

Yvonne Rix

From: Amanda Manchett <amandy@burwell-parish-council.gov.uk>
Sent: 02 March 2022 14:08
To: Yvonne Rix
Subject: Burwell PC please register an interest Sunnica Energy Farm proposals Planning Ref EN010106

To Burwell Parish Council. I will attend your meeting on Tuesday 8th March at The Mandeville Hall in Burwell where local parishioners of Burwell can voice their concerns. At 7.30pm. My concerns to voice are below;

Dear Councillors,

Please consider registering an interest, in the Sunnica solar and battery plant proposals planning application before 17th of March. Planning Ref EN010106

My concerns for Burwell and surrounding villages are that we will lose valuable good quality farming land producing good quality food and this will change our farming community's infrastructure for many years to come and may never be returned to the farming land I know and love living within in my lifetime.

I believe our landscape will change to grey industrial from green and farming on a gigantic level. Smaller examples of this can be seen on Broads Road in Burwell across the Burwell fen. With mental health now considered a priority, will this have a detrimental effect on my and our parishioners well-being and mental health, with such drastic long-term change on the landscape from what we are used to in the communities?

The UK is only 64% self-sufficient in food now. The Land Sunnica want is good quality irrigated farming land. I think this should be a consideration because we may have to import more food to compensate for the loss of our farming land.

This land also provides habitats for hundreds of species of wild life, the wild deer, monk-jack, hares and alike with natural wildlife runs shut off, they will be pushed to the roads and be killed and or cause vehicle accidents. What provision is made for our wildlife on this huge scale development? Will pesticides be used to keep the weeds down and affect bees and insects, will provisions be made to protect them from harmful pesticides?

I don't believe this scheme is environmentally green, importing 1,000,000 solar panels and thousands of batteries from china leaves a huge carbon footprint. Will the scheme create more carbon in its lifetime than it ever saves ?

I am concerned about the seventy seven acres of battery energy storage (BESS) compounds close to our homes in Burwell.

The Sunnica BESS would be the current largest in the world and I am to understand Sunnica LTD has no experience of building BESS on this scale? If the BESS catch fire can they be put out? What is Sunnica's strategic plan for this?

I am concerned that Sunnica will buy cheap electricity out of the grid from renewable and non-renewable sources, store it in their BESS and then sell it back to the grid when it is expensive, creating huge profits for Sunnica's Spanish owners.

This not only making our electricity probably more expensive as well as having an impact on more imported food.

What if Sunnica get planning and then decide to sell their lease's to make a quick profit what control will local councils have on the new lease owners?

There are other ways to generate Solar I am sure, but this application appears flawed and also detrimental on a gargantuan level to our local village landscapes, wild life and future for farming in the communities.

This will turn the outskirts of our village and surrounding villages industrial with grey solar panels on a massive level.

Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration.

Sincerely yours, Mandy.

Yvonne Rix

From: Amanda Manchett <Mandy@manchetts.co.uk>
Sent: 15 February 2022 09:42
To: Yvonne Rix
Subject: Register an interest - sunnika

Hello Yvonne ,
I hope all is well with you.

Can you tell me how I can ask the parish council to register an interest in the Sunnika proposals before March 17 th to be able to have a say.

I'm so worried about our farming community and jobs within being lost to fields of solar panels.

Thank you
Mandy

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From: Amanda Manchett <Mandy@manchett.co.uk>
Sent: 01 March 2022 08:17
To: Yvonne Rix
Subject: FW: 22/000160/VRM To vary condition 1 of previously approved plans for solar farm north of High Town Drove Burwell.

For info for the parish committee ref objections to vary condition 1 22/000160/VRM of proposed development of solar park north of high town drove Burwell.

Thank you

Mandy.

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Subject: 22/000160/VRM To vary condition 1 of previously approved plans for solar farm north of High Town Drove Burwell.

Dear Andrew Phillips, planning team leader, In response vary condition 1 ref 22/00160/VARM

The Variation proposed.

"In light of the advice received from the Highways Authority, the access track arrangement on the Amended Plan has been redesigned to avoid the need for vehicles to travel along Newnham Drove. The four proposed access junctions from Newnham Drove are directly opposite one another so that vehicles would only cross Newnham Drove rather than travelling along it. The Amended Plan will enable all vehicles to enter and leave the site from Hightown Drove, with all of the fields to the north of Newnham Drove to be accessed by crossing from the southern part of the Site. "

My comments on this variation to original approved proposals

Impact on residential amenity of local residents. Noise & Disturbance

The new proposed access from Hightown Drove, does not show the 96 permanent lodge homes now becoming physical, which are directly adjacent to High Town Drove. The proposed new route will significantly disturb the new 96 lodge park and 7 further neighboring residential homes adjacent and contiguous to High Town Drove on Wiers Drove.

High Town Drove is also closer to residential properties along Burwell Road into Reach which back onto adjacent fields, not shown clearly on the plan, but commercial traffic noise will affect these residential homes being comparatively closer.

Impact on character of the area and whether the use is appropriate.

Opposing High Town Drove commercial traffic access.

Original proposed Newnham drove for commercial vehicle access is significantly further away from the residential homes including 96 new homes taking shape on Wiers Road that are adjacent and contiguous to High Town Drove.

Newnham Drove is rarely used by dog walkers, joggers and recreational users due to the close proximity of the power station. People tend to use Hightown Drove on a recreational level, which will become difficult to navigate due to the newly proposed commercial traffic access.

Impact on highways safety and parking.

Hightown Drove is also used by the resident Gypsy family living at the top of it and their access will be severely affected by the proposed commercial traffic causing further deterioration of the already fragile road surface. This road on High Town Drove was made for farming vehicles and moves with the fen.

This family living at the top of High Town drove walk with push chairs and bicycles on this only route to and from their home.

Heavy commercial traffic may damage High Town Drove road infrastructure further, making it impassable for the family living at the top of High Town drove and also the farming community that access their fields for farming.

Recreational users who enjoy Burwell Fen for walking to Reach and Wicken Fen will no longer find it accessible due to the commercial traffic.

This temporary building work will take many months if not a year to complete, please consider the impact.

Thank you & kind regards,

Mandy.

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Had a good experience? Please click to leave a review for the team thank you.

Yvonne Rix

From: laviniaedwards@aol.com
Sent: 06 March 2022 15:02
To: Yvonne Rix
Subject: District Report 8th Marsh, 2022 - Lavinia Edwards

Swaffham Internal Drainage Board - At this year's Budget Meeting it was decided increase the Drainage Rate from £0.33 to £0.36 for 2022/23

Planning Committee - There was 2 applications on the March planning agenda and both were from Burwell. The first one was for the construction of a 1 bedroom dwelling at 14 The Avenue which was approved as per the Officer's recommendation.

The second application was for the demolition of an attached garage and a 2 storey side extension. This application was recommended for refusal due to being considered it could be harmful to the existing dwelling and street scene.

Members unanimously agreed to reject the recommendation on the grounds that it would not effect the street scene and would not be harmful to the area.

Council - Members agreed at Full council to freeze the ECDC element of council tax for the 9th year running.

Yvonne Rix

From: David Brown <davidbrownco.uk@netscape.net>
Sent: 03 March 2022 15:06
To: Yvonne Rix
Subject: Report for February

Hi Yvonne

I do not have a report for February.

Kind regards

David

Burwell Parish Council
Community, Leisure and Sport
Meeting of 15.2.2022 at 7.30 pm
Held on Zoom

Present: Michael Swift (Chair), Gill Miller, Jenny Moss, Jim Perry, Liz Swift, Geraldine Tate, and Paul Webb

CL&S/150222/01 Apologies for absences and declarations of interests

There were no apologies for absence and no declarations of any interests,

CL&S/150222/02 Approval of the minutes of the 19.10.21

The minutes of the meeting held on 19.10.21 were approved. Proposed by Liz Swift and seconded by Paul Webb.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Village Celebrations

Gill Miller presented the following list of possible activities for the weekend of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

1950s themed Weekend

Recreate 1952 in Burwell with fashion and outfits of the day to wear over the weekend.

Burwell pudding and cake completion, make a cake or pudding fit for a Queen- judging at the tea party on 4th June (creations can be donated to tea party)

Friday 3rd/4th June Photographic exhibition in GMH - display your old 1950s photos

Saturday 4th June 2 pm traditional afternoon tea party for residents who remember 1952 the Queens accession to the throne or the coronation in 1953 accompanied by fifties music and a relevant film.

Jim 1950s film show with a Bar (a small entry charge will fund the afternoon event)

Sunday 5th June 2pm family picnic on the recreation ground, fifties style games involving the various youth groups in the village. Small scale children's entrainments.

Other possible ideas

Display of 50s classic cars, 50s Dance night , 50s Quiz

Michael Swift expressed that the Council is currently short on Councillors and that Town and Parish Councils are in a position to facilitate events not organise them. He stated that he has concerns about the delivery of events due to the lack of manpower. Linking the events with the opening of the Gardiner Memorial Hall could be an option. The group would need to apply for funding for the event from Full Council. Having the event on the Recreation Ground is a possibility but would need to keep whatever we do simple. BAFY could be asked if they would like to sell refreshments from the pavilion. Gill Miller explained that the ideas had been put together during a meeting with herself, Liz Swift and Geraldine Tate and felt that it was an opportunity to do something for the village. The French Twinning Group is also visiting this weekend. The Clerk asked the group to remember take into consideration if the keyholders are willing to work on the bank holiday. The group agreed for Gill Miller to investigate options further.

After some discussion of the level of budget to ask Full Council to consider, the following recommendation was agreed:

***That the sum of £400.00 be requested from Full Council to cover costs for the Jubilee Celebration Weekend.
Proposed by Michael Swift and seconded by Paul Webb.***

Gill Miller left the meeting

CL&S/150222/03 Action Sheet Updates on the following:

PROJECT	Update
Recreation Ground Inc. improvement project, Grant Funding and liaison with Football Clubs and other users	Paul Webb, Michael Swift met with football clubs and the Football Association. Three Clubs due to form one 'Burwell' Club by the start of next season.

