

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF BURNISTON PARISH HELD IN LINDHEAD  
SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 10th MAY 2011 AT 6.30PM**

**Present:** Councillor P. Graves- Chairman of the Parish Council in the chair.  
23 parishioners (includes 6 Parish Councillors)  
2 members of public  
Mrs J Marley – Clerk to the Parish Council

**A1/11** **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN** –Not required as Chairman of Parish Council present.

**A2/11** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – **Received** from Mr C Clark of Wayside Farm (prior commitment).

**A3/11** **MINUTES OF 2010 ASSEMBLY**

Having been previously circulated & confirmed as accurate at the Parish Council meeting of 1/6/10, the Minutes of the 2010 Annual Parish Assembly were approved and signed by Cllr. Graves as Chairman of tonight's meeting.

**A4/11** **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** Most of the parishioners had attended in order to give their comments on the planning application for two wind turbines to the rear of Burniston Feed Mill on Coastal Road. They had either looked at the application online or had read the flyer which had been distributed by Mrs L Clark of Wayside Farm.

Mrs Clark outlined her concerns to the meeting, which included 1] inaccurate siteplan; 2] the number of properties which would be affected (approximately 50 within 300 metres); 3] doubts that the turbines would produce enough electricity to run the mill; 4] the prominence of the turbines in relation to the surrounding landscape; 5] a lack of convincing proof that the turbines had to be sited within the Coastal Zone where there was a presumption against development unless very stringent criteria were met.

With the exception of the Chairman of the meeting (Parish Council Chairman Mr Graves) who welcomed the application, the majority of other residents present echoed Mrs Clerk's concerns – they also felt that Burniston was yet again getting the thin end of the wedge ... for example residents had been told the sewage works would not have an impact on the village, yet at times it's smell was all too evident. Following some very heated debate it was the consensus of the meeting that while wind turbines were a sensible (albeit expensive) way of generating electricity, the proposed location for these two turbines was totally inappropriate.

The other issue raised was that of car parking in the vicinity of Lindhead School. This causes perennial problems and despite the best efforts of the Parish Council, Highways, the Police and the School, it had proved impossible to find a workable solution.

**A5/11** **ANNUAL REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF PARISH COUNCIL** –Cllr. Graves reported the Parish council had continued to do its best to represent the views of the residents. County Highways had done a good job of keeping roads open during the very cold & snowy winter, though we were now all suffering the consequences of the weather as a result of all the potholes in the roads. The continuing presence of the Police Community Support Officers in the village was welcomed - they were certainly proving a useful resource & effective deterrent. Perennial minor niggles continued to be thoughtless parking and dog fouling.

**A5/10** **ANY OTHER REPORTS** None.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Parish Assembly closed at 7.25pm.