

## BERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 7th February 2022, 8.00pm.  
 Present: John Burton, John Riddell, Pete Hewitt, Diane Holt, Laura Free, Cllr  
 Ray Gooding (8.30pm)

271.0	<b>Apologies:</b> Duncan Murdoch, Janice Loughlin, Ian Stumpf
271.1	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> n/a.
271.2	<b>Public Participation:</b> n/a
271.3	<b>Ratify Decisions and Approve Minutes of last Berden Parish Council Meeting 10th &amp; 20th January.</b> Approved & Signed.
271.4	<b>Clerk's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Some items moved that are now complete.</li> </ul>
271.5	<p><b>Crabbs Green Battery Unit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No update.</li> </ul> <p><b>East End Battery Unit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No update</li> </ul> <p><b>Battles Farm Solar Facility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Been rejected by the temporary head of planning.</li> <li>● Focus was on historical rights of way and building. Blakings Lane is classed as an 'old path', therefore can it be argued that the path from the Water Tower to substation is also an 'old path'.</li> <li>● Might be worth Stock Pelham taking these comments on board as a reason to object when it comes to further applications.</li> </ul> <p><b>Stocking/Furneux Pelham Solar Facility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No update</li> </ul> <p><b>Park Green Solar Facility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sound monitoring has commenced between the Water Tower and Gawlers. Might be worth noting the weather conditions while this continues. It is felt that landscape is more important than sound.</li> <li>● Claire Russell will speak to PTP regarding their direction.</li> <li>● Concerns have been raised regarding the Grading of the land proposed for this facility.</li> </ul>

271.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It is noted that there is a possible consultation being planned, a village meeting and possibly another survey to be discussed when/if the consultation goes ahead.</li> <li>● Need to establish what the villagers want and if a group needs to be formed moving forward.</li> </ul> <p><b>Joint Parish Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting to be arranged for 23rd February</li> </ul> <p><b>Solar Panels on New builds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● More investigation work to see how we become part/make the PC's ideas heard in regard to the new plan</li> </ul> <p><b>General Comments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Letter sent to Peter Holt, any further correspondence will be worked on with the assistance of Clarie Ruessell</li> </ul> <p><b>Finance Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Payments approved (see files).</li> <li>● Payments received (see files).</li> <li>● Possible review of the budget might be required.</li> <li>● Charges from HSBC are ongoing, Nat West will give 1yr payment holidays. Consider online banking.</li> <li>● Agreement of all members to continue with the Trail project.</li> <li>● Parkers windfall monies agreed by all PC members to use this for the Trail project.</li> <li>● RG to confirm monies available.</li> </ul>
271.7	<p><b>Planning &amp; Environment.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No objections to change of land at Parkers</li> </ul>
271.8	<p><b>Playground Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Trail Project, new price obtained and PC members agreed to continue with the project. Colour TBC, Cost of £5670 plus vat.</li> <li>● Grass on tunnel worn.</li> <li>● New signage now displayed.</li> <li>● Screening to be re-visited after the Trail project is completed..</li> <li>● Nets now installed</li> <li>● @10 christmas trees to be planted in the coming weeks.</li> <li>● It was agreed to use the remaining Parkers windfall reserve to help fund the Trail Project investment and confirmation of further funds are expected from Ray Gooding.</li> </ul>

271.9	<p><b>Village Hall</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No update.</li> </ul>
271.10	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Speedwatch training is now complete and the first session was extremely successful.</li> <li>● JR to write directly to LS cc'ing RG, asking Lee to attend a meeting in Berden. Need to know how to get through the red tape.</li> <li>● RG is now chairing the Local Highways committee.</li> </ul>
271.11	<p><b>Footpaths</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Highway Rangers, awaiting Peter Holt responses.</li> <li>● Payment, need to resend to another department.</li> </ul>
271.12	<p><b>Archive Storage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● DH to see if she can find an alternative storage unit</li> </ul>
271.13	<p><b>Meeting with Peter Holt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Awaiting PH response to letter.</li> </ul>
271.14	<p><b>Maggie Sutton communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Email sent to JB re refusel of solar park but unfortunately she cannot meet.</li> </ul>
271.15	<p><b>Benskins Notice Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In production, it will be installed as soon as delivered.</li> </ul>
271.16	<p><b>Defibrillator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No update</li> </ul>
271.17	<p><b>Queens Jubilee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The social club is now arranging, any help would be appreciated.</li> </ul>

<p><b>271.18</b></p>	<p><b>Cllr Loughlin,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Not in attendance.</li></ul>
<p><b>271.19</b></p>	<p><b>Cllr Gooding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Budget is nearly complete.</li><li>● A lot of money is being allocated to Adult social services. The statistics are astounding.</li><li>● Domestic violence is on the rise, this includes both male and female affected parties. 30% of victims are male, also children are now abusing parents more. UDC /Essex are now putting a package together to give people knowledge where and how to get help. If anyone is interested in these courses please speak to Ray.</li></ul> <p>Exchange of information and matter to be raised for the next agenda Fete date 9th July Open Gardens 26th June.</p>

