

WINTERBORNE ST MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL 12 March 2025 – 7:00pm – Magna community room

DRAFT MINUTES of extraordinary Meeting WSMPC Rainbarrow Digester (RBD) planning application

Present: David Hutchings (DH) Chair, Les Scarth (LS), Jon Walker (JW), Richard Eversden (RE), Tom Marsh (TM) , Peter Newell (PN)

Apologies: Stuart Nuttall, Martin Fitzgerald

Notice of non-attendance without apologies: Mark Pemberton

Declarations of Interest : Tom Marsh had an interest as a farmer

3 Members of the public (MoP)

1. MoP suggests drainage from the corner lay-by which floods just below RBD was raised.
2. LS said additional use would worsen traffic.
3. There is an alternative access via route opposite Old Radio Station Cottages on the A35. Why cannot this route be used?.
4. TM suggested tractor trailer combination may break agricultural regulations.
5. MoP asks why the corporation have been allowed to break planning conditions already? Who will monitor this externally?
6. LS states the application mentions 100k tonnes.
7. LS explains 3 min time limit for his speech at DC, which he read out, so doesn't want to add to his speech and suggests others should add comments directly to the application on line. Councillors all agreed to do this (*but unfortunately the portal was closed for comments*).
8. **PN asked if an Enforcement Notice could be issued against the original planning permission. All agreed LS to incorporate in his speech.**
9. TM stated original claims for the RBD have not been realised and it is widely recognised as not being a sustainable use of land for crops. All agreed.
10. MoP stated that power produced by RBD is not directly connected to Poundbury.
11. **All agreed LS should represent the PC and councillors would add comments to the planning portal. Proposed JW seconded PN**
12. PN handed out DC planning considerations document.
13. TM noted there have been documented gas leaks and accidents at the site.
14. TM had a lengthy document that he will submit to the on-line portal.
15. Various anecdotal comments about McDonalds parking problems.

16. Various anecdotal comments about the poor green credentials and high environmental impact of RBD.
17. LS made the point that the RR bank account should be transferred rather than close so the historic record remained intact.

Meeting closed at 19:50