



**Burwell Solar Farm Community Liaison Group
2pm, Tuesday 29th November 2022**

Jubilee Reading Room

MINUTES

FINAL

Members

Name	Role/organisation
Councillor Nick Acklam	Reach Parish Council
Yvonne Rix	Parish Clerk
Councillor Liz Swift	Chair of Burwell Parish Council
Councillor John Trapp	District Councillor for Bottisham
Councillor Paul Webb	Vice-Chair of Burwell Parish Council

In attendance

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

1. Welcome

Liz Swift chaired the meeting.

2. Introductions and apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor David Brown, Councillor Charlotte Cane and Councillor Lavinia Edwards.

3. Minutes

Minutes approved.

4. Project update

- Piling will be finished in the next fortnight.
- 40-50MW of a total of 70MW panels have now arrived on site. Mounting structure now all delivered and a third of those now erected.
- Project is close to schedule.
- Question around grazing on site. Group would like EDF Renewables UK to promote biodiversity and dual use of land to local community.
- Aiming to have all modules delivered by Christmas. Substantial drop in traffic should follow.
- Wet weather has carried mud onto roads but sweepers have been arranged to ensure good road surfaces.
- Energisation is still on track for March.
- Question around other projects locally. AB unable to offer insight of roads they're likely to use.

5. Community Benefit Fund (CBF)

- KMP confirmed CBF is index-linked to RPI.
- Reach Parish Council had accepted a 75/25 split, however a vote has been held by Burwell Parish Council and 80/20 was unanimously agreed as a split. Reach Parish Council will present this to their members and come back with their input and suggested split or agreement with the proposed split. In the event that a democratic decision isn't reached, KMP will offer input from EDF Renewables UK on their recommendations.

6. AOB

- As above, the main agenda item of the next meeting will be confirmation of the CBF split.

7. Actions

- Investigate possible drop in or Q&A for communities.
- Provide update on grazing and biodiversity of the land.
- Share biodiversity management plan and consultation. Perhaps engage with National Trust?
- KMP to confirm Community Benefit Fund third party options.
- KMP to confirm how splits between communities are calculated.
- AB to feed back on biodiversity and grazing.

8. Date and venue of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 10.30am on 8th February 2023 at Jubilee Reading Room.