HELMDON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting of Helmdon Parish Council held on Wednesday 22nd June 2011 in the Reading Room, Church Street, Helmdon at 7:30pm

Present: Councillors Barnes, Burns, Duncombe, Simpson, England, Thorne, Adhemar,

Coatsworth, Moody Parish Clerk: Liz Hart

Approximately 30 members of the public were present.

Action

1 Apologies

None.

2 Declarations of Interest

None received.

3 Application: S/2010/1437/MAF

Location: Spring Farm Ridge, land to the north of Welsh Lane

between Greatworth and Helmdon

Proposal: Wind farm comprising the erection of five wind turbines plus underground cabling, meteorological mast, access tracks, control building, temporary site compound and ancillary development (Includes Environmental Statement) – RE-CONSULTATION

Cllr Burns closed the meeting to allow Keith Jones, Chairman of HSGWAG to give a summary of the progress of the application to date. He gave a synopsis of both the HSGWAG response to SNC on the re-consultation of the application and of the report recently issued by Mike Warren, the Case Officer. The Case Officer was recommending refusal on a number of grounds which Keith clarified to the meeting.

Questions were received from the public regarding the forthcoming process of the Development Control Committee meeting, the likely outcome and the likely process which would ensue. Colin Wotton clarified the procedure for planning appeals.

Roger Miles thanked Colin Wooton and Keith Jones for their tremendous efforts undertaken regarding the application. He also noted that an application had been submitted to change the route of some footpaths on the site.

There was a public show of hands regarding the application; 100% of those members of the public present were against the application.

The meeting was re-opened by Cllr Burns.

It was resolved to OBJECT to the application; the reasons previously submitted to SNC still stood as they had not been addressed in the additional documentation submitted by Broadview Energy Ltd.

The meeting closed at 8:25 pm