

MIDDLETON-ON-SEA PARISH
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
Held in the rear hall at the Jubilee Hall, Middleton-on-Sea
On Wednesday 19th May 2021

PRESENT – Six members of the Parish Council, the Clerk, and two members of the public.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Councillor Mansfield proposed acceptance of the Chairman’s Report, this was seconded by Councillor Mrs Mills and agreed unanimously by members.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD – Two members of the public attended. Both Maryon McDonald and Dr Colin Ross wished to discuss Rampion 2.

Ms Mc Donald stated that she was pleased that the parish council are taking a stand and that Dr Ross has shown that better options exist for Rampion 2 elsewhere. She outlined her reservations regarding Rampion as a company and the way they are selling Rampion 2.

Councillor Newton raised concerns over the local economy and livelihoods of people. Dr Ross stated that Bournemouth Council have produced an 180 page report on the impact on tourism which states the loss of 20% annual tourism income will be lost with visitors choosing to go elsewhere. Dr Ross stated that taxpayers are paying for offshore windfarms. Rampion 2 needs to be in a different location possibly Dogger Bank which is windier and the wind is more consistent.

Dr Ross stated that he has spoken with the Local MP, explained the facts and that the North Sea is a more likely location for wind farms and he is likely to lobby the government. West Sussex County Council made no major objections to Rampion 1.

Dr Ross stated that the OESEA4 comments impact on wellbeing, tourism and the economy and need to be respected. Dr Ross would like to attend the meeting with Rampion if this can be arranged. Councillor Newton raised his concerns over job losses, the loss of agriculture and batteries for electric cars need lithium which is mostly on the sea bed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.49p.m.