

BERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 21th March 2022, 8.00pm.

Present: John Burton, John Riddell, Pete Hewitt, Diane Holt, Laura Free,
Duncan Murdoch, Ian Stumpf, Natalie Trapmore

281.0	Apologies: Janice Loughlin, Amanda Coomber, Ray Gooding
281.1	Declarations of Interest: n/a.
281.2	Public Participation: n/a
281.3	Ratify Decisions and Approve Minutes of last Berden Parish Council Meeting on the 7th February. Approved & signed.
281.4	Clerk's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Some items moved that are now complete.
281.5	Crabbs Green Battery Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none">● No update. East End Battery Unit/ Greens Farm <ul style="list-style-type: none">● No update- unresolved. Battles Farm Solar Facility <ul style="list-style-type: none">● No further update Stocking/Furneux Pelham Solar Facility <ul style="list-style-type: none">● No update Park Green Solar Facility <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Statera representatives could not answer many of the questions asked of them. Soil, Security, Farming , size, location in terms of where it starts/ends.● Planting of woodland will take many years to be of any screening benefit, by this point the facility will be decommissioned.● No plan in regard to screening, also no answers as to why the current battery unit has been left un-screened as previously promised, contradictory statements on why the planted screening died.● Need to speak to Woodland trust regarding re-planting.● PC are to formally write to Statera regarding the lack of communication and shortcomings in their plan. DM to compose.

281.6

- People who attended were not impressed by what they heard.
- Although Statera have said they have spoken to the PC regarding community payback, this simply is untrue they have muted this via the landowner but no formal communication has occurred. PC have asked for something to be put in writing but haven't received anything yet.
- Look at the possibility of setting up another resident group, a possible public meeting to discuss next steps.
- Follow up email to all attendees to see if they are willing to join.
- When should this meeting go ahead, now, when planning has been submitted, how long will the process be?
- In the April magazine there was a call for help but there wasn't much feedback.
- Question was asked of Statera, "if they would see this project through to the end?", they couldn't answer this question.

Joint Parish Communication

- JR/DM to do an overview.

Solar Panels on New builds

- No further communication from Ben re the local lan.

General Comments

- Thank you John Riddell for being present with PTP at the consultation day.

Finance Report

- Payments approved (see files).
- Payments received (see files).
- Bank account now setup with Natwest.
- No online banking available for community accounts
- DH now has a debit card.
- Setting the account up has been complicated.
- Janice £500 grant has been applied for, this will go towards the trail.
- Ray has £498.60, we are not sure how to claim, he has asked for an invoice. DH to sort with RG
- LF to chase path cutting monies.
- There is a time limit on spending the money, deposit has been paid and invoice needs to be sent to Sue Haydon.
- Possible spreadsheet to be created for grants so it's now who claims.

281.7	Planning & Environment. No applications.
281.8	Playground Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trail project is ongoing, hopefully installation will be at the end of April/ May. ● Grass on top of the tunnel.
281.9	Village Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No update. In need of come members.
281.10	Highways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No communication from ECC. ● Community speedwatch is ongoing and they have caught quite a few, two new volunteers have been trained. ● JR to contact re potholes and missing sign posts.
281.11	Footpaths <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Highway Rangers will discuss when see Peter Holt ● Payment - LF to chase. ● Re-routing of paths needs more consideration, worried these are being re-routed to allow for the Solar farms. Will re-visit at the April meeting. ● Path 42 re-routing seems sensible.
281.12	Archive Storage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DH to see if she can find an alternative storage unit, possible price £118.80
281.13	Meeting with Peter Holt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JR/AC/JB to attend
281.14	Gigaclear <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New dates proposed. Only doing up to St. Nicolas field
281.15	Telephone Box painting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discuss in April
281.16	Benskins Notice Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Now complete
281.17	Defibrillator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No update
281.18	Queens Jubilee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Move to clerks report.

281.19	Environment Green Champion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No time to committee, move to Clerks report.
281.20	Native Oak Tree for Village Green <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monies coming from Nature fund, tree is bought & to be planted imminently.
281.21	Cllr Loughlin n/a
281.22	Cllr Gooding N/a