	Matched Grant Funding now available through the FA for football stop nets. Needs to be investigated.
Sports Provision Group, Inc. liaison with Football Clubs, other sports groups and users including Margaret Field	
Spring Close Management Group	Two semi working days have been held recently. Little work to do on site at present. Jenny Moss to liaise with Martin O'Leary regarding work carried out so that the Vision Plan can be updated.
Pauline's Swamp	Sedge has been mowed and collected thanks to James Moss from Kingfisher bridge.
BAFY	BAFY is going well. Tom Fell is now employed by the group. Sessions have settled down at the Day Centre. The group would like more people to participate in the sessions particularly 13- to 15-year-olds. The group will be having a table at Burwell at Large
Community Orchard	Orchard information board now in place. Map needs tweaking as not 100% correct.
Community Garden	<p>Jenny Moss met with Nicola Hallows and Paul Webb at the Recreation Ground. The existing plastic matting may need to be removed. This may need to be carried out by mechanical equipment and the matting pegs may also need moving. It was confirmed that the entire space can be utilised for the garden and that hedging can be planted.</p> <p>The meeting had also incorporated possible plans for Pound Hill, although these will need to be considered by the Assets and Environment Group. The plan involves the cutting of a 1.5 metre strip around the edge of Pound Hill and the remainder being left as a meadow. Information notices would be made to inform residents about the wildflower area. Liz Swift pointed out that this was not what had been agreed by Full Council. She continued to express concern about the 'liking' of posts on Facebook not being a correct representation of residents' views. It was agreed that Jenny Moss should attend the next Assets and Environment Group meeting when the proposal will be considered.</p>
Liaison with Sports Centre	No further update
Climate Change Policy	<p>Climate Change Forum going well. It is understood that the farming community has concerns re the Sunnica application and the number of solar farms proposed for the village.</p> <p><i>Jenny Moss proposed, seconded by Geraldine Tate that a recommendation is made to Full Council that the Council should register an interest in the planning application for the Sunnica Solar Farm.</i></p> <p>The Clerk was asked to find out if there is any update for the rural E Bike Trial.</p>

A to B1102 Group	To be discussed later
Westhorpe Play Area	Application for CIL 123 Funding not yet submitted. Application to be completed as soon as possible although this may be after the end of the financial year. Paul Webb to talk to Sally Bonnett ECDC re possible funding.

CL&S/150222/04 BioBlitz Pop up Event Priory Meadow 15.5.2022

A request had been received from the Wicken Fen Nature Reserve's Community Engagement Project to use Priory Meadow on the 14th and 15th May to engage with children and young people to learn about nature on their doorstep. Following a proposal from Jenny Moss, seconded by Paul Webb the group agreed the use of the meadow. The Clerk was asked to respond to the project coordinator and say that we love the idea, and that Michael Swift, Paul Webb and Jenny Moss would be happy to discuss the project with them if they wished.

CL&S/150222/05 Seated Exercise Classes

ECDC has found someone who may be willing to run the seated exercise classes at Mandeville Hall. ECDC has asked if we would allow the hall to be used free of charge for 4 sessions to allow the classes to establish. Gardiner Memorial Hall could also be available once refurbishment work has been completed.

Michael Swift Proposed, seconded by Paul Webb, and agreed by all that the free use of the hall for 4 sessions be allowed.

CL&S/150222/06 Grass Cutting/Ground Maintenance Contract – Recreation Ground and Grass Cutting - Margaret Field (Currently cut by Truelink 6 times per year)

The contracts for the Recreation Ground Maintenance and grass cutting are due for renewal. It was agreed that these should go out for tender in the same way as previous. In addition to this a tender for the maintenance of the pitches for Margaret Field should also be sent out, with a decision being made on whether the work is required at a later date. Having regular meetings with the Contractor would be beneficial.

Truelink currently cut the grass on Margaret Field six times per year. It was suggested that one of these cuts should be carried out in September.

CL&S/150222/07 Youth Shelter surface at the Recreation Ground

A resident has raised concerns about the ground surface of the recreation ground youth shelter and extensive mud on the skate park ramps. The Maintenance Officer has suggested that the surface could benefit from a dressing of pea shingle. The Clerk to ask if he is able to do this.

CL&S/150222/08 19 Priory Close – Tree House (Fire Safety Issue)

Further concern has been raised about the tree house on land adjacent to Priory Meadow and its possible fire risk. Michael Swift stated that as this is not on our land it is not the Council's responsibility to deal with.

CL&S/150222/09 Repair Café

Geraldine Tate reported that the Cambridge Carbon Footprint Group has information available on setting up a Repair Café and that she is due to attend a webinar and would come back to the group with more information after the webinar has taken place. She continued by explaining that Cambridgeshire is the national hub for repair cafes and that in 2017 there had been 44.7 million metric tonnes of e waste globally and that this had risen to 52.2 million metric tonnes in 2021. Lea Dodds will also attend the webinar, and both will report back to the Climate Change Forum. McKays of Cambridge will supply up to £1000 of tools and equipment for use at the Café's.

CL&S/150222/10 Bouncy Castles

The Clerk asked the group to consider the risks involved in allowing bouncy castles to be used in the halls during bookings. The group considered that as long as public liability proof had been provided by the owners of the bouncy castle, along with a copy of the risk assessment for use, this should not be a problem. The Clerk was also asked to check with the Council's insurers to see if they had any requirements.

CL&S/150222/11 Donations for consideration

Grantanbrycg Viking Event at Burwell Castle/Spring Close

The group approved the use of Spring Close for a public Viking History Event to be held on 13th March 2021. The group also proposed that the following recommendation should be put to Full Council for consideration.

That Grantanbrycg receive a donation of £50.00 towards the costs involved with putting on the public Viking History Event.

A to B1102 Group

The A to B1102 Group is asking member parishes to contribute towards the cost of the production of signs for the verges along the route. Burwell did not have any of the signs and others, such as in Lode had been removed by the County Council Highways Department as they had been deemed untidy on the verges. As yet the group has no constitution and no bank account. It was agreed that no contribution should be considered until such time as the group has a constitution and a bank account.

CL&S/150222/12 Burwell at Large 2022

Burwell at Large is due to be held on 19th and 20th March 2022, with the Parish Council having a couple of stands. A rota needs to be organised for manning the stalls. As Jenny Moss is away on the days immediately before the event, she will try and get into the office at the start of the week to create the boards.

CL&S/150222/13 Any other business

Jenny Moss questioned the suggestion made during the recent walk around Pauline's Swamp regarding fencing to surround the beehives. Michael Swift informed her that this was a matter for the trustees to discuss further. The redundant sheep fencing could be used as an alternative to making fencing as previously suggested.

CL&S/150222/14 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting is due to be held on 19th April 2022. It is hoped that this meeting can be held face to face.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed

Dated

List from Gill Miller

Burwell Parish Councils planned celebrations 4th/5th June 2022

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Burwell Parish Council
Asset and Environment Group

Minutes of the Meeting of 22.2.22 7.30 pm (following PC Meeting) at Mandeville Hall

Present: Joan Lonsdale (Chair), Lea Dodds, Jim Perry, Derek Reader, Liz Swift, Michael Swift, Geraldine Tate, and Paul Webb.

Jenny Moss was in attendance for item A&E/220222/2.

A&E/220222/01 Apologies for absences and Declarations of Interests

There were no apologies for absence and no declarations were received at this point in the meeting.

A&E/220222/02 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2021 were approved.

A&E/220222/03 Disposal of grass arisings (wilded areas), suggestion for Pound Hill, and Bolton Close

Following the decision to allow some additional areas of Council land to be wilded at the Full Council meeting on 11th January 2022, the Clerk had received a telephone call from Truelink asking how the Council intended to dispose of the arising from the additional Areas. He had explained both cost implications for the disposal and the dangers of composting in large quantities.

The Clerk presented the following document:

Area	Proposal	Disposal
General:	<p>One allotment plot near to the Green Lane entrance has been left unoccupied. This is relatively accessible for a vehicle to unload arisings. With a large quantity of arisings there is a risk of combusting. There is also a risk of allotment holders using the plot for the disposal of their own waste.</p> <p>Other means of disposal would be hiring skips. In the past we have paid £235.00 for a 8 yard skip. Whilst a skip could easily be situated at Priory Meadow and the Cemetery, this may not be as easy at Pound Hill.</p> <p>Truelink has been asked to provide a price for clearing grass away from after a late summer cut for Priory Meadow, rear of the Cemetery and on Pound Hill but they have not come back to me.</p> <p>It is likely that a different method of disposal may be required for each of the areas.</p> <p>The main areas a solution needs to be found are Pound Hill, Priory Meadow, and the rear of the Cemetery.</p> <p>We need to remember that at the time when the wild areas need to be cut, George will already be spending much of his working week grass cutting around the village. As he has school age children, he is likely to be taking some annual leave during the school summer holidays.</p> <p>Additional help is likely to be required.</p> <p>The arising will not have completely decomposed by the time that the grass is ready to be cut again the following year.</p>	
County Council Verges including the Causeway	That the verges are managed in the same manner as 2021 with up to ten cuts per year.	Same as last year
Spring Close	To cut as per 2021 Hay Cut	Under contract grass cutting seasons 2022 and 2023 with grass being removed.

