

# KNEBWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on Wednesday 5 December 2018 in Knebworth Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

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Present: Councillors Paul Ward (Chairman), Jeremy Godfrey, Jenny Harrison, Lisa Nash, Colin Stringer and Roger Willcocks

In Attendance: Cllr Steve Hemingway and the Clerk

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr Jobling and Mrs Conybeare.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Public Participation**

There was no public participation

**4. Minutes**

Proposed by Mr Godfrey, seconded by Mrs Harrison and

**Resolved:** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2018.

**5. 18/02907/FP Land South Of Odyssey Health Club Stevenage Road Knebworth.**

Installation of flexible energy generation plant

The application is within the narrow strip of Green Belt between Stevenage and Knebworth adjacent to the railway line, which is considered to make a significant contribution in NHDC's Green Belt review.

The proposal includes four engine, supplied with mains gas, several buildings to contain plant to convert gas to electricity to supply the grid network during energy shortages. The site will be 150m from proposed dwellings on the Odyssey site and 370m from Broadwater.

The NPPF states that there is a general presumption against development which would have a significant adverse impact on the general aims of countryside and Green Belt policies. It is not renewable energy and no very special circumstances have been demonstrated to permit this development in the Green Belt. There was some discussion on balancing the need for alternative forms of energy and the Green Belt. It was agreed that it is inappropriate development.

The committee considered the application its encroachment and inappropriate development in Green Belt. It therefore **objects**.

**6. 18/02928/PNQ Rustling End Barn Codicote**

Change of use of agricultural building to single bedroom permanent dwelling.

This is a prior notice application and the committee noted the conversion.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_