

HELMSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the ExtraOrdinary Meeting of Helmsley Town Council Meeting held in the National Park Meeting Room on Wednesday 30 September 2015 at 7:00pm

Present Councillors Duncombe (Chairman), Fairburn, Hawkins, Marsden, Parkin and Rose

Also Present 5 members of the public, Ms V Ellis (Town Clerk) and Mrs L Pryor (Assistant Clerk).

Part One – opening business

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Swift and the reason for absence was approved.

2 Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct.

3 Public Comments

Members of the public addressed the council about the following issues:

- The UK has a certain paranoia over having a secure gas supply. Well flow rates vary, necessitating a large number of wells – 1000 wells per year would provide 13 years self-sufficiency for Northern England.
- The KM8 application is a highly industrial process planned for “green belt” land.
- Water is tankered in by road to carry out the process and tankered away again to be decontaminated elsewhere.
- The volume of water required to carry out a test drill would be the equivalent of 2 days’ normal usage from Malton & Norton. There is no requirement for ground monitoring before such a test drill takes place.
- The Northern Ireland Assembly has just published a document called Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland. There are similarities between Ryedale and Northern Ireland, not least because income is primarily generated through tourism and agriculture. The tone of the document is that it has sustainable development at its heart but that this should not be at the expense of the environment. Fracking is an unconventional energy source, and there should be a presumption against it because there is insufficient proof of safety or benefits.

Part Two – for determination

4 Planning Application

To consider a response to the following:

Application No. [NY/2015/0233/ENV](#)

Proposal To hydraulically stimulate and test the various geological formations previously identified during the 2013 KM8 drilling operation, followed by the production of gas from one or more of these formations into the existing production facilities, followed by wellsite restoration. Plant and machinery to be used includes a workover rig (maximum height 37m) hydraulic fracture equipment, coil tubing unit, wireline unit, well testing equipment, high pressure flowline, temporary flowline pipe supports, permanent high pressure flowline and permanent pipe supports.

Applicant Third Energy UK Gas Ltd.

Location KMA Wellsite, Alma Farm, off Habton Road, Kirby Misperton, NorthYorkshire

Link to [NYCC Kirbymisperton Shale Gas Application](#) – page with extra maps and information

Decision The council delegated its response to the clerk who will consult with Councillors Duncombe and Rose before responding on behalf of the council.

5 Finance

The council resolved to give a donation of £25 to Kirby Misperton Parish Council to contribute towards the cost of providing a display of hard copy plans.

Signed

Date