

## **Aubourn and Haddington Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at the Estate Office in Aubourn Hall 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 6:00 pm.**

### **Minute number 26.02.01. Welcome.**

Councillor Mosedale welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the floor to the public.

### **Minute number 26.02.02. Public forum.**

30 members of the public were in attendance to highlight their objections and concerns over planning application 25/1612/FUL for the construction of a satellite feedstock storage clamp site facility including a new access from Haddington Lane, digestate lagoon, attenuation pond, landscaping, security fencing and associated infrastructure works including a change of use of agricultural land to a Sui Generis Use for land off Haddington Lane, Haddington.

The concerns and objections raised were based upon several issues including;

**Silage effluent.** The proposal is to store 45,000 tonnes of silage and 25 million litres of liquid digestate which has the same toxicity as the unwilted silage. Silage effluent is also highly acidic and attacks steel and concrete surfaces, causing deterioration of cracks and joints in silo floors, collection channels and tanks, making it very difficult to contain and collect all the effluent.

**Environmental Regulations.** In the UK, require all silage storage to prevent pollution. Clamps must be situated at least 10 meters away from any permeable land drains, open ditches.

**Infrastructure damage.** The weight of a filled silage clamp and heavy machinery can crush land drains, leading to long-term issues with field drainage.

**Flooding.** The planning application only addresses the actual site and does not address the flooding possibility for the surrounding fields or properties.

**Traffic movement.** The vehicle movements listed within the planning application totals over 9,000 HGV movements per year.

**Noise.** 2 loaders and a roller operating continuously on site during the harvest period and one vehicle continuously at other time. Loading shovel / telehandler / roller – 100.2 dB(A) SWL; and will include scraping noise as well as engine noise. The site being on elevated ground will mean sound travels more effectively. Haddington village - 633m from the proposed site. Aubourn - 1.35km from the site Thorpe on the Hill – 1.29km from the site

**Visual impact.** The site covers 9.3 acres. The silage clamp will be 12.5 m (40ft) high. The application does NOT include any visual representation of what the finished site will look like on the elevated ground.

Concerns were also raised regarding the long-term plans for the site, and the Parish Council were urged to raise an objection to the planning application.

Councillor Mosedale advised all present to submit their own individual objections to the planning application and thanked everyone for their contributions.

**Formal session commenced at 19:15.**

**Minute number 26.02.03. Present and apologies.**

Councillor's John Mosedale; Hugh Nevile; Julie Plackett-Smith; Mark Quince and Lynne Rocks.  
No apologies.

**Minute number 26.02.04. Declarations of interest**

Councillor Nevile declared an interest in both planning applications and would abstain from any votes taken on these matters.

**Minute number 26.02.05. Planning**

**5.1.** Application Reference: 25/1612/FUL Proposal: Construction of a satellite feedstock storage clamp site facility including a new access from Haddington Lane, digestate lagoon, attenuation pond, landscaping, security fencing and associated infrastructure works including a change of use of agricultural land to a Sui Generis Use. Location: Land Off Haddington Lane Haddington.

**Decision.** It was agreed that the Parish Council would make an objection to the planning application for the reasons discussed in the public session and items not addressed in the planning application.

**5.2.** Application 25/1587/FUL Manor Farm Moor Lane Aubourn Lincoln. Proposal: Creation of a secure dog exercise paddock, extension to existing car park and installation of ground mounted PV Solar Array. Location: Manor Farm Moor Lane Aubourn.

**Decision.** The Parish Council had no concerns regarding the application.

**Minute number 26.02.06**

Councillor Mosedale thanked everyone for their contributions and the meeting ended at 19:30.