



Enborne Parish Council

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MINUTES

ENBORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN THE BARN, ENBORNE CHURCH, NEWBURY RG20 OHD.

MONDAY 14 MARCH 2022

Present:

Cllr. Chris Garrett (Chair)

Cllr. John Leeson (Vice-Chair)

Cllr. Sam Dibas

Cllr. Valerie. Bolan

Clerk: Mrs Kim Lloyd

Ward Members. Cllr. James Cole.

In attendance: 7 members of the public.

The Clerk announced that the meeting is being recorded for minute purposes. The recording will be deleted once the minutes are approved.

1. APOLOGIES

Ward members Cllrs. Claire Rowles and Dennis Benneyworth sent their apologies.

Cllr. Garrett said on behalf of the Parish he would like to send condolences to the family and friends of Mr Roger Pope the Enborne Church Warden who sadly passed away.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS

All Councillors declared an Interest in item 5 as Trustees of the Poor's Allotment Charity.

3. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Councillors **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the minutes for the meeting held on 24th January 2022.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS- UN-MINUTED

A member of the public asked.

Do the Parish Council think that there is still an overwhelming support in the community for the Solar Farm?

What plans are there for the charity field if no planning is granted?

Could you give an update on the situation with regards to the East to West drainage ditch?

Cllr. Garrett said the questions will be answered in the next meeting or before.

One Member of the Public asked to give a Statement as shown below.

I have attended most of the Parish Council meetings in the last three years, and often listened to the arguments for and against and taken notice of what is going on in the parish. All questions raised have always been dealt with. It's a shame some of the other residents haven't taken notice. I have read from the objections submitted on the Solar Farm Planning Application that they were not consulted. I can say that I

have had every detail regarding the Solar Farm planning application to the extent that it has got boring sometimes and I wanted to congratulate the Trustees on getting this far and wish them well for the rest of it.

Cllr. Garrett thanked the member of the public for his support.

5. **RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS POSED AT THE POORS CHARITY MEETING ON 24/01/2022**

The three questions raised during public questions on 24 January 2022 Parish Council meeting were.

Q1. *What personal financial interest do the trustees have in the project in the Solar Farm?*

The trustees affirmed that they have no personal financial interest in the Solar Farm. This was answered at the January meeting and the Trustees have nothing further to say.

Q2. *What do the Parish Council intend to do about the ditches on the southern end of the Poor's Allotment to alleviate the existing flooding in Spring Gardens?*

The Trustees have spent a good deal of their valuable, voluntary time on this question in trying to better understand all aspects of the "existing water" problem. We have written to West Berkshire Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) with our conclusions. We have copied the residents.

The situation is complicated by:

- Multiple water sources related to the topography, geology and hydrology of the area.
- The ownership of the land within the Spring Gardens estate and the relationship between the various landowners and parties responsible for maintenance within the estate
- The land drain installed within the estate, presumably with the intention to mitigate the existing water overflow and questions over whether this is being maintained as it may not be working as intended.

There is no doubt that water flows from the Parish Field onto the adjacent part of the Spring Gardens estate. The water follows the contours downhill as it always has, probably since the last ice age and certainly from before Spring Gardens existed. This outflow could easily be directed into the land drain on the Spring Gardens estate, and we would suggest that the owners of the land drain look at building a more direct inflow than currently exists. Currently, the land drain relies on water dropping through a gravel layer on top of the drain and through perforations in the drain.

The Trustees are more than willing to work with the various stakeholders in the Spring Gardens estate and will consider all reasonable, practical, and achievable solutions.

Q3. *Do you think there is scope to revisit the Solar Farm plans and to have a conversation with Calleva to improve and alleviate the flooding to Spring Gardens?*

Enborne Parish Council (EPC) have supported the application. At the time of last meeting the residents of Spring Gardens were offered a meeting with Calleva. They declined at the time as the planning application had not been published and they wanted time to review the planning application. To date, neither the Parish Council nor the Trustees have been contacted and asked to arrange the meeting. The offer of a meeting is still open.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS – APPENDIX 1**

All Councillors resolved to no objections on all planning applications shown in Appendix 1.

7. **GDPR CONSULTANT SERVICE SUBSCRIPTION**

The Councillors agreed to subscribe to Mrs S. Ellis a GDPR Consultant at a cost of £25 for the year. The Clerk recommended that the Parish Council subscribe to Mrs Ellis who the Clerk had used in other Parishes and said Mrs Ellis advice had been invaluable.

8. **FINANCE**

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm the payments as shown in Appendix 2.
The Cashflow was noted.

