

## BERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 10th January 2022, 8.00pm

Present: John Burton, Amanda Coomber, Duncan Murdoch, John Riddell, Ian Stumpf, Pete Hewitt, Laura Free ECC: Cllr Janice Loughlin, Public: Deborah & Peter Patrick

261.0	<b>Apologies:</b> Diane Holt, Ray attended the VH but unfortunately we had moved online.
261.1	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Deborah & Peter Patrick, Solar/Battery Unit Facilities.
261.2	<b>Public Participation:</b> Deborah & Peter Patrick
261.3	<b>Ratify Decisions and Approve Minutes of last Berden Parish Council Meeting 13th December.</b> Approved & Signed after the meeting.
261.4	<b>Clerk's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Meeting with Peter Holt moved to February meeting</li><li>● Telephone painting moved to March</li><li>● Meeting dates agreed therefore closed</li></ul>
261.5	<b>Crabbs Green Battery Unit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● No update.</li></ul> <b>East End Battery Unit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Stocking Pelham is requesting an extension with East Herts.</li></ul> <b>Battles Farm Solar Facility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Planning application is now in and is open until the 19th.</li><li>● Claire Russell is finalizing the professional reports and should have a draft letter with the PC soon.</li></ul> <b>Stocking/Furneux Pelham Solar Facility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Extension of time has been granted.</li><li>● JB has written to East Herts with no reply.</li><li>● Written views can be submitted currently and it is believed until a live meeting is called.</li></ul>

	<p><b>Park Green Solar Facility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Concerns raised in regard to flooding if this scheme is granted. DM believes this will be addressed if/when an application is submitted.</li> <li>● DM to review the application for Brick House End.</li> </ul> <p><b>Joint Parish Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BPC will endeavor to arrange a meeting the later half of February with Stocking Pelham and possible other villages, where information can be shared.</li> </ul> <p><b>General Comments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dropbox ongoing for BPC use.</li> <li>● JR has drafted an excellent letter to UDC in regard to Solar panels on all future new builds. Thank you John. Possible need to send the letter to Nigel Brown? Democratic Services? Head of UDC?</li> <li>● Duncan to draft a letter to UDC/East Herts in regard to teh Wicken Hall application.</li> <li>● Stocking Pelham asking Berden PC to share costs on professional noise reports. BPC unsure what value this will add. What noise is being monitored? Should noise monitoring be done by villagers to get an idea what the situation is? Has a query been raised with the environmental officer about the current battery unit, this is getting louder? DM to query if a meeting is possible. JB to speak with MH</li> </ul>
261.6	<p><b>Finance Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Another meeting was arranged to discuss as Diane was unavoidably detained.</li> </ul>
261.7	<p><b>Planning &amp; Environment.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No objections to Martins Green planning application.</li> </ul>

261.8	<p><b>Playground Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Trail Project discussion will take place at the budget meeting.</li> <li>● Grass on tunnel worn.</li> <li>● New signage agreed for opening hours and ball games.</li> <li>● AC to visit DC and will revisit more screening at the park.</li> <li>● Nets to be installed in the coming weeks.</li> <li>● @10 christmas trees to be planted. Thank you John Burton and John Walker for the donation</li> </ul>
261.9	<p><b>Village Hall</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● See minutes from the meeting on 10/01/22.</li> </ul>
261.10	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Speedwatch training was postponed and will be rescheduled to be done via Zoom.</li> <li>● No firm dates regarding a meeting with the new ECC Highways leader, JR to chase Ray.</li> <li>● VID/SID move to Clerks Report, the PC does not believe they can move forward.</li> </ul>
261.11	<p><b>Footpaths</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Janice to advise PC who is best to speak with in regard to getting the rangers to clear the paths and bank on Pelham Rd.</li> </ul>
252.12	<p><b>Flooding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Boxing Day flooding to be reported to ECC and monitored going forward.</li> <li>● 3 locations for concern, village center, Field house, on the street near JR/PB</li> </ul>
252.13	<p><b>Archive Storage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Couple of months away</li> </ul>
252.14	<p><b>Benskins Notice Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cost for the new board and erection agreed.</li> </ul>

<b>252.15</b>	<b>Defibrillator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Pads replaced on 20/12/2021</li></ul>
<b>252.16</b>	<b>Jubilee 3rd June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Possible that the social club will arrange. JB to speak with JW</li></ul>
<b>252.17</b>	<b>Cllr Loughlin</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● New working groups are progressing, now have mandatory annual training.</li><li>● Budgets will soon be set.</li><li>● Election in 2023.</li></ul>
<b>252.18</b>	<b>Cllr Gooding</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Attended the village hall but the meeting had moved online at the last minute.</li></ul>

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