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The Isle is my Parish

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Up to £30,000 needed to help the campaign, says Belton councillor

ISLE CALL TO WARD OFF WASTE PLANTS

A CONCERTED effort was needed by all the parish councils in the Isle of Axholme to join in the fight against waste incineration plants being sited in the area.

The call was made by Coun Harry Hackney at Belton Parish Council.

He said that between £20,000 and £30,000 was required to pay for technical knowledge by the Crowle and Ealand Action Group Against Waste Burning. Coun Hackney said there was no chance of raising large sums of money by way of coffee mornings and such events.

In no way can any parish council fund £20,000 to £30,000 to fight against such projects, he said.

Coun Hackney said a central body was needed, comprising two members from each of the Isle parish councils to fight these plants on a common front if the situation arose.

This would be a body similar to the former Isle of Axholme Rural District Council.

The fund could be supported by a levy from the councils of between five to ten per cent of their income.

This would be proportional to the sizes of the parishes or towns.

He said he thought they should "put their money where their mouths are."

Coun Hackney said after the initial funds were raised, the scheme would be self-financing by the rate of interest it produced.

His statement went on to say that an incineration plant in the area could affect the way of life for future generations. The cost of the scheme, he thought, would far outweigh the consequences.

Coun Hackney asked for the support of his council colleagues, saying: "It's their battle today, it may be ours tomorrow."

He said there were all sorts of "nasties" about.

Many of them were being brought into Killingham and Immingham and down the M180 motorway.

He said the waste would not be taken any further away from its source of than necessary.

That could be the Isle of Axholme, pointing out that he did not know how long a lifespan the Belton brick-works had.

The chairman, Coun Mrs Eileen Adcock, commented that there would be dumping facilities there if the brickworks were to close. Coun Hackney said: "We don't know what might strike next. There are all sorts of 'nasties'."

Coun Tony Ferris said he thought the first place that should be contacted were the people responsible for the Kirk Sandall Action Group, who fought a hefty campaign in their area. Referring to them, he said: "Ninety per cent of the work has been done."

Coun Hackney pointed out that it was said that the spores from a plant at Ealand could drift as far as Howden.

He said the situation becomes larger than local, it could soon cover the Isle. "This," he said, "is one of the best crop growing areas in the country."

He said if they were

prepared to tackle such proposals, "they don't come if they know you're not a soft touch."

Coun Bob Treweek asked if all this was necessary. "Boothferry Borough Council will fight it," he said.

Boothferry Borough Councillor Mrs Liz Redfern assured members that the Borough Council "are supporting it to the hilt" and had turned down the plant application at Ealand.

Coun Alan Lenton proposed that a letter should be written to the other parish councils, but Coun John Luke said: "I don't think they will give money on a letter. Somebody's got to justify it."

He suggested it should be asked if they would like a meeting.

"I'm sure it will be looked upon with regret in 20 years' time if we don't do something," said Coun Hackney.

A further proposal came from Coun Treweek, who asked if it could be put forward for the next agenda of the Humberside Association of Parish and Town Councils.

The clerk will write to the authorities concerned.



Snakes alive — in school

Pc Andy Mawe, a Hull-based policeman shows the children Ivan, the Russian rat snake, at Epworth County Primary School. Left to right are: Fiona Antcliffe, Mathew Hinchliffe, Andrew Brown and Emma Slater. Pc Mawe, an herpetologist, brought along various creatures including a giant land snail, crickets, tarantula, leopard gekko, blue-tongued skink lizard. This was to help illustrate his talk on animals, which is their class topic at the moment.

Boothferry backs air fares bid

AIR travellers in the county are being short-changed as a result of anti-competitive pricing policies operating across Europe, according to the body representing 331 non-metropolitan district councils in England and Wales.

This has led Boothferry Borough Council to back the Association of District Councils campaign to lobby the Government to liberal-

ise air travel and bring prices more in line with America.

Coun Don Stewart, leader of Boothferry Borough Council, said it was a scandal that passengers flying in Humberside should be penalised, especially as the county's airport had recently completed an £8-million runway extension.

"The ADC is determined to press for fun-

damental changes," he said. "Across too many areas consumers in Britain are getting a very raw deal. This applies, for instance, to travel on British Rail and the type of service on offer."

"I am confident that we can make progress on these matters, especially as the ADC, which represents District Councils of all

sizes, voted unanimously for action at last week's meeting in London," said Coun Stewart.

"And the ADC also voted to press for the freeing up of shipping and road transport markets to enable British operators to operate more freely with the EC member states. This is long overdue," he said.

Set for clean sweep

COUN Brian Hastings poses with the youngsters of the Crowle 2nd and 3rd Brownies for this picture by Alan Holgate before the big clean-up of Crowle town streets. The participants are Caroline Briggs, Catherine Briggs, Nicola Lyons, Jackie Soulbly, Samantha Fowler, Hannah Jackson and Melody North.



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