		Please be aware that collecting of hay by the contractor is becoming less cost effective due to contamination
Pauline's Swamp	To cut as per 2021	Under contract grass cutting seasons 2022 and 2023 with grass being removed. Please be aware that collecting of hay by the contractor is becoming less cost effective due to contamination
Priory Meadow	To be cut with grass collected, twice per year to encourage wildflower growth. One cut early in the season and one cut late summer. Footpaths to be cut to allow access to woods, benches etc. Discussion to be had with contractor to check that they have the necessary machinery to cut and collect grass and as to the cost implications for collecting the grass	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arising from footpath cutting – cut using a mulching machine? 2. Main field cuts: Options: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Heap in piles around the edge of the site as long as there are no water courses in the vicinity. b. Remove to other areas of PC owned land eg allotments c. Other removal <p><u>Concerns</u> Amount of work in moving arisings into heaps and time it will take will probably need more input other than George. Space available at allotment and transport time Combustion risk</p>
The Recreation Ground	Allow the perimeter of the field outside of the trim track to be established as wildflower areas. Regard will need to be given to cutting of the hedges in the spring and late autumn. Care must be taken to prevent weed growth on the exercise areas and on the tarmac trim track. For a Community Garden (benches etc) to be created on the area adjacent to the new car park, with the remaining area to be managed to encourage the growth of wildflowers. It is proposed that Wild Burwell could manage the wildflower areas at the Recreation Ground but would need to submit a plan detailing their intentions to the Council for approval first.	To create further areas for wildflowers. Outside of trim track only. <u>What happened last year</u> George cut the areas very late on in the season. The arisings etc. were very dry and mulched up without the need for clearing. Hedge Contractor cut lower shrubs etc. at ground level when the hedges were cut.

The Cemetery	<p>To use the rear, currently unused, sections of the cemetery to be managed in a way to encourage wildflowers. The areas to be clearly marked as wildflower areas and have a cut border around the sections. The remainder of the cemetery to be cut in the same way as 2021.</p>	<p>Creation of further wildflower areas.</p> <p>Options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Heap in pile at the rear of the cemetery Remove to other areas of PC owned land eg allotments Other removal <p><u>Concerns</u></p> <p>Time to collect risings</p> <p>Grass arisings from Pound Hill from last year still present at the Cemetery</p> <p>Lack of space at the allotments</p>
Junction of the Causeway and Silver Street	<p>To be managed as a wildflower verge. Care needs to be taken with this area as it is an awkward junction for vehicles. Height of growth to be monitored to ensure visibility and area to have a cut edge</p>	<p>Creation of further wildflower area but awareness of the need for road safety.</p>
Junction of Hall Lane and Park Road	<p>To be managed as a wildflower area as in 2021</p>	<p>Managed in the same way as last year</p>
Pound Hill	<p>See suggestion from Jenny Moss.</p> <p><u>Minutes of the PC Meeting 11.1.2022</u></p> <p>Michael Swift suggested that the recommendation is a document in progress, with further investigation into wilding taking place throughout the year, with any agreed changes being implemented for the 2023 season.</p> <p><i>Michael Swift proposed, seconded by Paul Webb that the recommendation as put forward by the Assets and Environment Group should be approved with some flexibility in the longer term. A vote was taken with 8 Councillors being in favour and three abstentions. Council resolved to approve the recommendations of the Asset and Environment Group.</i></p> <p>The Clerk requested some clarification regarding Pound</p>	<p><u>Last Year</u></p> <p>George last year spent about 7 hours clearing the area. Had heaped up a lot of the arisings prior to Wild Burwell helping (w/c 20.6.21). 5 or 6 trailer loads transported to the cemetery. A pile of arisings still remain.</p> <p><u>Options</u></p> <p>Remove to another site eg cemetery or allotments</p> <p>Dispose of by other means</p>

	Hill and whether areas designated for the wildflowers would be allocated from the start of the season. It was agreed that this should be the case.	
Bolton Close Areas all owned by ECDC	To support the request made by residents to Derah Seward (Wild Burwell) to ask ECDC to approve the planting of additional trees and shrubs to block the view of Ashgrove from Bolton Close.	Not only will this improve the outlook for Bolton Close residents but also of Ashgrove residents overlooking Bolton Close.

The Group discussed the issue and accepted that it may not be possible to find a solution for this Year, but could investigate options such as purchasing a machine that sweep the arising in readiness for the 2023 season if a means of affordable disposal could be found. There is no funding in the 2022/2023 budget to purchase equipment. Derek Reader agreed to find out the cost of suitable machinery. It was agreed that the buttercups on Pound Hill flourishing was not an issue, but Pound Hill apart from a couple of smaller areas needed to be cut once they started to die at the end of May. To allow some additional wilding on our property in 2022 it was suggested that a small area at Pound Hill, along the rear of the grassed area at the Cemetery, and a small area on Priory Meadow could be left to wild.

The following recommendation was agreed to be made to Full Council:

Following further information received regarding the safe disposal of grass arising, the Assets and Environment Group recommends an amendment to the motion agreed at the Full Council on 11th January 2022 relating to the grass cutting schedule and wilding of certain Council properties, to reduce the areas allowed to wild on Pound Hill, the Cemetery and Priory Meadow, to the extent which will allow the arising from said areas to be disposed appropriately within the Council's means.

The Clerk reported that Wild Burwell were having issues with contacting Sanctuary Housing regarding the grass area at Bolton Close.

Jenny Moss shared a plan for pound Hill reflecting suggestions made by Nicola Hallows (Wild Burwell) at their recent meeting. Unfortunately, due to the issue with the disposal of the arisings, this could not be moved forward.

A&E/220222/04 Consideration of Action Sheet items and updates from minutes

Project	Update as of 26.10.21
Recreation Ground Car Park	Work to the car park has been completed. Meads to carry out snagging in March.
Mandeville Hall air conditioning and sound proofing	To investigate as time allows
GMH refurbishment	Invoice received for work in progress insurance. Currently 6 weeks behind schedule.
Spring Close Fallen/dead trees	2 further trees for Kevin Draine to check. Tree fallen during storm Eunice but not dangerous

A&E/220222/05 Consideration of Quotations to carry out work at properties Following the Electrical Installation Conditions Surveys

The Clerk reported that she had issued quotation requests to three contractors, but none had responded. She will send out further requests to Drakes Electrical and Connor Bedford.

A&E/220222/06 Consideration of Quotations to turf graves at the Cemetery

Derek Reader declared an interest in this item.

Two quotations had been received for the turfing of 25 graves at the cemetery. One for £30.00 plus VAT and one for £18.90 per grave. The Maintenance Officer could do the work, but it would be time consuming. The Group agreed a recommendation should be made to Full Council as follows:

That 25 graves at the cemetery are turfed by C R Contracting at a cost of £18.90 per grave and that following this work carried out, that the Maintenance routinely turfs the graves as and when required.

A&E/220222/07 Public Toilet external drainage pipes

A quotation had been received to replace existing external drainage piping for the Public Toilet to resolve this issue of the drains blocking. The Clerk was asked to obtain further quotations.

A&E/220222/08 Request for a gate on to the allotments

An allotment holder had written in requesting permission to construct a gate from this property off Newmarket Road on to the allotments. The Group agreed that permission should not be granted.

A&E/220222/09 Any other matters

There were no other matters to discuss.

A&E/220222/10 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting is on 26th April 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed

Dated.

Yvonne Rix

From: Caroline Edmonds [mailto:caroline.edmonds@bt.com]
Sent: 28 February 2022 09:29
To: Yvonne Rix; Sarah Ashby
Cc: [mailto:angelaretcliff@ntlworld.com]; [mailto:111@virginmedia.com]; Caroline Dyer
Subject: Allotment issues

Dear Yvonne and Sarah,

A couple of people have approached members of the Committee at the allotments concerned about a plan to use a vacant plot near the BAGS clubhouse to put grass cuttings from the village on, to compost down. It is believed that the Council used to sell the cuttings for hay but is now unable to do so because of the amount of dog poo in it. Our concerns are firstly that a vacant plot is being used which could be used for cultivation. If the Council requires a composting area it could use the old composting area by the Parish Council shed, well away from other plots. Secondly, as I am sure you are aware dog faeces can contain parasites that are dangerous to humans, especially children. Unless the compost heap is very carefully tended and managed, to ensure that each load reaches a temperature of 73 degrees Celsius for at least 5 continuous days during the composting process these parasites and their eggs will not be killed but pass into the soil, thus contaminating it. See:

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/composting/manures/dog-waste-in-compost.htm>

I appreciate that this may be unfounded rumour in which case I would be very happy to correct this via BAGS network if this is not the plan. If however this is a genuine proposal, please could we discuss urgently.

Best wishes, Caroline Dyer
Chair, BAGS

From Wild Burwell
To the Clerk and Chair of Burwell Parish Council.

Date
04/03/2022

Dear Yvonne and Liz

PRIORY MEADOW – GRASS CUTTING REGIME 2022

We understand that the Assets and Environment Group of Burwell Parish Council have recently met and made revised recommendations for the grass cutting contract for 2022. We understand that the revisions have been made following concerns raised by the grass cutting contractor about collecting and disposing of vegetation that was contaminated by dog poo. These further recommendations are to be considered at the full Parish Council meeting of 08/03/2022.

We ask that the Parish Council continue to work towards a solution to this problem. We ask the Parish Council to take into account an offer of voluntary help from Wild Burwell to rake arisings from grass cutting to the boundaries of Priory Meadow and/or to dispose of the arisings in individual household green bins for this purpose over time. At least one member of Wild Burwell is thinking of obtaining a second green bin precisely for this purpose. Members of Wild Burwell raked arisings at Priory Meadow to the boundaries last summer.

This would allow the 2 cut regime for Priory Meadow, as initially agreed at the Parish Council meeting of 11/01/2022 to continue to apply.

We also remind the Parish Council about the National Trust Wicken Fen Bioblitz at Priory Meadow on 15/05/2022. Wild Burwell have been asked to help with this. For the Bioblitz to be effective, the overwintering grass should be mown within the next couple of weeks (as the early cut) to allow spring wildflowers to bloom and attract pollinating and other insects. Perhaps this could be done by the Maintenance Officer if the grass cutting contractor is not due to start work until later.

