

**Burwell Solar Farm Community Liaison Group**  
**1pm, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022**  
**Gardiner Memorial Hall**

**MINUTES**  
**FINAL**

**Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role/organisation</b>
Cllr Nick Acklam	Reach Parish Council
Cllr David Brown	District Councillor for Burwell
Yvonne Rix	Parish Clerk
Liz Swift	Chair of Burwell Parish Council
Cllr John Trapp	District Councillor for Bottisham
Paul Wedd	Vice Chair of Burwell Parish Council

**In attendance**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role/organisation</b>
Andrew Boulton	Construction Manager, EDF Renewables
Kerry MacPhee	Community Liaison Officer, EDF Renewables

**1. Welcome**

KMP welcomed the group.

**2. Introductions and apologies**

The members introduced themselves. No apologies were received.

**3. Terms of Reference**

The group have requested the following change be made to the ToFR:

1.3: The CLG will remain active throughout the further development and construction of the project, ***however, the group have requested that meetings do not cease upon completion of construction and continue if required thereafter.***

**4. Election of Chair**

The group elected Cllr David Brown as Chair of Burwell Solar Farm Community Liaison Group.

**5. Project update**

- Minor works are beginning now: Vegetation clearing, erection of perimeter fence and access road repair works in preparation for deliveries. Hightown Drove road repairs and resurfacing also being arranged.
- Directional drilling will take place so as not to disturb wildlife on site.
- In approximately four weeks, internal access track will begin subject to repair work completion.
- Majority of works will take approximately six months with snagging and commissioning works continuing thereafter.
- HGV deliveries will be limited to 7am-5pm Mon- Fri, half day Saturday and no deliveries on Sundays and bank holidays.
- Contractors will undertake H&S workshops to including transport and access sessions.

- In late August, PV modules will start to be delivered at a rate of one HGV per hour maximum (likely five HGVs per day).
- Piling works will begin late Sept approx. for eight weeks and will be limited to working hours to minimise noise intrusion.
- Project completion will be early 2023 with energisation likely in Jan/Feb and 3-4 months of commissioning work thereafter.
- The project lifespan will be 40 years.
- Decommissioning: Many of the project materials will be recycled though hard to foresee how the recycling and decommissioning landscape will look in 40 years' time.
- There will be no storage component to this site as per the planning conditions.
- Potential challenges the project faces are around access works improvements though currently on track.
- PV modules have a 40-year performance warranty, however should technologies advance over the next 40 years, there is a chance that the site could be repowered with more advanced modules.
- Grazing on the land is unlikely given it is largely arable, but not completely discounted.
- Deer fencing will surround the site with CCTV cameras on the perimeter.
- Community Benefit Fund (CBF): Positive discussion on possible projects to spend monies on however the group would like more formal guidance on how the fund will be split between the two parishes. Likely that the Parish Councils will administer the funds.

#### **6. AOB**

- A question was asked as to the nature of the soil and whether any evidence of peat has been found? AB confirmed no peat has been found on site.

#### **7. Actions**

- The group agreed that a meeting every two months would be beneficial, avoiding the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month.
- Kerry to explore opportunity to hold a workshop for the local community to attend to update on works being done and project progression.
- Kerry to confirm CBF split and group to agree on whether monies should be held separately or the parishes combine.
- Kerry to explore additional sponsorship from EDF Renewables for Phase 2 of Gardiner Memorial Hall redevelopment (to support community and repair café, meeting place and EV charging points).
- Kerry to find out about EV charging points in rural villages.

#### **8. Date and venue of next meeting**

It was agreed to meet on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept at Gardiner Memorial Hall. [This was subsequently rescheduled to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September.]