. by

Friday 11th August

to Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos

01964 - 670291

or to the Roos Store

The Rooster Association

Committee Meeting

7.30 Thursday 20th July

Function room of The Black Horse, Roos
(up the stairs inside the rear door)

A group of volunteers will launch The Association.
Officers elected will be renominated at a General Meeting.

All welcome

Roos Playgroup

Teddy Bears` Picnic

On 29th June the picnic – enjoyed by the children, mums and grandmas in glorious sunshine – helped celebrate national Sure Start Week. The children made Teddy Bear collages and then we all tucked into sandwiches and home-made buns, kindly provided by Tia's grandma.

Still to come

On 20th July, 9.30 - 11.25, we are having a Fancy Dress Party with games and party fun. Newcomers welcome.

Twice a week

The Playgroup meets in the Roos Memorial Institute during school term. From



From L : Jemma & John (Baby Bobby was asleep); Clair & Tia Hodgins; Benjamin Jackson (mum Elizabeth took the picture); Clare & Harry Wilkie; Nikkie & Archie Matthews; Sandra & Joe Lockwood.

12th September there will be two sessions a week :

Tuesdays 1.15 - 3.15

Thursdays 9.30 - 12.25

Does anyone want to have a little fun and volunteer to help out at the Tuesday sessions? Let me know if

you can help – or just come along to either session.

Elizabeth Jackson
(01964 - 671484)

Church News and Views

Anglican : Roos United Benefice

Garton-with-Grimston, St Michael. Hilston, St Margaret.
Roos, All Saints. Tunstall, All Saints.

From Rev Gordon Smethurst, Roos Rectory

Diocesan Inspector`s Report

Last month I congratulated Roos School on its good OFSTED report. This month I offer congratulations again, this time for a good report from the Diocesan Inspector, who found the relationships between school and church / school and vicar not just satisfactory but good.

Staff and pupils bring their families into All Saints Church four times a year : for Dedication Day (with farewell and Bible presentation to Year 6 Leavers), the Crib Service, the Easter Garden Service and the very popular Christingle service. This year a fifth visit is planned, for Harvest thanksgiving.

Visits by groups of pupils

At other times particular groups visit the church to look for and experience evidence of artefacts, rituals and symbols. Twice recently Year Six were busily finding, drawing and collating information about dozens of symbols to be found all over the church – and graphically in the stained-glass windows.

Some time ago a mock wedding took place with the parties dressed up for the occasion. In church vows and rings were exchanged, though holding hands was not enthusiastically entered into. Back at school a reception was held (with speeches) and throughout the afternoon photographers recorded the occasion for posterity!

On occasion schools invite me to perform mock baptisms – but not mock funerals : Mrs. Farey was not receptive to the idea of my burying even one of her pupils!

Withernsea Key Stage One pupils flooded into St. Matthew`s last Tuesday morning. I encouraged questions and as they moved around the church they peppered me with queries for nearly an hour and a half, fascinated by things many had never seen before.

In all cases, the behaviour of the pupils in church on school visits is very encouraging.

Dedication 2006

I complete this article after the Dedication Day Service with the School staff and pupils offering up their skills in church to the delight of their families. Songs, lyrics, poems and guitar band, but again and again processions around church of 2D and 3D art and craft. The service closed with a special presentation by her Year.6 class to a tearful Mrs. Farey.

The happy family atmosphere continued up at the Rectory garden, with food to eat; games to play and stalls to plunder.

A special thank you to Sandra Crombie and her large team of workers and generous givers who made such a satisfying afternoon possible. We were having an outdoor party and not just raising money. Well done, everybody.

Anglican Services, etc.

Key : HC =Holy Communion. MP = Morning Prayer.
BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Old Prayer Book)
CW = Common Worship (New Prayer Book)

July

12	Wed	7.30	The Rectory : Roos PCC.
14	Fri	6.30	Slide show about the benefice churches.
16	Sun	9.00	Garton. HC. BCP.
		10.30	Roos. HC. CW.
		6.30	Tunstall. HC. BCP.
23	Sun	10.30	Roos. HC. CW.
		3.00	Hilston. HC. BCP.
		6.30	Garton. Evening Prayer.
28	Fri	7.30	Roos. Roos & South Holderness Choir.
28			Guests artistes : the Singing Vicar & wife Susan, fresh from their tour of Withernsea & Hornsea. Refreshments follow at The Rectory.
30	Sun	10.30	Hilston. Benefice Service.

