

Sulgrave News

September 2010

Regular Events

BB&C Service	2 nd Sunday of the month at Culworth church - 11.00am
Book Club	4 th Tuesday of each month at the Star Inn - 8.00pm
Circle Dancing	3 rd Thursday of the month at Culworth - 7.30pm
Pilates	Most Fridays at Sulgrave Church Hall - 9.30am
WI	2 nd Wednesday of each month Sulgrave Church Hall - 7.30pm

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Deadline for the October newsletter is **th September

If you have information, articles or stories for the newsletter telephone Janet on 01295 760397 or e-mail janet_m_smith@btinternet.com. As always, articles can be left at Sulgrave Village Shop



A big thank you to Tom Cockeram for all his hard work over the last few years in producing the Sulgrave Newsletter. Tom has kept going through rain, hail, sleet, snow, feast, famine, drought and flood and managed to beat off the IT gremlins whenever they were decided to try and throw a spanner in the works.

Harvest Supper

This year's Harvest Supper will be held in the Church hall on Saturday September 25th. Adults £6.00 and children of Primary School age £3.00. There is a list in the shop so please sign up as soon as possible as numbers will be limited. If you have any question or can offer help call Shrimp on 760214

Safari Supper

Here's the date for your diary - October 30th - so put it in your diary now. If you've moved into the village in the last two years this is a fantastic opportunity to meet people over a relaxing meal. Those who have joined in before on previous occasions know what a wonderful evening is in prospect. If you wish to partake and can host a course, please contact Shrimp on 760214

Thankyou

Due to its omission in last month's newsletter, I have been unable to proffer a huge thankyou to all of you in the village who have been so kind and supportive during my illness. I've been totally overwhelmed by the visitors, cards, gifts and offer of help since I was admitted to hospital. Although my recovery is still ongoing, I'm aware of the progress that has been made - down to one crutch!!! The thoughtfulness of you all has only confirmed what a wonderful village Sulgrave is. Thankyou, thankyou! Shrimp

Pick Your Own!

Our hedgerows are laden with wild plums at the moment and crabapples, sloes, and blackberries will be following soon, and possibly mushrooms. Please, pick and make use of them (and do not worry about the footpaths).

*Christopher and Gabriella Magnay
Sulgrave Farm*

High Adventure in Mongolia - a slide show by Hywel Lloyd.

This is the story of a team of British Alpinists who went to the Altai mountains. Having flown to western Mongolia, we used jeeps and camels to trek for 8 days into the high peaks, meeting fascinating local people. Setting up a base camp next to the Potamin glacier, we climbed Malchin (4037m) which is on the Russian border with Mongolia. Then we camped high on the glacier at 3660m and – despite 2 nights of ferocious storms from Siberia – found a break in the weather to gain the snow and ice summits of Khuiten (4374m). It was a superb adventure to visit the highest peak in Mongolia.

At Sulgrave Church Hall on Friday 15th October at 7.30pm with contributions to raise funds for repair work on the clock and tower of St. James the Less's church.



Local Kazak family in their tent



Storms on the Potamin Glacier - Khuiten behind

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The Katharine House Hospice

House-to-House Collection

Bob and Libbie Foster would like to say a very big 'THANK YOU' to all in Sulgrave who contributed so generously to this collection.

Here is an extract from the letter we received from Katharine House:

"Thank you very much for helping with our pilot House to House Collection.

We had 150 collectors calling at somewhere between 9,500 and 10,000 homes across the catchment and

we've been eagerly awaiting the results.

We are pleased to inform you that you collected £601.45 in Sulgrave, which makes you our top collectors!

We have so far received over £13,000 and there is still some more to come - this is a fantastic sum and all

proceeds will be used to continue the specialist work of our medical and nursing teams. Once the final figure

is known it will be published in the KHH column in the Banbury Guardian and in the KHH Newsletter."

So, once again Sulgrave has come up trumps!

THE STAR INN

EVERY TUESDAY

**FISH & CHIPS
TAKE AWAY NIGHT**

JUST PHONE IN YOUR ORDER
AND THEN COLLECT!
OR JUST CALL IN!
01295 760389



FRIDAY AUGUST 27th

A TASTE OF THE SEA!
AN EVENING OF SEAFOOD AND WINE TO
MATCH
PLUS LIVE MUSIC WITH SOLO ARTIST
HARRY PAYNE
TABLES NEED TO BE BOOKED!!!!