Martin O'Leary
Chair, Wild Burwell

Nicola Hallows
Secretary, Wild Burwell

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ORDER APPLICATION FORM (TTRO)

<p>Please Send Your Applications to:</p> <p>Cambridgeshire County Council Street Works Team Vantage House Washingley Road Huntingdon Cambridgeshire PE29 6SR</p> <p>Tel: 01480 372444 Email: street.works@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</p>	<p>Applicants Details:</p> <p>Name: MOLLY NICE Address: SUNBELT RENTALS Kemble Airfield Enterprise Park, Cirencester Road, Kemble, Gloucestershire GL7 6BQ</p> <p>Tel: 0370 050 0792 Emergency 24 hour Contact No: 0370 050 0792</p> <p>Email: surveys@sunbeltrentals.co.uk</p>
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The cost of this application is:
£1095.00 for a Full Order or £770.00 for an Emergency Order

YOU MUST ALLOW AT LEAST 12 WEEKS FOR THIS ORDER TO BE PROCESSED. A STREET WORKS PERMIT MUST HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BEFORE THIS FORM WILL BE CONSIDERED

PLEASE TICK ALL RELEVANT OPTIONS THAT APPLY:

✓	✓	✓	✓
ROAD CLOSURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FOOTPATH CLOSURE	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional T/M Requirements	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>None <input type="checkbox"/></div> <div>Stop / Go <input type="checkbox"/></div> <div>2 way lights <input type="checkbox"/></div> <div>3 way lights <input type="checkbox"/></div> </div> <p>Hours of operation – 0930-1530</p>		
<p>Description of Works: Safety for Engineer to work in Underground structure.</p>			
Road Name	REACH ROAD		
Parish / Town	BURWELL CP		
Road Number (i.e.: A140)	N/A		
Location of Works	FROM JUNCTION WITH WIRS DROVE TO SOUTHFIELD FARM		

Closure Start Date:	05/04/2022	End Date:	05/04/2022
Closure Times: 24/7 or Specify Times	09:30-15:30		
Working Hours: 24/7 or Specify Times	09:30-15:30		
<p>Diversion Route – List all roads & parishes (with names and numbers if possible) These can be found on Roadworks.org with “NSG” selected under Operational Info within the Map Layers Menu.</p> <p>Please provide a map showing the extent of the closure and diversion route.</p>	<p>REACH ROAD – SWAFFHAM ROAD – BURSWEEL ROAD – MILL HILL – HIGH STREET – LOWER END – SWAFFHAM ROAD – REACH ROAD – VICE VERSA</p>		
<p>Will the alternative route include a Trunk road? (If so it is the responsibility of the applicant to gain agreement from the Highways Agency and submit a copy of the approval to Street Works)</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Details:</p>		
<p>Does the above route have any restrictions, i.e. Low bridges, weight limits, tunnels, fords, 'one way' or other Orders on it? (If Yes then please give details).</p> <p>Some of these can be found here</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Details:</p>		
<p>Will this Order apply to pedestrians and/or equestrians? (If so please provide details)</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Details:</p>		
<p>Please add any comments that you feel may assist the application</p>	<p>OPERATIVES AT EACH END OF THE CLOSURE TO ALLOW RESIDENTIAL, PEDESTRIAN AND EMERGENCY SERVICE ACCESS</p>		

Payment Details

Please specify the details of the company or individual that Cambridgeshire are to collect payment for the TTRO to be processed.

Company Name: **SUNBELT RENTALS**

Address: 102 Dalton Avenue, Birchwood Park, Warrington, Cheshire, WA3 6YE	Tel. No: 0370 050 0792
	Email: surveys@sunbeltrentals.co.uk
Your Order Number 864/104046	

Please note: It is the applicant's responsibility to inform residents, businesses, the Local Parish Council and County Councillors about the closure. We may request to see the information you have sent them prior to sending you the legal order. Details can be found by following this [link](#)

FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE CONDITIONS SET OUT WITHIN THIS DOCUMENT MAY RESULT IN AN APPROVED ORDER BEING WITHDRAWN.

REQUIRED ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Please ensure you give the official road name with the correct spelling for which the Order is required.
2. Access may be allowed to Emergency Services **IF** safe passage permits.
3. Pedestrian/Cyclist and Access to properties must be allowed at **ALL** times, unless otherwise agreed.
4. An order will only be granted where a suitable alternative route or arrangements are available.
5. A clear map showing the extent of the closure and diversion route must be attached to this application.
6. Signs 1050mm by 750mm bearing the words "This Road will be closed "From To" and including the dates of the closure **MUST** be placed at all approaches to the site **at least 14 days** prior to the proposed closure.

DECLARATION:

All the information given in this application is true and I have checked all the names of streets and parishes against an official map of the area.

Applicant's Signature: MNICE Date: 05/02/2022

Company.....SUNBELT RENTALS

Position.....ADMIN CLERK.....



EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING SERVICE
SCHEDULE OF CERTIFICATION OF STREET NUMBERING

PARISH BURWELL

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 15th February 2022

ADOPTED STREET NAME: Silver Street

SCHEME REF STNN/21/195

DIRECTION: From The Causeway

Official Street No	Property Formerly Known As			Planning reference	Building Control Reference	STNN Reference No	Date
	No/Plot	Development Name					
35A		Confirmation Only					15/04/03
37		Formerly Choux Fleur					17/02/64
39		Formerly Carra Finn					17/02/64
41		Formerly Avalon					17/02/64
43		Confirmation Only					15/04/03
45		Confirmation Only					15/04/03
47		Confirmation Only					15/04/03
49		Plot 1 Land Adj 47			02/01073/DOMFP		1/05/03
49A		Plot 2 Land Adj 47			02/01073/DOMFP		1/05/03
51		Confirmation Only					15/04/03
53		Confirmation Only					15/04/03
55		Land between 53 and 61		21/00883/FUL	21/00753/DOMFP	STNN/21/195	15/02/22
61		Confirmation Only					15/04/03
Walnut Cottage 67		Confirmation Only					15/04/03

Last Entry Date: 10th February 2022



East Cambridgeshire

District Council

The Grange, Nutholt Lane
Ely, Cambs, CB7 4EE

Tel: (01353) 665555

Street Naming and Numbering

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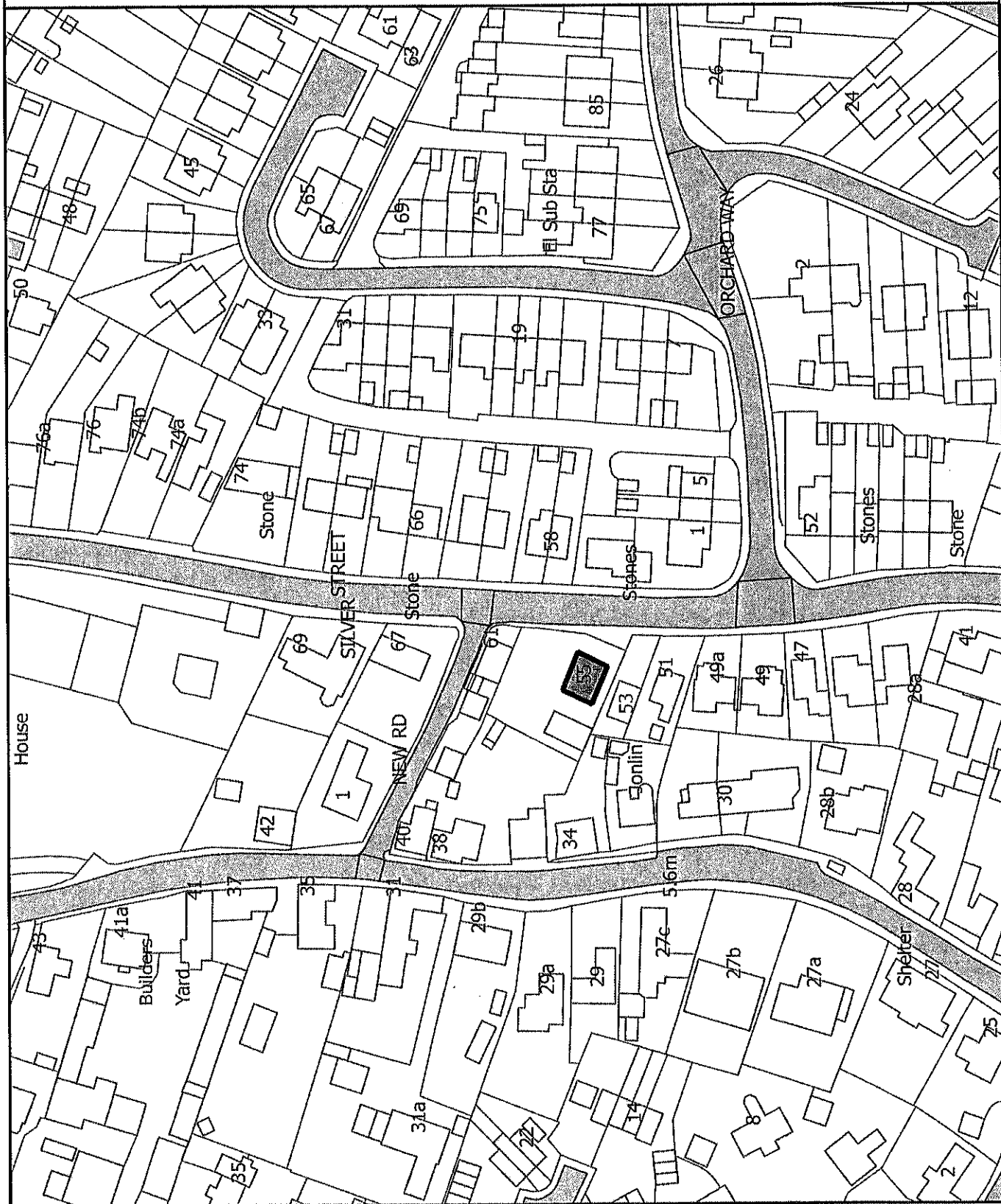
Addressing 1 new dwelling

55 Silver Street
Burwell

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EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING SERVICE
SCHEDULE OF CERTIFICATION OF STREET NUMBERING