Methodist Services

July

23	10.30	Roos Memorial Institute	Mr T.Butcher
	12.00	Garton. Jointly with Hornsea Circuit :	
		<i>Pray Without Ceasing</i> , 24 hours of prayer.	
		6.30. United Service.	
24	11.00	Garton. 24 hours of prayer. Concluding Service.	
30	----	<i>No service at Roos</i>	

August

6	10.30	All Saints`, Roos	United Service
13	10.30	Roos Memorial Institute	Rev J.Brown
20	----	<i>No service at Roos</i>	
27	10.30	Roos Memorial Institute	Mr M.Cox

Roos 64th Summer Show

The Roos & District Horticultural Society Summer Show enjoyed perfect weather. Adult entries were very slightly down but the standard was exceedingly high.

Children excelled themselves with nearly record entries of paintings, flowers, handicraft, handwriting, handicraft, vegetable animals and cookery. The outside attractions did a good trade with plenty of children for the sports.

Mr Kevin Johnson of Sandhill Garden Centre presented the Trophies. Mr George Burns presented him with wine and flowers. The afternoon concluded with the raffle.

The President and Committee wish to thank everyone who helped on the day and also the exhibitors, without whom there would be no Show. We hope to see you all next year.

TROPHY WINNERS

The RHS Banksian Medal	G.A.Wright
The Geen Rose Bowl	P.Taylor
The William Burn Memorial Cup	R.Haythorpe
The Grower`s Cup	G.A.Wright
The Stranger`s Cup	R.Haythorpe
The William Grant Cup	G.A.Nelson
The Whitehead Cup	P.Taylor
The Bessie & Leslie Raisbeck Trophy	Mrs C.Clifford
The W.F.Lane Memorial Trophy	Mrs K.Hobson
The Sheila Grotrian Challenge Trophy	G.A.Wright
The Morton-Stewart Vase	Mrs A.R.Grant
Mrs H,M.Carrick Memorial Cup	Mary Jane Barker
The Mackman Cup	Mrs P.A.Carrick
The Virginia Reckitt Memorial Cup	Mrs S.Bell
The 25th Anniversary Cup	Mrs S.Bell

RES Exhibition in the Roos Memorial Institute

11 wind turbines proposed near Sunderland Farm

The exhibition

Renewable Energy Systems Ltd (RES) staged a second exhibition in Roos on 13th July from 2.0 to 8.0 p.m. By 3.0 the Memorial Institute was fairly full as visitors examined the display panels of both text and graphics.

RES staff were on hand to answer questions. Several leaflets and booklets were available for visitors, including :

- *Small Wind Energy Systems*
- *Wind Power fact and fiction*
- *Benefits of Wind Energy*
- *Wind Turbine Technology*
- *Wind Power & Intermittency : Facts*
- *Wind and the UK's 10% Target*
- *Noise from Wind Turbines*
- *Public Attitudes to Wind Energy*
- *Wind farms and birds (RSPB)*

Location

The cluster of eleven turbines near Sunderland Farm, east of The Elms in Roos, will be roughly equidistant from Burton Pidsea, Roos and North Road, Halsham.

The company

RES (part of the Sir Robert McAlpine group of companies) is a leader in the wind energy industry, with completed projects in France, Portugal, UK, Ireland, the Pacific Northwest of the USA and the Caribbean.

It is now working on offshore projects off the coast of Lincolnshire and is looking at the potential for projects elsewhere in Europe.

The planning application

The application was lodged at County Hall on the very same day as the exhibition. It is likely to be decided along with E.ON's Tedder Hill application in two or three months' time.

The planning application is supported by a Planning Policy Statement and an Environmental Statement in three parts :

Vol 1 Non-Technical Summary of the Environmental Impact Assessment.