9. **TRAFFIC CALMING**

Following the last meeting it was discussed to look at installing speeding 'smiley/sad face' devices in the Parish. The Clerk had emailed Parish Council information on this. Three areas were identified where a device could go in the Parish. Cllr. Garrett suggested having two devices, one being a battery operated one that is mobile and could be moved to various areas and a permanent one. It was agreed by all that a permanent one should go close to the school. This could be a solar powered type. The Clerk will make enquires with West Berkshire Council regarding one near the school. **ACTION: Clerk**

10. **THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION WEEKEND – THURSDAY 2ND JUNE TO SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2022**

Cllr. Garrett reported that in Enborne Row a Queens Jubilee Committee is organising a street party. West Berkshire Council have agreed to take out liability insurance for street parties in the district. A risk assessment will need to be carried out and an application to close the road for a few hours for a street party where everyone can bring their own food, drink and tables on the Sunday 5th June in Enborne Row. The Clerk said some Parish Councils are getting involved in the event. Cllr. Garrett felt street parties were for the community to organise and not the Parish Council. The Councillors discussed providing commemorative jubilee coins to the Enborne School Children. Cllr. Bolan said she would take the action on to speak to the headteacher. **ACTION: Cllr. Bolan**

11. **CLERK REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

26/02 Freedom of Information Request received via the website messaging service. The Clerk is responding.
05/03 Email. A resident requested for the Highway Code to be added to the website. The Clerk will do this.
01/03 Email. Information on the new West Berkshire Co-production Steering group for Environmental services. West Berkshire Council are looking for up to seven local people to join a 'Co-production Steering Group' see email for details.
04/02 Email. From HALC (Hampshire Association of Local Councils). Regarding courses on offer. Cllrs. Bolan and Kendall have enrolled onto Knowledge & Core Skills course which is on Tuesday 15 March and Tuesday 29 March 2022.

12. **COUNCILLORS - ANY FURTHER REPORTS/QUESTIONS**

Cllr. Dibas reported that the Woodland Trust donated tree was planted in Enborne School. The tree was planted as a school project. Cllr. Dibas asked the Clerk for information on benches as it was agreed in the last meeting to buy two benches, one in the Churchyard and one in the school, with a suggestion to show a plaque in remembrance to the victims that lost their life to Covid during the pandemic **ACTION: Clerk/Cllr. Dibas**

The Clerk is waiting for a date from Cllr. Kendall to find out if supplies are available from West Berkshire Council to organise a litter pick in the Parish.

13. **MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

The questions that were raised will be answered either in the next meeting or emailed before.

14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is on Monday 9th May 2022 in the Falklands Cricket Club, Community Room. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

APPENDIX 1

Planning Applications, Appeals and Enforcement Notices for consideration at the Parish Council March Meeting 2022

Planning applications can be viewed by members of the public on the West Berkshire Council's website

[West Berkshire Planning Applications On Line Simple Search Link](#)

Planning applications for consideration at meeting

Reference	Type	Location	Description	Observations
22/00131	House	The Cedars Enborne Street Enborne	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of side boot room extension and front porch. Rear lean to roof pitch raised and changed to slate finish. Erection of timber frame car port and wood store to frontage	No Objections
22/00127	FULD	Vanners Farm, Vanners Lane Enborne	Two storey rear extension to house; change of use of former piggery and stables buildings within the residential curtilage to residential accommodation; change of use of area of field in agricultural use to parking for converted buildings.	No Objections
22/00475	House	Magnolia View, Andover Drove, Wash Water	Single Storey Rear Extension	No Objections

Reference	Type	Location	Description	
22/00101	COMIND	Land To North Of Spring Gardens Newbury	Proposed solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure with ancillary equipment including substation, security cameras, deer fence, attenuation basin, access track and soft landscaping scheme	SUPPORTED

West Berkshire Council Planning Application Decisions and Planning Inspectorate Appeal Decisions

Reference	Type	Location	Description	Decision
21/03177	PACOU	Land and Barn East Of Andover Drove and South Of Enborne	An application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to 1 Dwellinghouse (Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion. The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q. You are not required to comment and the decision can only be taken based on the criteria set out in The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended).	GRANTED
APP/W0340/ W/21/328433 4	APPEAL	Longcopse Farm, Vanners Lane.	20/02890/FUL Retrospective laying of hard based material in association with the temporary change of use of land for the stationing of caravans and for the temporary stationing of trucks.	APPEAL

APPENDIX 2

Statement of Accounts

Accounts for Payment 14 March 2022

Expenditure brought forward 21-22 £13,565.48

Payments

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS *	Kim Lloyd	February - Salary	
SO	Kim Lloyd	March - Salary	
SO *	Newbury Storage	Storage -February	£ 77.91
SO*	Newbury Storage	Storage - March	£ 77.91
BACS *	John Leeson	CLA Membership	£ 257.00
BACS *	HMRC	QTR 3 - Employer Income Tax/NI	£ 318.60
* =PAID			
			£ 1,581.90

Receipts

Total Receipts £ -