PARISH BURWELL

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: 01st March 2022

ADOPTED STREET NAME: Silver Street

SCHEME REF STNN/21/199

DIRECTION: From The Causeway

Official Street No	Property Formerly Known As				Building Control Reference	STNN Reference No	Date
	No/Plot	Development Name	Planning reference				
35A		Confirmation Only					15/04/03
37		Formerly Choux Fleur					17/02/64
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57		Land between 53 and 61	20/01170/FUL		21/00648/DOMFP	STNN/21/199	01/03/22

Last Entry Date: 23rd February 2022



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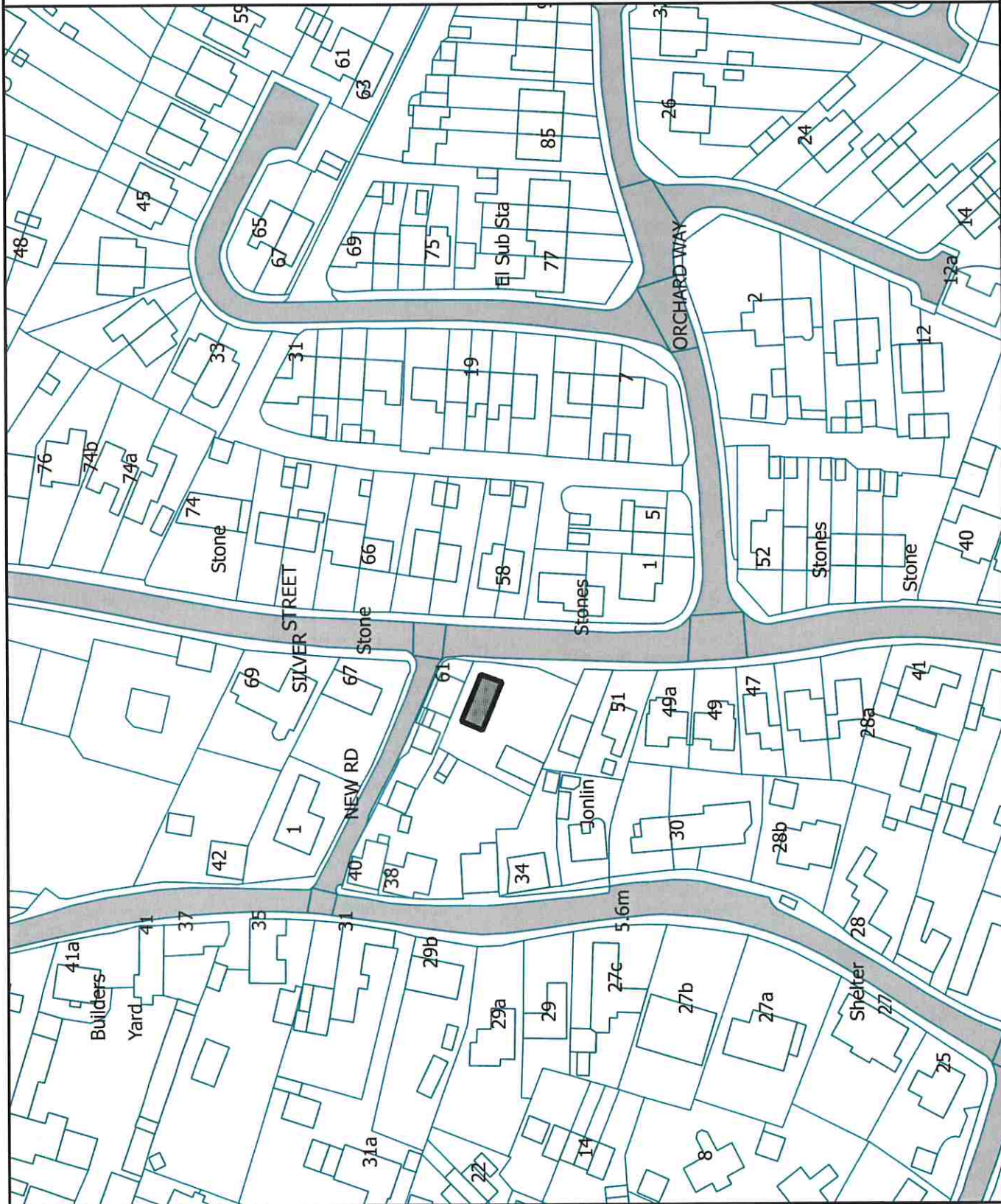
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Yvonne Rix

From: Sara Abraham sara.abraham64@gmail.com
Sent: 02 March 2022 13:47
To: Yvonne Rix
Cc: lavinia.edwards@eastcambs.gov.uk
Subject: Address Clarification - Browns Farm/Anchor Lane
Attachments: EA waters navigation map.png; ECDC Publication 1.png; ECDC Publication Screenshot.png; Google Satellite Image.png; OS Map.png

Dear Councillors,

I understand you have been contacted by East Cambridgeshire District Council, Street Name and Numbering Department (ECDC STNN) with regard to address information for Browns Farm (Anchor Lane Farm). I have been in correspondence with ECDC for the past 8 months, trying to get approval for our address so that it can be registered with The Royal Mail.
The address we are trying to approve is:

THE PADDOCK
BROWNS FARM OR (ANCHOR LANE FARM)
ANCHOR LANE
BURWELL
CB25 0BD

The council have us as WEIRS DROVE and this is where the problem lies.

You can only access our location by vehicle via ANCHOR LANE.
I have supplied ECDC with maps and their own publication that clearly states that we are Anchor Lane. (Attached screenshots, access to ECDC publication via the following link;
https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Burwell%20NS%20Final%20Copy_0.pdf)
I was advised on 13/12/2021 that the council had recently done a site visit and verbally agreed via telephone that access is NOT from Weirs Drove.
From my own experience, emergency services have tried to access our location via Weirs Drove and were unable to get to us and had to re-route via Anchor Lane which delayed medical services.

I understand the council are asking yourselves for further clarification/information and would appreciate your help on resolving this.

As our matter is on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting on 08/03/2022, I shall be attending and can answer any questions you may have.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sara Abraham



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Yvonne Rix

From: Street Name Numbering <StreetNameNumbering@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Sent: 22 February 2022 15:29
To: Yvonne Rix
Subject: STNN/20/102 - Property position
Attachments: Google Maps.pdf; STNN_20_102 - Site Plan.pdf

Good Afternoon

I was wondering if you could help me or maybe discuss this in your next parish council meeting

We have a property owner that would like their caravan to be addressed and it is located on the land of Browns Farm which is addressed into "Weirs Drove" along with a few other houses next door to the farm however the owner is adamant that the caravan should be addressed into "Anchor Lane"

We have advised on many occasions that **"the property would be addressed into Weirs Drove as this is where Browns Farm is also addressed and is the correct location for where it is accessed. I would not therefore be able to give an address for your property on Anchor Lane at this time"**.

I have completed a site visit and again concluded that as the caravan is on Browns Farm and this is addressed into Weirs Drove along with 2 other properties that this should be addressed into Weirs Drove and not Anchor Lane.

However the owner is very adamant otherwise, they have sent google map shots as per attached and again you can see a slight crossover where Weirs Drove starts and Anchor Lane ends.

After discussion with my manager we do still believe that this should be addressed onto Weirs Drove and it will cause much confusion for emergency services and deliveries to find the caravan as the addresses surrounding them are Weirs Drove however we thought it would be helpful to seek information from the Parish Council and hope for some historical advise. Where do Burwell consider as the end of Anchor Lane and the start of Weirs Drove to be?

The Owner of the caravan on the site of Browns Farm would like the below address

"The Paddock
Browns Farm
Anchor Lane.
Burwell
CB25 0BD
As explained before access is Anchor Lane"