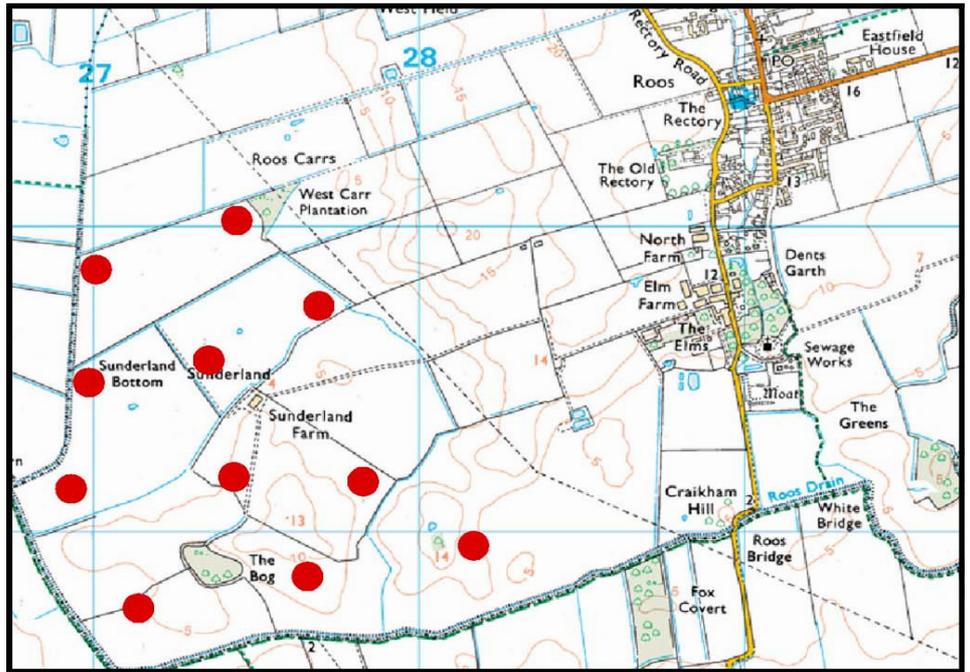
Vol 2 Full Environmental Impact Assessment with appendices.

Vol 3 Figures and plans referred to in Vol 2.

Vol 1 : Non-Technical Summary

Amy Hinks, RES Communications Officer, supplied a disc of material, including the Non-Technical Summary. The rest of this feature is itself a summary of its key points, omitting many details.

Don't quote the wording as if it was all from RES : much of it is mine.



Roos Wind Farm

Six different consultants contributed : four independent, two from RES.

Introduction

Output of the wind farm will be enough for 10% of houses in the East Riding.

By replacing fossil fuels, wind power reduces the threat of global warming and rising sea levels and rainfall.

Wind is not vulnerable to escalating fuel costs and unstable foreign supplies.

National, regional and local planning policies favour renewable energy, of which wind power and biomass are the most cost-effective in reducing carbon emissions. Surveys show that, once wind farms are operating, the vast majority of local residents support them.

The project

Each turbine will start generating at a wind speed of approx 6.75 mph and stop at approx 56 mph.

There will be underground cabling from each turbine to the on-site sub-station at the north-east. From there the proposed connection to the electricity grid will be into the sub-station to the north of Burton Pidsea. Whether the cabling to it will be underground or overhead will be for the utility company to decide.

Construction (Monday to Saturday, 7.0am to 7pm or dusk), may take up to 12 months in a planned sequence : from preparing access and infrastructure to

erecting the turbines and reinstating the site at the end of the installation

Turbine foundations

The foundations are described : 200-300 cubic metres of concrete reinforced by 50-60 tonnes of steel bar. Up to 50 deliveries of ready-mix concrete for each base will be poured in a day and should be enough to complete the job.

Where the terrain requires it, precast or bored piles may be used in agreement with the Environment Agency.

Operation

Since wind farms are operated remotely from a central computer system, a large amount of infrastructure is not required. Traffic will be minimal – four visits a month by small maintenance vehicles. A week a local employee will inspect the site, usually once a week.

The internal control system of each turbine will connect to a central system in the sub-station. If a fault needs operator intervention, the supervisory system will contact staff on duty. Operators will be able to shut down one or all of the turbines remotely.

Decommissioning

A wind farm operates for 25 years, after which the turbines may be refurbished, removed or replaced. If they are to be decommissioned, the turbines and other equipment and associated buildings will be removed.

Some access tracks may be left to provide improved site access for the landowner. Concrete foundations will be left (since removing them causes more land damage

than leaving them) but they will be graded over with soil.

With wind power decommissioning is easy. It leaves no visible trace and no

pollution to threaten the health of future generations.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The overall assessment comprises nine different assessments as indicated in the headings below.

