

# BERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 10th October 2022, 8.00pm. Present: John Burton, John Riddell, Diane Holt, Laura Free, Ian Stumpf

304.0	<b>Apologies:</b> Duncan Murdoch, Pete Hewitt, Janice Loughlin, Ray Gooding, Amanda Coomber.
304.1	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> No
304.2	<b>Public Participation:</b> No
304.3	<b>Approve Minutes Berden PC meeting on 26th September 2022,</b>
304.4	<b>Clerk's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Items moved to the report agreed</li> </ul>
304.5	<b>Solar Farm/Battery Unit Proposals</b> <p><b>Crabbs Green Battery Unit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PTP have employed a heritage consultant, their first visit should be w/c 3/10/22</li> </ul> <p><b>East End Battery Unit/ Greens Farm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further update</li> </ul> <p><b>Battles Farm Solar Facility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further update</li> </ul> <p><b>Stocking/Furneux Pelham Solar Facility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further update</li> </ul> <p><b>Berden Farm Solar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further update</li> </ul>
304.6	<b>Village Hall</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gigaclear installed broadband on Friday 30th September. Thank you Gigaclear.</li> </ul>
304.7	<b>Finance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DH to look at the budget for the coming year..</li> <li>Financial risk assessment to be completed. DH will review</li> <li>Budgeted £350 grants each to Village hall &amp; churchyard maintenance approved for payment.</li> <li>No concerns on current outgoings/incoming monies.</li> </ul>
304.8	<b>Planning &amp; Environment.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n/a</li> </ul>
304.9	<b>Playground Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No formal quotes returned in regard to the position of the slide.</li> <li>Hedge cutting has commenced.</li> </ul>
304.10	<b>Highways</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Speed watch has commenced and has 11 volunteers, Thank you to all involved.</li> <li>Chapel Hill LHP - No progress</li> <li>Bonnetting Lane will have tree cutting on the 24th Nov 2022</li> </ul>

<b>304.11</b>	<b>Footpaths</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awaiting invoice from Frank Tinney.</li> <li>• Harry will look at taking over the cutting of the footpaths going forward. JB will review.</li> </ul>
<b>304.12</b>	<b>Gigaclear</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As above, VH getting connected Friday 30th</li> </ul>
<b>304.13</b>	<b>Defibrillator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both machines are OK as of the end of September.</li> </ul>
<b>304.14</b>	<b>Village Green Noticeboard</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Update</li> </ul>
<b>304.15</b>	<b>Final Fete Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amanda, not present, will discuss it in the November meeting</li> </ul>
<b>304.17</b>	<b>Essex &amp; Herts Air Ambulance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's believed that some money raised from the Christmas carols goes to the air ambulance, will check with John Walker.</li> </ul>
<b>304.18</b>	<b>Tree Planting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QE trees- Trees will be planted in the Queen's memory. The PC will look at getting a plaque. Agreed by JR/DH/IS JB will donate an Oak tree, Thank you John.</li> </ul>
<b>304.19</b>	<b>Cllr Loughlin</b> not in attendance
<b>304.20</b>	<b>Cllr Gooding</b> not in attendance