However on our system Browns Farm is

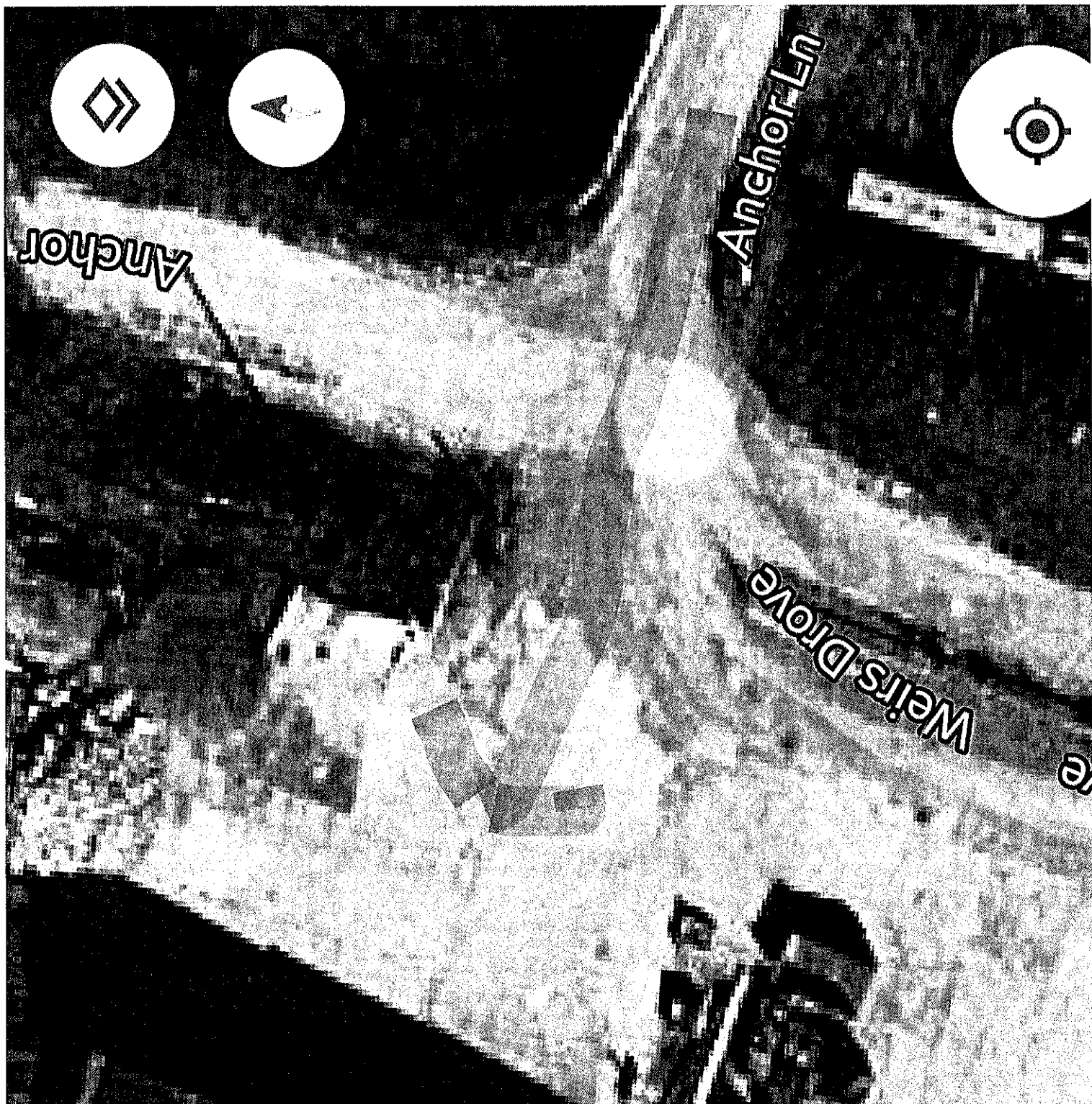
Browns Farm
Weirs Drove
Burwell

Please could you discuss at your next Parish Council meeting and advise us what you think?

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions

Many Thanks

Gemma Smart





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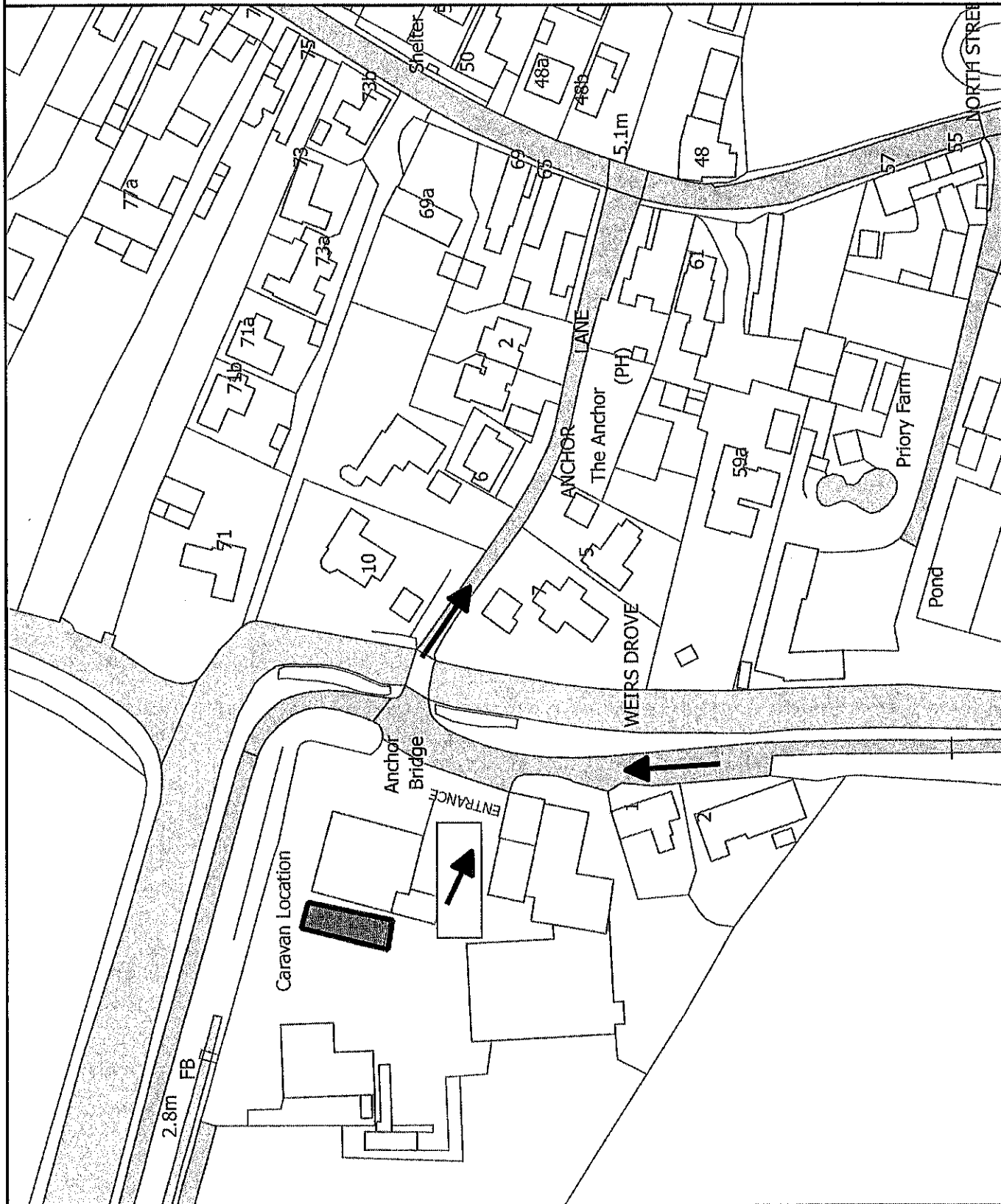
Property Location

The entrance to Browns
Farm is on Weirs Drove as
indicated

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Minutes of the Burwell Environmental Group Meeting 13th January 2022

6.00 pm (Zoom Meeting)

[CCC = Cambridgeshire County Council ECDC = East Cambridgeshire County Councils BEG = Burwell Environmental Group
BPC = Burwell Parish Council]

Present: Linda Hart (Chair), Jenny Moss (Secretary), Paul Webb, John Smith, Peter Lancaster, Simon Hart

Note: Helen McMenamin-Smith was initially present, but we had a lot of initial sound problems that rendered her unable to join when resolved.

1. Apologies:

Helen McMenamin-Smith

2. Approval of the Minutes from 8th December 2021

Proposed by Linda, seconded by Paul

3. Action Sheet Updates

1. Knowledge Database

Website - Jenny told the group that the best option with Weebly would be the "Pro" for Groups & Organisations, at £9 per month. She did point out that she would not personally manage to build and maintain it – the Swamp site is way out of date. Pete is still to hear back from Matt, whose trade name is "White Wolf".

2. EV charging points

Jenny has yet to write letter to local businesses about EV charging points. Paul hasn't been in touch with Emily Bolton of CCC. No reply from Duncan Grindley.

3. Housing / Cycle path

Linda hasn't had a reply from This Land.

At the last Climate Forum meeting, the idea of a Neighbourhood Plan was not welcomed by the Parish Council, who explained that it was years worth of work, could be overwritten, needed over 50% of the villagers to vote in favour, and cost thousands of pounds. By the time the Plan was completed, all building regulations could have changed anyway. It was suggested that input into the ECDC Local Plan would hold greater sway.

Paul is going to get a link for the new ECDC Planning Policy. Linda is going to email the Parish Clerk asking when our own Local Plan is due to be renewed.

Fern Hulme hasn't replied to Linda's enquiry as to whether she would like to be involved in a sub-group for cycle paths. We agreed it didn't make sense to have cycleways into places like Reach and Upware and yet not one into Cambridge. When leaving the village towards Cambridge on the current badly-maintained cycle path, the oncoming traffic is heading straight towards the cyclist and passing with less than a metre's gap. Pete said the gap should be at least two metres wide, and the path should be much wider and better maintained.

It was also noted that the cycleway down Dyson's Drove is in a terrible state of disrepair. All cycleways should consider the new Highway Code.

Pete will continue to engage with Jean and Andy Whittaker, who are passionate about cycling.

5. Green Energy Projects

John has arranged a meeting with John Flaherty for 10.30 am Saturday January 15th 2022, at Mandeville Hall, and will notify the Facebook group that capacity has now been reached (around 35, plus some Parish Council members). We have been given the two smaller rooms, so we can open the doors between them as overflow, with access to the rooms from 9.45 a.m.

Chairs will be spaced at 2m, (and will need wiping afterwards), windows will be opened for ventilation, and all in attendance must wear a mask. Jenny to bring the BEG leaflets. John will set up the screen and projectors, and will do the introduction and the thanks. Recording is not an option.

Linda is to email BPC to thank them for the rooms.

Simon has a contact at SE Energy hub and will send to John.

6. Insulation/home heating

Simon suggested that we invite Phil McCrory to one of our zoom meetings about 30 minutes in, to hear about how he can advise local people on insulating and heating their houses. He may be willing to do a larger meeting, or a talk similar to the forthcoming one on Saturday. We can share the information on Facebook, and to Clunch.

If the battery talk goes well on Saturday we can have further such information days, perhaps combining several local trade people into the one event.

8. Survey

The Parish Council should know by the end of January if their application for funding for their survey will be accepted. Paul suggested approaching Ben Burgess for funding if unsuccessful. John said that the approach must be in person, and probably several times when Jen said that her request for Community Garden funding had amounted to £50 from just one business.

We need to start putting questions together.

(Pete left the meeting at 19.18)

4. Any Other Business

Constitution:

The amendments to our constitution were proposed by Paul, seconded by Simon, all in agreement. The amendments state that we will elect our officers annually at the AGM, but the votes will be open only to the Core group members, and that our elected treasurer is Helen McMenamin-Smith. Jenny is to send the amended copy to the Parish Clerk.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting has been set for Thursday 17th February 6pm (Zoom meeting). We will invite Phil to join us at 7.15 pm if he is free.

