

TERLING AND FAIRSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting (Annual Assembly of Electors) held on Tuesday, 17th May 2022 at 7.00pm in Terling Village Hall

Present Mrs S McNamara
Mrs S Alder
Mrs J Long
Mr C Barker
Mrs J Halfhide
Mrs L Sime
Mr M Tugwell
Mr S Thatcher

Mrs F Killby, Clerk

20 members of the public

Minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2021:

These were unanimously approved (proposed by SA, seconded by JH)

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman gave her Annual Report summarizing the work and achievements of the Parish Council during the past twelve months. This will be published on the Community Website and in the Parish Magazine.

Open Forum:

Longfield Solar Farm

Professor Michael Alder gave a summary of the issues (attached).

Concerns were expressed from members of the public regarding:

The confidentiality of submitting comments to the Parish Council or directly to Longfield and the Planning Inspectorate. SM was happy to provide her letterbox for confidential comments.

There were concerns that the land would not return to agricultural use and would become a brownfields site.

The loss of BMV land considered to be unacceptable.

Solar farms are not as green as they are said to be as the solar panels and batteries will go to landfill.

The land should be kept in production due to food shortages and price rises.

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Will the topsoil be removed?

Previous Longfield schemes have been objected to and more suitable locations have been found.

Alternative sites have not been investigated for this scheme.

Would the Parish Council oppose or approve the scheme. It was explained that this is not the remit of the Parish Council and it can only comment on issues incorporating the feedback received.

Residents from outside the village (Boreham Road area) were particularly concerned as they are surrounded by the development and this road will be used for LSF traffic.

The meeting closed at 08.20 pm