

## Climate Change Forum

1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 7.30 pm on Zoom

### Minutes

Present Jenny Moss (Chair), Lea Dodds, Gill Miller, Jim Perry, Liz Swift, Michael Swift, Geraldine Tate, Brenda Wilson, John Smith (BEG), Nicola Hallows, Martin O’Leary and Yvonne Rix (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence  
Paul Webb, Linda Hart, and Helen McMenamin-Smith
2. Approval of the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were approved. Proposed by Liz Swift and seconded by Brenda Wilson.
3. Climate Change Action Sheet – Consideration of items and updates to the Climate Change Action Sheet included in the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Item	Action Required	Person/Status
<b>Climate Action Policy</b>		
Energy usage and sources	Assess BPC Carbon Footprint  Encourage use of <a href="https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/">https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/</a> Share on our website and BEG FB page Letter to Clunch	Jenny Moss asked if Phil McCrory could conduct a survey of Mandeville Hall? It is thought he is willing to conduct surveys on parish properties at a cost of £75 per building. He has a sound understanding of the work he conducts but more details of the scope of work he carries out should be sought prior to a recommendation being made to Full Council.  Jenny Moss reported that she had sent a letter for publication in Clunch, but this had missed the deadline, but should be included in the April/May edition.
Transport and travel	EV Charging Points  Cycle paths  Public Transport	The outcome of the application to English Heritage for funding towards the EV points and survey costs has not yet been received.  BEG to push for improvements and additional cycleways in the area.  Jenny Moss to add Public Transport to the Action Plan. Liz Swift explained that she is a representative for the Parish Council on the B1102 Group which consists of representatives from the parishes along the B1102 route between Stow-Cum-Quay and Burwell. The group has recently been meeting with the Greater Cambridge Partnership. The leader of the group Jonathan Cook is willing to come and speak to the forum. Liz Swift to invite him to the next meeting. An improved public transport service is needed with the increasing size of the village. BEG may be able to lobby for improvements. It was confirmed that Councillors, as individuals had responded to the recent Public Transport Consultation.
Agriculture and food	Promote local produce  Liaise with BAGs over allotments  Work with local farmers	Brenda Wilson confirmed that a list of possible farmers has now been drawn up, but she wished to check those listed with Parish



	Environment Agency	<p>notices with QR links to the Parish Council website. A meeting to look at the Community Garden at the Recreation Ground is due to be held on Friday. Jenny Moss reported that she has started drafting an article for Clunch.</p> <p>Jenny Moss reported that she has started drafting an email to Lucy Frazer regarding the ability to remove a quantity of trees without permission unless there is a TPO in place or in a conservation area.</p> <p>Liz Swift gave apologies that she and Paul Webb had not yet had the opportunity to investigate the planning conditions covering ground management at the Solar Farm in Factory Road.</p>
<b>Village Survey</b>		<p>Outcome of grant application for funding has not yet been received. BEG members are in the process of drafting questions for the survey. Nicola Hallows asked if Wild Burwell could also submit some questions.</p>
<b>Green Open Day</b>		<p>Jenny Moss reported that the Pauline's Swamp Trustees had met and agreed that they wished for their Open Day to continue this year as it had in previous years. The Trustees are happy for groups such as BEG, Wild Burwell, Spring Close Group and Burwell Belles to have a stall at the event which is to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022. Nicola Hallows has a gazebo if needed. The aim is for the stalls to be in the Dutch barn. Jenny Moss to send out formal invites to the groups which will include a request for a formal reply. Martin O'Leary raised concern about manning the stalls due to individuals being members of more than one group. It was suggested that the Green Open Day could be held on Spring Close during the summer holidays after the hay cut has taken place. The phone box on Pound Hill is due to be turned in to an Information point where leaflets can be available.</p>

4. Update from the Sunnica Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Gill Miller gave a report from the meeting which had included a presentation from a Landscape Consultant, Michelle Bulger. It was noted at the meeting that whilst the four sites had been independently surveyed for the impact on the landscape, the overall impact of the four sites together had not. Consideration needs to be given on how the landscape will look once the sites have reach the end of their life. The sites will need to incorporate many paths and tracks but there are no maps showing these. Consideration also needs to be given to site fencing, with the option of wire fencing with decent sized trees and hedging being preferred. There is little information on the sizing and layout of panels and no indication of the location or size of storage sheds which will be required and could be of a large size. Those wishing to be involved with the planning inspection need to register an interest with the Planning Inspectorate. The Group agreed that they should register an interest with Lea Dodds compiling a report for the inspector. There is some thought that energy from the solar farm will be coming into the battery storage units. Gill Miller to circulate a map she had received as part of the presentation.

5. Any Other Business

John Smith reported that BEG had recently organised a presentation by SMS the company responsible for the battery storage site in Weirs Drove. Just over 30 people had attended.

During the presentation it was explained why the battery storage units were needed and how they fit in with the power network. The site is not connected to Sunnica. The business works by buying cheap electricity when supply is more than demand, storing the electricity, and selling back when demand is higher than supply at a more expensive price. The representative from the company is willing to answer any question via BEG. SMS is concerned about the concrete ground surface of the site and is looking at ways that this can be changed to encourage biodiversity within the site, but whatever is choosing must be self-maintaining.

Jenny Moss asked the forum to consider if there is anything else they consider should go on the Action Sheet.

Nicola Hallows asked if there had been any update on encouraging a younger person(s) to join the forum. Members of the group that had produced the bags could be approached. Liz Swift reported that she had raised BAFY members being asked at a recent Burwell Action for Youth trustee meeting. Guiding and Scouting Groups could be contacted. It was suggested that it may be better for separate meetings or workshops to be held as youth members may feel less comfortable working with the main forum. Safeguarding requirements will need to be addressed.

6. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 7.30 pm. Martin O'Leary suggested that the meetings should be held bi-monthly instead of monthly. Following a vote, with eight members in favour, it was agreed that the meetings should continue monthly.

The meeting closed at 20.47 pm.

Signed

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