

## BERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 9th May 2022, 8.00pm. Present:  
John Burton, John Riddell, Pete Hewitt,, Laura Free, Ian Stumpf.

300.0	<b>Apologies:</b> Amanda Coomber, Duncan Murdoch
300.1	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Ian Stumpf- solar contribution
300.2	<b>Public Participation:</b> n/a
300.3	<b>Election of Chair &amp; Vice chair:</b> All remains as last year.  John Burton Chair 1st Diane Holt, 2nd Pete Hewitt  Amanda Coomber Vice-chair 1st John Ridell 2nd John Burton  JR: Highways, DH: Accounts, IA: Grant application, PH: Playground, DM: Planning, Gigaclear  2022-2023 will see the stepping down of PC members so any volunteers will be most welcome.
300.4	<b>Ratify Decisions and Approve Minutes of last Berden Parish Council Meeting on the 4th April 2022. Approved &amp; Signed</b>
300.5	<b>Clerk's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● items moved that are now complete.</li></ul>
300.6	<b>Solar Farm/Battery Unit Proposals</b> <b>Crabbs Green Battery Unit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● JR/JB attended a meeting in SP, it is believed that they will require funding to object to the application.</li><li>● Both BPC &amp; SPC will ask Uttlesford and East Herts to extend the deadline date.</li><li>● Finance- a unified approach might be worth considering, does the PC contribute? Donations would be welcomed.</li><li>● BPC are firmly against solar farms.</li><li>● Joint village meetings further down the line will be essential, cross border donations might be a concern but feel it needs to be unified.</li></ul>

<p>300.7</p> <p>300.8</p> <p>300.9</p> <p>300.10</p>	<p><b>East End Battery Unit/ Greens Farm</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>● No further update- possible application in July</li> </ul> <p><b>Stocking/Furneux Pelham Solar Facility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No update possible will see movement if Crabbs Green gets the permission.</li> </ul> <p><b>Berden Farm Solar Facility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Looks as if the location will be moved back from the Berden housing areas.</li> <li>● Movement of footpaths will be addressed when application has been submitted. Essex highways is the formal route. If one person objects they will not be re-routed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Joint Parish Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PTP's work is ongoing to formalise the group.</li> </ul> <p><b>Solar Panels on New builds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No further update</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>● Bank account has JB &amp; AC named.</li> <li>● Paul Chapman has agreed and approved the new account.</li> <li>● Playground DH will confirm funds.</li> <li>● Funds approved for the painting of the telephone box from ring fenced approved funds.</li> <li>● Public notice of accounts will be from 13th-22nd July.</li> <li>● Min reference for DH 300.22/300.23</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning &amp; Environment.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rose Garth: no comment</li> <li>● Linden Hse: no comment</li> <li>● Mews House: no comment</li> <li>● Stable Block: Email to be submitted re planning permission</li> </ul> <p><b>Playground Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Trail complete and paid for.</li> <li>● No new issues</li> </ul> <p><b>Village Hall</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No update.</li> </ul>
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300.11	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● RG and JR had a call with Lee Scott, submission was made 4 years ago re Chapel Hill, RG is going to try to pull forward.</li> <li>● JR has report 7 issues that need dealing with.</li> <li>● Community speedwatch, 3 more sessions planned this month.</li> </ul>
300.12	<p><b>Footpaths</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No updates.</li> </ul>
300.13	<p><b>Archive Storage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Complete. Move to report.</li> </ul>
300.14	<p><b>Meeting with Peter Holt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reschedule for 12th May.</li> </ul>
300.15	<p><b>Gigaclear</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No update.</li> </ul>
300.16	<p><b>Telephone Box painting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bronwen is currently undertaking the refurbishment.</li> </ul>
300.17	<p><b>Parkers Garden Extension</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Will be resubmitted.</li> </ul>
300.18	<p><b>Defibrillator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All is fine.</li> </ul>
300.19	<p><b>Simons Field orchard trees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Harry has said he'd look at the orchard going forward.</li> <li>● Looking to get some saplings with monies for the nature fund.</li> </ul>
300.20	<p><b>Village Green Noticeboard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PH to look into costs.</li> </ul>
300.21	<p>Accounting Statement Approval: All members in agreement</p>
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300.23	<p><b>Cllr Loughlin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Airport appeal refused.</li> <li>● New local plan, regulation, 18 consultations, meetings are up &amp; coming</li> <li>● Special measures, over 10 houses goes to Inspectorate</li> <li>● Monies are available from 22-23 allocation. Possible repainting of the slide (PH to obtain a price from Mortimer's) village green notice board (PH to obtain a quote)</li> </ul>

**300.24**

**Cllr Gooding**

- Increase in council tax mostly due to adult social care.
- Soil dumping is fast becoming a problem, no planning is required. If anything is noticed please flag up.