KEEP AN EYE ON OUR BLACKBOARDS FOR
FORTHCOMING THEMED NIGHTS
AND EVENTS

Foodsmith
*Delicious food for
any occasion*



Janet & Maureen would like to invite you to our *Soup Kitchen*
at Sulgrave Church Hall on Tuesday 21st September 2010 at 12.30pm



A taste of the allotment and hedgerow

Leek & Potato Soup (V)

or

Courgette & Tarragon Soup (V)

both served with a selection of
breads



Blackberry & Apple Crumble

or

Cheese & Biscuits



Tea or Coffee

£6.50

Booking is essential
To reserve your place please call

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PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM BURGLARS WHILE YOU'RE ON HOLIDAY

Household burglaries are going down in the county, but an increasing number of homes are being burgled because residents are not taking sensible precautions before going away.

Deter burglars from operating within the county by securing your home and possessions to ensure your holiday is one to remember for the right reasons.

You can help to make your home more secure while you are away by following these tips:

- Make your home look like someone is living in it. Don't close your curtains in daytime this shows the house is empty. Use automatic timer-switches to turn your lights on when it goes dark.
- Cancel any milk or newspaper deliveries.
- Avoid discussing holiday plans where strangers may hear details of your absence from home.
- Cut the lawn before you go and trim back any plants that burglars could hide behind.
- Uncollected mail is a sign that you are away. The Royal Mail's 'Keepsafe' service will keep your mail for up to two months while you are away.
- Consider leaving important documents and valuable items with other family members or a bank. Or lock them in a safe.
- Do not put your home address on your luggage when you are travelling to your holiday destination.
- Finally, make sure that you've locked all outside doors and windows and, if you have a burglar alarm, make sure it is set.

Remember... you might be going on holiday this summer but thieves won't be!

SULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

THE PARISH COUNCIL **MEETING**

To be held on
THURSDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2010
@ 7.45PM (NEW TIME)
In Sulgrave Church Hall, Magpie Road

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- UPDATE ON WINDFARM APPLICATIONS
- TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF UPDATING THE STREET LIGHTING

We look forward to seeing you there



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Draft Notes from Parish Council Meeting held 8th July 2010

The Parish Council is made up of the following members and they can be contacted as follows:

Chairman - Cllr Graham Roberts (07778 584108)
Vice-Chairman - Cllr David Kellett (07747 808574)
Parish Clerk - Mrs Christine Coles (01295 276229)
Cllr Clare Pollak (01295 768224)
Cllr Jane Osborne (07879 624375)
Cllr Jo Powell (01295 768243)
Cllr Andrew Waite (07787 502260)

Confirmation of minutes of last meeting held on 10th June

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

To fully discuss all the issues involved relating to the construction of windfarms in the vicinity of the village

Broadview Energy Ltd gave a presentation on the update of the Spring Farm Ridge Renewable Energy Project. Photo montages of the proposed installation were shown but were not very clear. Broadview advised that the photographs will be available at the exhibition to be held in the following week. A question was asked on how the viewpoint sites had been selected. 16 viewpoints have been taken in total. Broadview responded that their consultant had selected the sites.

This was followed by a noise assessment presentation given by James Mackay. This is undertaken to ensure local residents are not affected although it does not mean it will always be inaudible. TNEI have undertaken a detailed noise assessment in consultation with SNC. The assessment has been undertaken in accordance with ETSU-R-97, The Assessment and Rating of Noise from Wind Farms. The assessment compares existing noise levels with predicted wind turbine noise levels across a range of wind conditions. TNEI undertook noise monitoring at nine locations around the site. Two periods were assessed, quiet daytime and night-time. The layout is carefully designed to meet all noise limits. A lidar unit is placed on site in a trailer and this enables measurement of speed and direction at different heights.

It requires a minimum monitoring length of one week but the assessment lasted nine weeks. A full noise assessment will be submitted as part of any planning application. If the council grant planning permission a

noise condition will be attached to a consent. Broadview Energy have to ensure that the turbines operate within the noise limits for the life time of the project.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

Q: The Chair spoke about the research which has been conducted on ETSU-R-97 and in his opinion not regarded as best practise for turbines that are 120m high.

