

Pylons Working Group Report 8th March 2023

Please accept my apologies as I am unable to attend the Parish meeting this evening.

My report/feedback for the working Pylon group is below:

I have been keeping up to date with the local and National FB pages regarding the Pylons. As many of the councillors saw I posted on our own Tacolneston FB page and continue to spread the word by month regarding the pylons.

As individuals I think it is important to try to respond to any leads found from the Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk Pylon page. I recently commented, as per request from Rosie on said FB page, about National Grid celebrating wildlife, yet they have plans to destroy many habitats.

I am not sure whether people realise just how close the purple swathe runs to Tacolneston. The school will be overshadowed potentially by huge pylons, or maybe many residents don't mind? I am not sure, but I haven't had much up take on joining me.

I received, as I'm sure many did, the new leaflet from National Grid regarding the consultation period. I felt this lacked information about what they are actually going to do and what alternatives they came up with. Instead it looked glossy and green continuing to mislead people that this is the only option.

Sarah Hutchinson continues to forward me information and has been very helpful.

The situation obviously got national attention on Country File last month, but I do feel this is potentially a losing battle although I am certainly not defeated!

I would like to hear what Councillor Duffin knows about the situation and if he can shed any light on next steps. I also had contact with a member of the community who is attending a meeting tomorrow and will inform me of any additional information she gains from there.

There is a letter that people can copy and paste if they have received a letter asking from National Grid to access their land. This can be found on the Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk FB page. It means people can copy and paste and send it back.

We are also encouraged to write to our local MP as individuals to pressurise them.