Climate Change Forum

1st February 2022 7.30 pm on Zoom

Minutes

<u>Present</u> 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 4th January 2022
 - The minutes of the meeting held on 4^{th} 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 4th January 2022.

Item	Action Required	Person/Status
Climate Action		
Policy		
Energy usage and	Assess BPC Carbon Footprint	Jenny Moss asked if Phil McCrory could conduct a survey of
sources		Mandeville Hall? It is thought he is willing to conduct surveys on
	Encourage use of	parish properties at a cost of £75 per building. He has a sound
	https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/	understanding of the work he conducts but more details of the
	Share on our website and	scope of work he carries out should be sought prior to a
	BEG	recommendation being made to Full Council.
	FB page	Jenny Moss reported that she had sent a letter for publication in
	Letter to Clunch	Clunch, but this had missed the deadline, but should be included
		in the April/May edition.
Transport and travel	EV Charging Points	The outcome of the application to English Heritage for funding
		towards the EV points and survey costs has not yet been
		received.
	Cycle paths	BEG to push for improvements and additional cycleways in the
		area.
	Public Transport	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-Quy 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	
	Living till BAG.	
	Liaise with BAGs over	
	allotments	
	Work with local farmers	Branda Wilson confirmed that a list of possible formers has a second
	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

	I	Councillar Darak Boadar who has more knowledge of these
		Councillor Derek Reader who has more knowledge of those farming in the community.
Housing and	Focus on the need for new	Jenny Moss confirmed that work on the infrastructure is
infrastructure	builds to be carbon neutral	currently being carried out on the Newmarket Road
	bands to be carbon neatra	development site. Representatives from This Land are due to
	Neighbourhood Plan	attend the next Council meeting to give an update on the
	Neighbourhood Flam	development.
Local business		Jenny Moss is in the process of drafting a letter to local
Local busiliess		businesses about the installation of EV points. She asked that
		members give thought to how else businesses can be involved in
		the forum.
Waste and resources	Promote recycling/upcycling	Jenny Moss to speak to the Co-op with regards to a water fill
waste and resources	Water refill stations	
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	Repair Cafe	Geraldine Tate to investigate a touring Repair Café that visits
		parishes monthly. Concern over public liability if the
		Council/Climate Change Forum were to run its own Repair Café.
		To be discussed further at the next Community, Leisure and
		Sports meeting.
Environment and	Tree Planting	Martin O'Leary reported the whips from the Woodland Trust
land use	Tree riditing	require further time to develop and would not be ready to move
lana asc		on this year. A number of trees had been moved on to National
		Trust land and a commission from the Bury St Edmunds area had
		used some of the hedging plants. He continued to say that he is
		not sure how many other trees will be ready to plant this year,
		but a few will be planted in areas identified at Spring Close. The
		Tree Nursery is doing well and thriving. Discussions are taking
		place on the planting of additional hedging on the boundary of
		Pauline's Swamp adjacent to the arable land. Michael Swift
		explained that an adjacent landowner had destroyed about 30m
		of hedging and that the Trustees were visiting the site this
		Thursday to look at how the hedging could be reinstated and if
		when doing so, the hedging could be thicker. He continued to
		report that Hopkin Homes Ltd has now been sold which may or
		may not affect the transfer of land promised on the other side of
		the swamp. A Working Day at the Swamp has been arranged for
		Saturday 5 th February 2022 at 10 am where the sedge will need
		collecting following cutting.
		Jenny Moss reported that she had found out that John Clarke
		owns the land either side of the public footpath running between
		Spring Close and Pauline's Swamp and that the land is rented
		out. Mr Clarke has not been keen to consider the planting of
		hedging either side of the path, but Jenny Moss wondered,
		following the Government announcement of funding for farmers
		to plant hedging etc. if it would be worth approaching Mr Clarke
		again. It is thought that Paul Webb had discussed this with the
		ECDC Climate Change and Natural Environment Officer who is
		investigating the possibility of planting adjacent to the footpath.
	Wild flowering	It was noted that an area for wildflowers to establish we be
	Community Gardens	cordoned off on Pound Hill. Nicola Hallows to produce wildflower
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		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
	Environment Agency	drafting an article for Clunch.
		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.
		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.
Village Survey		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.
Green Open Day		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 rd 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.

4. Update from the Sunnica Meeting of 19th 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 1st 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	Dated				