

Extraordinary meeting of Bitterley Parish Council  
6th October at Bitterley Village Hall at 6.00pm

**Present**

Alison Holman (Chair), Tony Millard, Richard Osborne, Peter Martin, John Gatehouse, Jon Reardon Smith, Chris Chillingworth

2023/78 Apologies

Geoff Dolphin, Rob Watkins, Katharine Wheeler

2023/79 Declarations of Interest

None

2023/80 SALC AGM Motion

Proposal: The Bitterley Parish Council approve for the motion outlined in the papers to be forwarded to SALC and presented at SALC AGM.

Proposed by Jon Reardon Smith, seconded Peter Martin.

All agreed

2023/81 Henley 1 Solar Farm

Jon Reardon-Smith informed the meeting of the current circumstances.

New landscape and environmental management plan was put forward and although some apparent errors was approved by the council.

Issues on site include about 1000 trees that are needing replanting identified at present.

The new approved conditions do not appear to be being complied with.

Solar farm now owned by company called Wise Energy, a subsidiary of Next Energy.

The grass was cut and the hay crop was left and not removed.

There is concern that the Shropshire council planning enforcement may not be the most effective route for compliance. Further the landowner may have some ability to influence through the terms of the lease.

Proposal:

On behalf of Bitterley Parish Council, Jon Reardon Smith to approach the land owner of Henley regarding the condition of the land used for Henley 1 Solar Farm and the apparent current non-compliance with planning conditions, in order to find ways to encourage compliance and report back to the parish council.

Alison Holman proposed,

Tony Millard seconded

All agreed.

Meeting closed 6.20pm