

**Minutes of Blackshaw Parish Special Council Meeting on Monday 6 February 2012 at Blackshaw Head Methodist Church, Blackshaw Head, Hebden Bridge.**

**Present:** Cllrs Pat Beechill, Dorothy Sutcliff (Chairman), Steve Hoyle, Carol King, Mick Davies, Chris Lund, and 1 member of the public.

**In attendance:** Lars Hansen (Parish Clerk).

- 1. Accepted apologies for absence** – Tim Cole.
- 2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda** – none were declared.
- 3. New planning application:** -

**12/06002/EIA Scoping opinion for Gorpley Wind Farm at land south west of Gorpley Reservoir, Bacup Road, Todmorden** – Concern was expressed about three aspects of the proposed application.

**Para 4.6 Visual Amenity and Representative Viewpoints** – in order to assess the impact from the Parish of Blackshaw the Council considered that it would be better to use Hoof Stones Height, Bride Stones Trig Point and Great Rock to assess Visual Impact rather than the suggested Hawk Stones View Point. Hoof Stones Height is much higher than Hawk Stones and dominates the area. Bride Stones Trig Point is a very popular viewing point and with a trig point has a good perspective. Great Rock is a popular picnic spot on the Calderdale Way. Visual modelling based on the local topography showing the proposed Wind turbines on site would be useful.

**Para 4.7 Cumulative Assessment** – Coal Clough Wind Farm should be included in the cumulative assessment to assess the impact of the proposed wind farm.

**Para 9.2 Operational Noise Assessment Methodology** – In view of the low background noise level prevalent in remote rural locations in Western Calderdale the Council was of the opinion that in identifying suitable locations of properties likely to be affected by a noise level in excess of the minimum specified in ETSU – R – 97, 35dBA should instead of 35dBA be set at 30dBA.

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