The meeting closed at 19.25 pm

Jennifer M. Moss
17/2/22

Pauline's Swamp Minutes of the Meeting 1st December 2001 - 7.30 pm Mandeville

Present:

Mike Swift (Chair), Jenny Moss (Secretary), Paul Webb, Paul Hawes, Jim Perry

1. Apologies

James Moss, Helen McMenamin-Smith

2. Approval of the minutes of 25th August 2021

Proposed by Paul Webb, Seconded by Jim Perry

3. Action Sheet Updates

1. Update of Trustees Document

Mike has drawn up an addendum document for the Trustees Document, to be held with the original at the office. This document will take precedence over the relevant clauses on the original document. A trustee is appointed for a term of five years, after which time the vacancy (starting on 1st April annually) should be offered to all Parish Councillors, including the trustee who has just come to the end of their term, and considered by the remaining trustees.

The amendments are included at the end of these minutes.

2. Hopkins Homes.

Mike has met with Joshua Hopkins again, and the agreed map is still the same, however it is not possible to see any marker posts on site due to the dense brambles. These have to be removed for an archaeological dig, at which point we may be able to place markers.

4. Open Day

It was decided that we would keep the Open Day in its normal format rather than open it up as a communal Green Day, but that we could invite local environmental groups to have stalls. Updates on the separate Open Day Action Sheet.

5. Cameras

Jenny to check the giffgaff balance, and ask the office to put up to £30 on the balance if required.

6. Purchase of feeder pond

Paul Webb and Paul Hawes are still to meet with Bob Scott.

8. Work Days

James says that February is the ideal time for the sedge cut, which has been missed for a few years. Volunteers will be needed to rake the cut vegetation away.

9. Surveys on site

Martin O'Leary has given us the initial data from his bird survey. Paul Hawes has found the original list of birds spotted at the swamp by Martin Thoday – Jenny will pass on to Martin O'Leary.

We could ask Paul Craske if he could start a moth survey.

10. Swamp Funds

If/when we get our £3,500 from Hopkins Homes, we will have over £15,000 available funds. We could then apply for charitable status.

4. Any Other Business

Destruction of Boundary:

There has been considerable damage to the boundary of the Swamp adjacent to 58 Swaffham Road, with bulldozers removing trees and hedgerow from within our boundary, and flattening the ditch. Paul Hawes said this ditch is important for assisting drainage and water flow. Kevin Drane has been to inspect the damage. Mike has been in touch with an environmental enforcement officer, but it may come down to a civil dispute between us and the landowner. The Parish Clerk has written to the landowner Tony Nash to ask him to get in touch with Mike about restoring the hedgerow. As a stop-gap, Paul Hawes is to make some posts to remark our boundary to prevent further damage. We ought to remove the old sheep fence, as it is assumed that that marks our boundary.

Tree Planting:

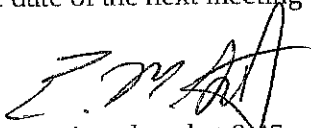
Wild Burwell have asked if we have any space for planting trees along the boundary. Jim said that he had 25 saplings that need planting before we can assess if we have further space.

Pond:

It was noted that the water level in the pond is pleasantly high. The rope from the safety buoy has been stolen, and must be replaced, it needs 5m high-viz orange rope.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday 26th January.



The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

4. AOB

"TONY" should read

"ALAN"

Pauline's Swamp Minutes of the Meeting 26th January 2022 - 7.30 pm Mandeville

Present:

Mike Swift (Chair), Jenny Moss (Secretary), Paul Webb, Paul Hawes, Jim Perry, James Moss

1. Apologies

Helen McMenamin-Smith

2. Approval of the minutes of 1st December 2021

Proposed by Paul Webb, Seconded by Mike Swift

3. Action Sheet Updates

1. Hopkins Homes

There has not been any progress on the transfer of land or money. Since the surrounding land is to be sold, it was agreed that the best course of action would be to claim the land marked on the map now, as any new owner of the surrounding land may not honour the agreement made with HH. Jenny is to write a letter for the Clerk to send, informing them that we will be clearing our promised parcel of land before birds start to breed.

3. Open Day

Progress on the Open Day has been noted on the separate Open Day Action Sheet.

4. Cameras

Both the dummy cameras and the live cameras are being pushed about with presumably a long branch out of camera shot. James will make a wire mesh cage for the live camera, and will lend the Swamp a simple second trail camera to hide in the trees.

7. Work days

James will do the sedge cut and the bramble clearance with no assistance required, on February 3rd 2022. He will cut the brambles up to the existing marked out fence for the time being. The trustees will meet James on site that day at 12 noon to see if there is any tree work required. Jenny will drum up volunteers for the raking on the 5th, and James can bring a grabber on that day. In case of heavy rain, we will change the work day to the 12th.

8. Site surveys

Martin O'Leary is continuing his bird survey on site, and Paul H mentioned that Martin Foley may also do a survey.

9. Tree Planting

See item (7). James to advise on tree planting following our site inspection on the 3rd Feb. Alan Nash has broken the law by destroying hedging and trees on our land. Although ECDC are supposedly going to take him to court, this could take a considerable length of time. Mr Nash has not contacted Mike as he should have, after agreeing with a formal handshake with Jim Perry in front of witness Bob Scott that he would reinstate our boundary hedging, so Jenny to pen letter for the Clerk to send asking when he will be reinstating this boundary. If planning permission is given for housing on the cleared land, we must make sure that a proper buffer zone is honoured this time, and that pumping will not lower the water levels.

Jim is to submit a list of what trees he has for planting. Jenny reminded him that he had offered to make a tree survey on site.

4. Open Day 23rd April 2022

This topic was covered in Action Sheet Updates item 3.

5. Any Other Business

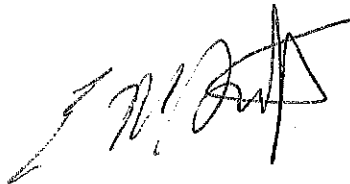
Paul H brought some articles on boundary hedging rules, the sale of land adjacent to the Swamp, and chalk streams.

Jenny has asked the Clerk to order some hi-viz rope for the life buoy.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday 23rd February, at Mandeville Hall, or at 25 The Causeway if no room available.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. J. Smith' or similar, written in a cursive style.

SPRING CLOSE MANAGEMENT GROUP
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 24/11/2021 AT MANDEVILLE HALL

Present ; Mike Swift (Chair), Jenny Moss, Paul Webb, Liz Swift, Geraldine Tate, Colin Smith, Rachel O'Leary, Martin O'Leary

APOLOGIES

Helen McMenamin-Smith, Caroline Smith, Malcolm Busby

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 06/09/2021

Colin requested that Jonathan Schanklin was changed to Jonathan Shanklin, and that the reference at Item 4 to steam be changed to stem. The minutes were approved with these amendments – proposed by Paul, seconded by Liz.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Mike Swift was elected as Chair, proposed by Paul, seconded by Geraldine

Martin O'Leary was elected as Secretary, proposed by Colin, seconded by Geraldine

ACTION SHEET UPDATES

Signage

It was agreed to form a sub-committee of Rachel, Colin and Caroline to work on this project. The sub-committee will consider the text, illustrations, numbers and locations of signboards. The text will refer to the history, geology and nature conservation of Spring Close. The sub-committee will submit designs to the Print Centre to obtain estimates of the cost of printing. The sub-committee will report to the Management Group.

Open Days

Awaiting further information from the Pauline's Swamp committee.

Tree Planting

The trees on order from the Woodland Trust had not yet arrived. The saplings will be stored at the tree nursery until later in the winter with a view to planting in February. Martin suggested planting along the edge of the mown grassland on the western boundary, and also on the edge of the mown grassland adjacent to the copse. As an alternative, Colin recommended planting in rough grassland to fill in any gaps in the western boundary hedge. Martin countered that there were few gaps in the hedge, and that the failure rate of saplings planted in rough grassland in the copse was high. Colin ruled out planting trees along the hedge bordering Spring Close road as the trees would eventually block the views of local residents. As Chair of the Climate Change Forum, Jenny had contacted both ECDC and CCC about availability of land within the parish for tree planting. Neither council had offered any land.

The committee proposed a site meeting to walk around Spring Close to agree areas for tree planting.

Malcolm had prepared a map showing tree planting areas along with a management plan. Neither document was available for the meeting.

Work Party 30/10/2021

Prior to the work party, the grass cutting contractor had cut the long grass on the chalk banks. The main purpose of the work party was to rake the arisings away from the banks to conserve the chalk grassland flora by removing nutrient-rich material. Paul Webb and Karl Turner strimmed the nettles from the Mandeville gate down to the spring to improve access. A new volunteer, Martin Savage, commenced work on restoring an old path, leading from the meadow to the footbridge on level ground by the moat, to provide an alternative to the slippery up-and-over path. 17 people attended the work party.

Community Involvement

Paul and Rachel agreed to work together on communications to the community which will be forwarded to the PC clerk for dissemination.

Work Party 22/01/2022

It was agreed to hold a further work party on 22/01/2022, depending on the weather. Jobs to be done include

- Strimming and reopening the path along the southern boundary by the stream. There is easy access to the castle mound from that path
 - Scything and raking the castle mound
 - Cutting back scrub and vegetation bordering the up-and-over path to widen the path.
- Colin to treat stems later

FUNDING 2022

In addition to the funding for grass cutting and the hay crop, the Management Group agreed to request a further £4000 from the 2022 PC budget to cover the costs of new signboards, repairs to paths (including duckboards for wet areas) and educational leaflets. Paul added that the Management Group should request a similar sum of additional funds for future years. This was also agreed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Paul and Jenny said that they would be updating the Vision Plan, and they asked for contributions. Earlier submissions from both Caroline and Rachel will be included in the updated plan. The updated plan will be included on the PC website. A QR code on the new signboards could link to the PC website.

Liz said that CCC confirmed that they were responsible for the footbridge.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 02/02/2022 – 7.30p.m at Mandeville Hall.