A: Broadview replied that a number of questions have been raised about acoustics and various government studies have been conducted. That is the reason for placing the lidar unit on site.

Q: Mr Christy asked why no noise tests were taken in Sulgrave when the Grand Prix which is held in Silverstone, 7 miles away can be heard in the village? He asked if serious consideration could be given to taking noise tests within the confine of the village.

A: Broadview replied that the scope of assessment predicts noise levels at 35dcb. An area which is considered less than 35dcb and the noise condition is considered acceptable. The assessment locations are within a line that was drawn and Sulgrave was felt not to be within that line. The further away from the turbines the noise levels will decrease.

Q: Mrs Blayney asked if the contours of the land had been taken into account?

A: Broadview advised that noise does echo off ground. They would have looked at ground cover and reflections of sound which would have been included within the prediction.

Q: Who pays for the noise assessments?

A: Broadview pay TNEI to carry out the noise assessments.

A presentation was made by Colin Wootton who represents the Sulgrave and Weston Windfarm Action Group (SWWAG). The objections were to the proposed Enertrag development which came under a number of headings. Visual impact on the landscape setting of the villages, impact on Sulgrave Manor, Impact on horses and riders, noise and health factors, disruption during construction phase, property prices and sales and public opinion. More detail on these points can found on their website. In summary the action group hope that the Parish Council will recommend to SNC that the proposal by Enertrag to build a windfarm between Sulgrave and Weston is rejected.

Two points were made by one resident:

1. The site is near to a disused railway line and wildlife trust. This application would have a major adverse effect on these.
2. For the Enertrag application, it is estimated that 500 lorry trips will have to be made to and from site between Helmdon Hill and Weston. There is a hand built culvert under the High Street in Weston and there is fear it could collapse with all the weight on top of it.

Q: How many lorry trips would be made for the Broadview application?

A: Broadview could not answer and said they may have the information for the public exhibition on Tuesday.

Q: Is it correct that 56 lorry loads of concrete are required for the base of the turbine?

A: Yes.

Q: Is the life cycle of a turbine 20 years?

A: A condition would be attached to the planning consent but it is normally 25 years. It is difficult to know at this stage if will have to be rebuilt.

Q: If a turbine is taken down in 25 years time and Broadview have gone bankrupt, would the funds come from a de-comissioning government bond?

A: There is a requirement for a company to submit a bond in case they go bankrupt during the lifetime of the turbines.

Q: Mr Christy asked about the revenue that is obtained from selling the energy and what financial value there would be from Renewable Obligation Certificates (ROCs)?

A: The level of obligation is set by the British Government and the value is determined by how much headway and obligation there is. To get exact figures depends on wind speed and roc price and the level of revenue is difficult to predict at present.

A presentation was made by Keith Jones, Chairman of Helmdon, Stuchbury and Greatworth Winfarm Action Group (HSGWAG). The position of this group versus the proposal by Broadview to build 5 wind turbines at Spring Ridge Farm is the same as SWWAG's stance towards the Enertrag plans. HSGWAG acknowledges that wind turbines are necessary to offset the impact of global warming that the UK needs to reduce its CO2 emissions and to meet the increasing demand for energy. However HSGWAG does not believe that wind turbines are the right type of renewable source. Wind farms produce small amounts of electricity and it cannot be stored. They do not allow a conventional power station to be replaced or switched off and they cannot be considered to be reliable enough to power our homes or industry. The electricity produced is expensive due to incentives provided via the Renewable Obligation Certificates (ROCs). The erection of turbines has major negative impacts on the communities near to them. The most obvious is the visual impact. At 125 metres the proposed turbines will be the tallest structure for miles around. The noise is a concern. The blades spin on an axle which must produce mechanical noise as the turbines get older. Helmdon, Stuchbury, Greatworth, Sulgrave and Weston are quiet places and any noise will impact significantly the villages at night. HSGWAG does have two general concerns regarding wind turbines and the current planning and policy regime governing them. The current planning environment favours the erection of turbines and provides only minimal factors as to where they can be erected. As long as developers can find landowners willing to have wind turbines on their properties there is little to stop them blighting the countryside. A great of money is being provided to encourage wind turbines (via ROCs) which does not address the UK's key strategic energy questions.

