

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING OF LADOCK PARISH COUNCIL – MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2025

Following The notice, the Planning Meeting of Ladock Parish Council was held on Monday 24 November 2025 at Sir Robert Harvey Memorial Hall, Grampound Road, commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllrs Hartley (Chair), Buchan, Clemow, Cordingley-Clark and Haynes. Also present were the Clerk and 3 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Campbell, Miners, Petrucci and Wells.

MEMBERS DECLARATIONS

Disclosable pecuniary interest	None declared.
Non-registerable interest	None declared.
Declarations of gifts	None declared.
Applications for dispensations	None received.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

First member of public spoke objecting to item 2 on grounds of food security, damage to soil and detrimental impact of chemicals used to clean panels on local boreholes.

Second member of public spoke detrimental impact on loss of 7 of the 8 skylark breeding sites on site, the claim BNG would create breeding territory was a falsehood. Also development would likely result in more deer on main road.

Third member of public was concerned about loss of territory for endangered skylarks, water supply document was confidential, Baseline changed down on BNG assessment, security/deer fence would slice out hedgerow with resultant damage to wildlife and also the seasonal changes to the fields would be lost.

PLANNING

1 PA25/08284. HALEZY FARM COTTAGE, GRAMPOUND ROAD. RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TWO STOREY EXTENSION.

Proposed by Cllr Haynes, seconded by Cllr Clemow to object to the application as the plans presented represent more change than the description stated in the application, so there is a disconnect between the two. All in favour. OBJECT

2 PA24/05312. LAND NEAR GREENACRES FARM (PENHALE FARM), SCARCEWATER. CONSTRUCTION & OPERATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEM COMPRISING UP TO 49.9MW PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR ARRAY & ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE.

Proposed by Cllr Buchan, seconded by Cllr Hartley to object to the application. Ladock Parish Council reinforce our original objection to this proposed development as there appears to be no meaningful or positive change to the original application. There are still errors in calculations of BNG and what now appears to be manipulated data designed to fit a positive result, based on changes from original (erroneous) calculations. Additionally, there is still no respect or acknowledgement given to the status and superior ecological benefit of Cornish hedges, which offer far greater biodiversity than standard hedgerows.

Requests for clarification and further information from CC appear in most cases to still contain omissions. Where additional research has been commissioned by the developer, results from their own commissioned survey appear to state just how damaging the development would be for agriculture, wildlife, archaeology and the environment. Proposed mitigation efforts suggested to circumvent this damage would be unrealistic and reasonable, require constant monitoring over two decades to ensure the development complied with planning conditions and caveats.

The BNG metric shows the developer's intent to apply bare minimum to satisfy requirements. Given that their stated % improvement is already contested, there is a very real probability that in reality there will be no appreciable BNG and damage done will far outweigh any stated gains. This reinforces the impression that this project is solely for financial gain, taking advantage of the national energy requirement strategy situation to exploit the local natural environment with an expectation that the proposal will be approved accordingly. There is no appreciable benefit to the local community - local habitat and wildlife will demonstrably suffer; there is the very real danger of contamination of local water supplies and proposed community benefit grants are an insultingly small level of financial recompense for what would be lost in return.

If the application proceeds, Ladock Parish Council would like to be included in the community benefit quota as the site will have a significant impact on Ladock parish.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.40pm.