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**Prosperous Communities Committee
Tuesday 4 June 2013 at 7.00pm
The Council Chamber, Guildhall, Gainsborough**

Members: Councillor Malcolm Parish (Chairman)
Councillor William Parry (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Gillian Bardsley (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors, David Dobbie, Richard Doran, Paul Howitt-Cowan, Irmgard Parrott, Lesley Rollings, Lewis Strange, Geoff Wiseman and Trevor Young.

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Public Participation Period. Up to 15 minutes are allowed for public participation. Participants are restricted to 3 minutes each.
3. Minutes
 - (i) Meeting of the Prosperous Communities Committee held on 9 April 2013 (previously circulated).
 - (ii) Meeting of the Prosperous Communities Committee held on 20 May 2013
Print herewith PRCC.01 13/14 **PAPER A**
4. Matters Arising schedule setting out current position of previously agreed actions as at 24 May 2013.
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5. Members' Declarations of Interest.

Members may make any declarations of interest at this point but may also make them at any time during the course of the meeting.

6. Notice of Motion Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10.

At the Meeting of Council on 29 April 2013 the following motion submitted by Councillor Jeff Summers was proposed and seconded and in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule No.10 was referred to the Prosperous Communities Committee for consideration.

“Madam Chairman.

On the twentieth of March we held a training meeting ref “the sustainable communities act”. A very interesting piece of legislation, creating a route by which local communities (ie) West Lindsey can at speed present a proposal to national government ref a local need.

I am concerned that many rural businesses responding to higher energy prices and the needs of their customers are looking to erect wind turbines. Whilst I am not against these wind turbines in principle I do believe they need to be located close to the businesses they are intended to serve and not scattered randomly across our precious countryside.

At present local planning policy does not address this issue and national policy is also lacking. In order to protect the beautiful landscapes of this District we need to use the Sustainable Communities Act to get national government to change guidance so that it is clear proposals for small scale wind turbines should be located within 50 metres of the businesses they are intended to serve.

It appeared from the training we received that the government would approve such requests provided they contained merit and were supported locally.
Madam Chairman.

I propose we contact with haste our neighbouring authorities, particularly Bassetlaw and the East Riding of Yorkshire asking them if they would join us in making a request via the sustainable communities act for more appropriate government guidance to be approved for our rural areas. This guidance would ensure wind turbines are located in positions less sensitive to local communities and our natural landscapes.

I so move.

Councillor Jeff Summers”

7. Public Reports

- (a) Policy for Small Scale Agricultural Wind Turbines (addressing the motion set out above).
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PAPER C to follow

- (b) Progress and Delivery Report – Corporate Plan and Finance –
Period 3
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- (c) Lincolnshire Wolds AONB Management Plan
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- (d) Cherry Willingham Neighbourhood Plan Area Application
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24 May 2013