HSGWAG has the overwhelming support of Helmdon residents to resist the Broadview development. The Parish Council is urged to provide support for HSGWAG's campaign to stop the Broadview proposal.

A long detailed discussion took place about shadow and flicker and the effects of them for people with epilepsy. It was clear that more information is needed on this subject for clarification. The Chair asked for a risk assessment to be done. Mrs Blayney felt the flicker was dangerous for drivers using Welsh Lane if the sunlight was bright. Broadview have worked with the Highways Agency and concluded there is no significant risk.

Q: Mr Wootton referred to the leaflet distributed by Broadview recently and the use of wind turbine technology which is needed to combat global warming. The leaflet says that the Spring Ridge Farm, whilst small in size, will play a significant part in reducing CO2 emissions. He asked what the annual saving would be and would it be significant?

A: Broadview replied that any amount of renewable energy reduces carbon intensity and would be significant however small.

Q: Mr Timms asked if there would be any possibility that more turbines would be erected?

A: Broadview replied there would be no room for expansion.

Q: Mrs Blayney challenged the locational site for noise monitoring as it is 25 feet away from Welsh Lane. Vehicles drive along this road constantly and this bears no relation to background noise in villages.

A: Broadview advised they will produce a separate noise graph for each of the nine locations and the average noise figure will be taken from each site and not an average across the nine.

Mr Montagu Smith of CPRE made three points:

1. Visibility. This was good evidence as the Daventry radio mast is the same height.
2. Planning gap. What happens to the use of the land after 25 years. Is it restored to brownfield status.

3. National policy is to support wind farm projects. A report will be published by CPRE next week and passed to Parish Council's. They will use all their resources to support Parish Councils on the development of wind farms.

Q: Mr Blayney asked if Broadview could describe the net carbon reduction footprint effect of installation at this site as monitored in the EU. How much would be saved by this proposal?

A: Broadview replied that a windfarm pays back CO2 after 18 months. A full 12 months of wind monitoring is required to get wind speed and to be compared to another station. These figures are not available currently.

Q: Mr Christy asked the Parish Council when they were next meeting and what they would be doing if the planning application arrived during August or before the next meeting?

A: The next council meeting is planned for 2nd September but if the planning application arrives before then a special meeting will be called.

Q: Mr Montague Smith of CPRE asked Broadview to clarify that they did not have access to 12 months wind information.

A: Broadview confirmed that statement was correct.

Broadview concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending the meeting and encouraged them to come to the public exhibition on Tuesday 13th July in Helmdon. They have taken on board comments raised at this meeting and any that are raised on Tuesday. There will be no more consultation events planned for the future and they thanked Sulgrave Parish Council for the opportunity to attend. They then left the meeting.

It was noted at this point that Enertrag were invited to the meeting but declined to attend.

Finance Report

a) To agree the transfer of funds received from English Heritage (£2500.00) under the Section 17 Agreement signed at the June Parish Council meeting from the Council Community Account. It was agreed the money received from English Heritage can now be transferred into two cheque payments listed below.

b) To approve the following payments:

£81.58 to EON (street lighting)

£195.00 to DKJ Services (internal audit)

£60.28 to John Hicks (Pocket Park inspection)

£208.75 to EON (electricity)

£44.79 to BT (fax)

£1250.00 to Castle Green Management Committee (as per item 5a)

£1250.00 to Sulgrave Castle Archaeology Group (as per item 5a)

The payments were approved and cheques raised accordingly. They were proposed by Cllr Kellett and seconded by Cllr Waite.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

2nd September at 7.45pm in the Church Hall - *(Please note new time of meeting)*

SEPTEMBER 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4 Sulgrave Produce Show 2pm-4pm Sulgrave Church Hall	5
6	7	8 WI Sulgrave Church Hall 7.30pm	9	10 Pilates Sulgrave Church Hall 9.30am	11	12 Holy Communion Sulgrave 8.15am
13	14	15	16	17 Pilates Sulgrave Church Hall 9.30am	18	19 Evensong Sulgrave 6.00pm
20	21 Soup Kitchen Sulgrave Church Hall 12.30pm	22	23	24 Pilates Sulgrave Church Hall 9.30am	25	26 Harvest Sulgrave 6.00pm
27	28 Book Club Star Inn 8.00pm	29	30			

Deadline for October newsletter is 24th September