Landscape and visual assessment

Landscape effects

The Countryside Agency and the East Riding have classified the landscape types in Holderness with special focus on the effects of development on the different types, including Conservation Areas and Historic Parklands.

Visual effects

The Visual Assessment used twenty typical viewpoints up to 30km distant.

A cumulative visual assessment has considered the effect of the Roos wind farm relative to others : that at Out Newton and those proposed at Tedder Hill, Salt End and Elsham.

The Roos site consists of open arable farmland with few trees or lengths of hedgerow, only insignificant amounts of which would need removal.

There are no nearby landscape areas noted for high value or natural beauty and only one designated protected area, the conservation area at Halsham, where there would be a major effect in the vicinity of the mausoleum.

The turbines would cause a noticeable change but the site and surrounding areas could accommodate the development.

Residual visual effects

The development would be visible from large parts of the area but tree cover and the panoramic views would mitigate the effect. Despite their height the turbines would not detract from most of the views, particularly over longer distances.

Burton Pidsea and Roos are inward-looking settlements with significant tree cover so that the turbines would be visible from only a few viewpoints.

There would be major visual effects on a quite small number of properties fairly close to the site, including Rectory Road on the western fringes of Roos.

Cumulative effects

If the developments at Salt End, Roos and Tedder Hill all occurred, there could be a cumulative effect of moderate significance on the route of the B1362 and tourist routes to Withernsea. This is because the road passes close to Roos and Tedder Hill, with existing views to Out Newton and potential views to Saltend.

Overall conclusion

The landscape and visual conditions in

the vicinity of Roos have the capacity and robustness to accommodate the development without unacceptably extensive and significant landscape and visual effects.

Ornithology & habitat assessment

There were surveys of breeding birds, wintering birds and bird flight activity.

There were surveys of vegetation communities and plant species.

Conclusion

Because of design mitigation (avoiding the more important areas of ecological interest) and of mitigation measures discussed, there would be no significant residual effects on any ornithological or ecological habitats.

Protected species assessment

Roos Bog

This is the only nationally designated site within 2km. This is Roos Bog, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and an integral part of the wind farm site.

A 100m buffer zone has been agreed and implemented round Roos Bog.

There is a potential adverse effect from site drainage. (See Hydrology section.)

Animal species

The only bat species recorded was the common pipistrelle. Though widespread nationally, only few were noted here.

No signs of otter were detected.

Signs of water vole were abundant. The development could adversely affect voles during the installation of bridges over ditches, causing death, injury and disturbance of habitat, though potential harm has been minimised by a mitigation plan. The effect is likely to be temporary and in the longer term there may be net habitat gains.

In two ponds on the site great crested newts detected but only in very small numbers. During construction the effect of the development will be slight and temporary. During operation the effect will be negligible.

There was no evidence of badgers.

Cultural heritage assessment

The nearest scheduled monument is medieval moated site of Roos Castle.

Known archaeological sites within the wind farm site include : two possible prehistoric round barrows, cropmarks of

probable ditches, a World War 2 bombing range and aircraft obstruction site and an undated earthen mound. Those on the grid connection corridor include cropmarks of possible ditches and a bomber range marker.

There may be unknown archaeological sites from prehistoric and medieval times, remains of military defences, land reclamation features and palaeo-environmental evidence for changes in the environment.

The only built heritage structure on the site is an observation post of the Roos Carr Bombing Range.

Farther away there are : All Saints`, Roos (Grade 1 listed) and All Saints`, Halsham, The Bungalow and The Elms in Roos and Halsham House and the Mausoleum in Halsham. Conservation Areas include Halsham West and Burton Pidsea.

In Burton Pidsea there are within the grid connection corridor the church of St Peter and St Paul (Grade 1), the Pigeon House (Grade 2) and the Manor Farmhouse.

Most of the historic landscape dates from the late 18th century, though ridge and furrow is one example of earlier elements. The development will have no effect on known features but ground disturbance – e.g work on the grid connection – could affect unknown archaeological remains.

During construction an agreed watching brief on unknown remains will operate.

The project will not conflict with historic environmental policies and there will be no residual effect.

