

BUNNY ENERGY SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

A Sub-Committee of Bunny Parish Council

Notes of Meeting 15.10.25.

1. Attendance

David Beckford, John Berridge, Chris Rogers, Stuart Taylor, Chris Webb.

Apologies - Vivien Keller Garnet.

2. Notes of Meeting 17.09.25.

The notes were agreed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

It was noted that contact information for Jan Eastgate, Penny Wakefield and Father Tom has been passed to Chris Rogers in order for him to call a meeting to discuss sustainable energy in the public buildings of Bunny.

Progress is slow in the matter of developing a working relationship with Octopus. Chris Webb expressed the view that they will be more interested if and when we develop a plan for energy supply for the village.

It was noted that the BBC had reported that worldwide sustainable energy generation now produces more energy than coal.

The meeting was updated by John that he had met with James Naish and discussed the possibilities of a Villages Net-Zero policy. James followed this up with email information about the Community Energy Bill as follows “ This is a private member’s bill rather than a government bill, so there isn’t a confirmed Second Reading date at the moment ... which realistically means that there won’t be enough time left in this parliamentary session to complete the back and forth process with the Lords before parliament is dissolved.(N.B. a parliamentary session lasts roughly a year, beginning with the King’s speech in May or June and continuing until the following May or June.) This means that the Bill is more of a statement of intent now, rather than something that will realistically be adopted. I will ask Joe Morris about his expectations when we return next week. I hope the government picks up something similar as a formal Bill in the next session”.

The reasons for the amendment of the notes of the 17.09.25. meeting on behalf of Viv were made known. The meeting was understanding about the reason.

It was agreed that Chris W will put the Listed Buildings sustainable energy seminars information on the BESC website.

The meeting was informed that there has been no progress (or at least no information) about the local Network Operator Connectivity.

A discussion took place about the possibility of John accepting the invitation to meet Cllr Bert Bingham (Reform Party) the member of N.C.C. responsible for Transport and the Environment, as a result of John asking the N.C.C. representative at the last Bunny Parish Council to confirm that the BBC report of Cllr Bingham calling climate change a hoax. It was agreed that John should accept the invitation and meet Cllr Bingham.

4. Solar Panels meeting

The meeting was informed that Chris R has made arrangements with Lee to film the Solar Panel Seminar.

Leaflets for distribution throughout the village were distributed to BESC members following the normal process. It was noted that the seminar has been advertised on the home page of the BESC website and the QR code on the leaflet will take people to the website should they wish.

It was decided that since the expertise at the seminar is being provided by people who already have solar panels there is no need for a pre-meeting and it is their experiences which will provide the information addressing the agenda and responding to other matters as they arise.

It was agreed that John Berridge will open proceedings by a 30 second(ish) introduction to the whys and wherefores of BESC. From thence forward Chris Webb will conduct proceedings starting with who is interested in what.

At this point the formal meeting closed and members decamped to the Rancliffe Arms in order to consider the suitability of the Solar Panel Seminar accommodation options. It was decided that the restaurant extension suited our needs best and the illumination, electricity and furniture arrangements were decided.