Yvonne Rix

From: Roger Osborn <[redacted]>
Sent: 19 February 2022 12:54
To: David.Brown@eastcambs.gov.uk
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Noise pollution from Weirs Drove 50MW Battery Facility

Dear Councillor Brown,

Like Mr and Mrs Starnes (in their email of the 15th February 2022), I too am surprised that the 50MW battery facility is considered to have met the noise conditions of the relevant planning application, especially as serious questions have been raised about the applicable criteria, and how the relevant measurements pertaining to them were obtained. I too would be grateful to know to the justification for the process. In particular have they met noise criteria that were set to be too lax, or were the relevant noise level measurements taken at a time and/or place favourable to the site's constructors?

When, at the consultation stage of the project my wife explicitly asked whether there would be a noise issue, the company representative asked her whether she could hear the existing substation, the clear implication being that any new noise would be at a similar level. With the benefit of hindsight, this now appears to bear all the hallmarks of prevarication, as of course we now know the level is very significantly higher.

Like Mr Starnes, I suspect the noise will be more noticeable to people in the spring when they spend more time outdoors. From conversations, we know at least some villagers are assuming from the volume that it must still be temporary construction noise.

I understand from SMS that they are now going to put in place an acoustic fence, as well as the hedge that was originally intended. While I hope this improves things, my expectation is that only a high solid boundary wall, and/or changes to the control systems to limit the number of units running simultaneously, would achieve a significant noise reduction.

As the planning process has not prevented or rectified this nuisance, I can only wonder if this further mitigation work was partly instigated by our social media comment, and response to their YouTube PR videos, which so far has been relatively mild.

I would welcome your views on why the noise levels and/or planned noise pollution mitigation measures have already been deemed to be acceptable, and how you plan to represent your constituents in any necessary pursuance of the matter with SMS.

With thanks for your help in this matter,

Kind Regards

Roger G. Osborn

Yvonne Rix

From: Roger Osborn roger.g.osborn@gmail.com
Sent: 03 February 2022 19:36
To: Yvonne Rix
Subject: Noise produced by Burwell Electrical Substation, and associated sites.

Dear Sir/Madam,

My wife and I live in Hythe Lane, at the recreation ground end. Since the SMS 50MW battery installation at Weirs Drove has become operational we have been subject to intrusive background noise from the 50MW battery installation. I'm not sure to what extent noise complaints are part of your direct remit, but we thought we should put it on record, especially as even more expansion of the Burwell Substation site is being contemplated by Sunnica.

Our current situation is:

We are in direct email contact with a director of SMS, who is considering our complaint.

We have also contacted East Cambs District Council, objecting to the signing off of the noise management procedures for the site.

The link for the relevant Application is:

<https://pa.eastcambs.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=R5LS4JGGJYN00>

and our particular comments are in the documents section. A direct link to our complaint is:

https://pa.eastcambs.gov.uk/online-applications/files/EFEC32C48E12F2849FD437C38809A90B/pdf/20_01645_DISC-Neighbour_Response-1323778.pdf

On a closely related subject, we have registered as an Interested Party at

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/sunnica-energy-farm/?ipcsection=docs>

to oppose the building of a new substation even nearer than the battery site to the residential areas of Hythe Close, Hythe Lane, and Murton Close. Our initial submission for that is not yet visible on the web site, so I've copied it below for your convenience:

This representation concerns primarily the connection of the Sunnica project at a new Burwell substation extension.

I would contend that the option 1 connection site is too close to the housing of Burwell village. In particular that it will create excessive extra noise in operation, on top of the noise from the original substation, and the more recently added 50MW SMS battery installation. In the case of the latter, in certain modes of operation, it makes a significant low frequency roar clearly audible in residential areas.

In particular, Table 11.17 of document "EN010106 Volume 1, Environmental Statement, 6.1 Chapter 11: Noise and Vibration" shows an adverse effect at Burwell receptor R1 (a residential area). Section 11.8.32 of the document makes it clear that the noise will particularly have an adverse effect at night. As the document is dated November 2021 it also presumably does not take into account the extra noise already produced by the fans of the SMS 50MW battery installation.

In making this point about potential noise I believe I am reiterating an observation that East Cambridgeshire Council made during the consultation about complaints from villagers about existing substation noise.

Consequently, the project should not be allowed to proceed unless the new substation can be guaranteed near silent in operation or placed at the alternative site further away from the village's residential area. Given the village has already sacrificed rural quiet and wildlife habitat for national infrastructure, to host one of only two large battery installations in the country, this request seems to me entirely reasonable.

The "Noise and Vibration" document mentioned in the submission is available here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010106/EN010106-001786-SEF ES 6.1 Chapter 11 Noise%20and%20Vibration.pdf>

Of particular interest are:

Page 11-6

The siting of the sound measuring point R1.

Page 11-33 Table 11-17

Admission that "moderate adverse" noise will be produced.

Page 11-34 Section 11.8.32

"The exceedance of the night-time background noise level is equivalent to a moderate adverse effect, which is potentially significant; however these criteria are based on an external receptor position outside a dwelling, and does not consider attenuation from walls or glazing, or taken into account internal noise affecting room occupants during night-time hours."

This wording seems to be a somewhat laboured attempt to justify the level as being acceptable, providing you have an internally noisy, sealed, house to start with.

The following sections are of a similar nature, e.g.

"it is not expected that the expansion would result in any noticeable changes to the character of existing noise environment in this area."

appears to say it will be more of the same irritating noise as now.

As you will have gathered from our submission above, our contention (my wife and I) is that a new substation should not be sited so close to a residential area, a view only reinforced by the noise signature of the last electrical site approved.

We hope you will be able to bear this in mind in your own deliberations, and in representations to county and national government.

With thanks in advance for your help in this matter,

Kind Regards,

Roger Osborn and Nicola Martin

Yvonne Rix

From: Yvonne Rix
Sent: 16 February 2022 09:06
To: ~~mike.starnes@ntlworld.com~~
Subject: RE: Burwell Battery Storage Facility

Dear Mike

Thank you for your update. I am going to put this on the agenda for the Full Parish Council meeting due to be held on 8th March at 7.30 pm. You are more than welcome to come along to the meeting and express your concerns to the Council in person at that time.

Kind regards

Yvonne Rix (Mrs)
Parish Clerk

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From: ~~mike.starnes@ntlworld.com~~
Sent: 16 February 2022 07:12
To: Yvonne Rix <burwellpc@burwellparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Burwell Battery Storage Facility

Good Morning,

I have attached for your info a reply from SMS re the battery substation. This arrived just after I sent my note to David Brown. Also interesting that it was sent just after ECDC approved the noise report and discharged the planning conditions.

A hedge on the bund will make a welcome visual improvement along Weirs Drove but as the bund only faces open countryside it will not make any difference to the noise in the populated areas. Acoustic fencing across the entrance will make an improvement if it is practical to incorporate it into the vehicle entrance gates.

My queries re the loading status at the time of the noise survey and the carbon payback period remain unanswered.

Regards

Mike Starnes

From: Lily Coles <Lily.Coles@sms-plc.com>
Sent: 15 February 2022 09:48
To: phil.norrish@sms-plc.com
Cc: Phil Norrish <Phil.Norrish@sms-plc.com>
Subject: RE: Burwell Battery Storage Facility

Dear Mr Starnes,

As an update to your noise concerns, the planting of the hedge along the top of the bund will be taking place this month and as a precautionary measure we will be installing acoustic fencing across the entrance of the site. Our noise consultants are reviewing the information and liaising with the planning authority to ensure that we have adhered to all planning requirements.

If there are any further updates I will keep you informed,

Kind regards, Lily

Lily Coles

New Energy Director
Grid Scale Energy Storage

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From: Lily Coles
Sent: 04 February 2022 16:13
To: phil.norrish@sms-plc.com
Cc: Phil Norrish <Phil.Norrish@sms-plc.com>
Subject: RE: Burwell Battery Storage Facility

Dear Mr Starnes,

We are continuing to look into your noise concerns and unfortunately I am unable to give an update today. I will in touch once I have information to share,

Kind regards, Lily

Lily Coles

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From: mike.starnes@ntlworld.com <mike.starnes@ntlworld.com>

Sent: 03 February 2022 08:14

To: Lily Coles <Lily.Coles@sms-plc.com>

Cc: burwellpc@burwellparishcouncil.gov.uk

Subject: Burwell Battery Storage Facility

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Dear Ms Coles

I understand that SMS are responsible for the battery energy storage facility in Burwell, Cambridgeshire.

I live in Hythe Close (CB25 0EZ) which is close to the battery facility. During construction we were blighted by large diesel generators running 24/7. However we were assured that the noise nuisance was temporary and that the noise emitted from the completed facility would be below background noise levels in the area.

The facility has now been operational for several weeks and sadly we are still blighted by continuous noise from the battery storage facility. It appears that the cooling/ventilation fans on the battery cubicles are running at maximum capacity virtually all the time and is particularly intrusive at night and early morning.

The facility has been designed with no sound screening in the direction of the populated area of Hythe Close/Hythe Lane and Merton Close so we are completely exposed to the noise source. Noise is also evident at various areas along Low Road.

I have reviewed the Noise Verification Report submitted in relation to Conditions 8,9 and 10 of the original ECDC planning approval and find it difficult to accept that the report accurately represents the true noise levels. It is completely false to say that "the rated level of noise, falls below the typical background sound level during the proposed operating times". Furthermore it is extremely worrying to read that "no further noise mitigation measures are required". I do not understand how the report can state that the noise has "No Observed Adverse Effect Level". In front of our house it is the dominant noise in the area and completely destroys the quiet rural nature of the area.

Can you provide evidence that when the report was prepared that the facility was operating at maximum capacity with all storage cubicles on line with fans running. If not I request that a second report is commissioned with third parties present to witness the true operational status of the facility.

As a minimum, and contrary to the report findings, additional acoustic screening should be installed to protect the Hythe Close/Lane area in order to comply with the original planning conditions.

On a different subject I would like to see your assessment of the years of operation required for this facility to offset the carbon emissions created by the manufacture, transportation, construction (including generators) and decommissioning of this facility.

Yours sincerely

Mike Starnes

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