Hydrological assessment

Because the site includes part of the floodplain of the Roos and Owstwick drains, a formal Flood Risk Assessment is included in the assessment. It concludes :

- Part of the site is on the flood plain of the Roos and Owstwick drains and flooding could affect both construction and operation. However, the impacts can be minimised and the risks are very low.
- Converting agricultural land to hard standing will increase run-off but the increase is small and reducible. No discernible flooding should result.
- During construction pollution released could affect the ecology of the drains but care and containment can reduce the risk to acceptable levels.

Roos Bog contains a nationally and internationally important sediment record which could be affected by the ingress of sediment or drying out through the diversion of water elsewhere. Appropriate mitigation should avoid the risks – details to be agreed with the appropriate authority at the detailed design stage.

Transportation and access

Rural roads will need upgrading to accommodate construction and delivery traffic. Site entrance options and onsite and offsite routes have been examined by an engineer and the relevant highways authorities were consulted.

Routes

Turbines will be delivered to the port of Goole or Hull. The route will then be :

- A63 → A1033 towards Withernsea;
- at Winestead → Winestead Lane and Chimneyfield Lane;
- cross B1362 at East End, Halsham, and proceed to Rectory Lane, Roos, and the south-east corner of the site.

No site traffic will pass through Roos, Burton Pidsea or Halsham.

Traffic management measures agreed with highways authorities and the police will minimise disturbance to residents and ensure the safety of other road users.

There will be increased traffic during construction but this will be temporary. Any disturbance will be short-term when considered over the life of the project.

Acoustic assessment

Using DTI guidelines on noise from wind farms, the acoustic impact was assessed on 24 nearby neighbours. The project complies with DTI guidance and the impact on nearby properties will be minimal.

Electromagnetic interference

Like any large structure, wind turbines can potentially interfere with communication systems using electronic waves as the transmission medium.

TV reception may be affected in two ways : by obstruction or reflection.

Obstruction. If an aerial points through the turbines, signals may be obstructed by the rotating blades, causing a scattering of the signal.

Reflection. Viewers to the side may experience periodic reflections from the blades causing a delayed image or "ghost".

Analogue reception is provided from transmitters at Belmont, Emley Moor and Bilsdale West Moor.

Research shows that limited interference may occur at a few locations close to the wind farm. If so, RES will rectify matters at its own cost.

As a result of consultation with the Civil Aviation Authority, B & K state that they wish to raise no objection regarding their airstrip at Garton Field.

Consultation is ongoing with the Ministry of Defence regarding concerns over interference with air-defence radar at Staxton Wold.

Socio-economic assessment

Onshore wind energy already competes directly with conventional generation in terms of raw production costs.

It has additional long-term strategic and environmental benefits that are not yet properly included in the valuation of wind-produced energy.

The wind farm will have a positive effect on the local economy. Local jobs will be created during the construction

phase. In the longer term wealth will be generated by landowner rentals, business rates, local services and the employment of maintenance staff.

Wind farms will help establish a substantial new UK industry, providing long-term skilled jobs. Manufacturing benefit is already being experienced.

Wind farms are subject to local business rates and attract a rateable value of £5,000 per MW of installed capacity. The Roos wind farm could contribute roughly £42,876 per annum to the funding of local government services.

Wind turbines are a new form of rural diversification. Host farmers derive rental income from the turbines and the new income helps sustain the viability of their farms. It also allows investment in other aspects of the farm business and this spins off into local economic benefit.

Modern wind turbines are remarkably safe given their size and relatively short evolution. The safety of the Roos wind farm will be ensured through adherence to relevant design standards, construction practices and operational procedures.

CONCLUSION

The proposed wind farm would have few significant adverse effects on the local environment and most of these can be reduced or prevented through mitigation measures.

In addition the proposed wind farm has associated positive environmental effects related to displacement of fossil fuels and the contribution that the scheme will make to the Government's renewable energy targets.

Tunstall News

On Sunday 25th June the Village Hall Group held its Summer Table Top Sale. The weather had threatened rain and this no doubt accounted for the below-average attendance. Nevertheless, just under £70 was raised to help maintain the hall and garden.

On Sunday 9th July the Group held its annual Garden Walk. Eight gardens were visited, including two at Sand-Le-Mere. The event was well supported, with guests coming from as far afield as York. At the end of the Walk, buffet refreshments were served in the Village Hall. Although it was not intended as a fund-raising event, guests contributed a pleasing £40 towards the refreshments and the raffle.

What is a Christian? Promises, promises! Once again this feature is held over through lack of space. Perhaps next time. Hold your breath.



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