

**WARBSTOW PARISH COUNCIL
EMERGENCY MEETING
11th July 2023
7.30PM
CANWORTHY WATER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

1. Present	<p>Present: Lynette Hutchinson (Chair) Terry Luckwell (Vice) Roy Barton Dean Wheable Trevor Shute Andy Ireland Jon Short</p> <p>In attendance: Members of the public</p> <p>Apologies Lesley Bain, Cllr Barry Jordan</p>
	<p>Cllr Hutchinson welcomed everyone and Councillors from Jacobstow and Week St Mary.</p> <p>Thank you to Roger Hutchinson for recording all the notes from the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Barry Jordan sent his apologies, the Chair expressed her disappointment and felt that with the importance of the meeting he should have attended or sent a Councillor in his place.</p>
2. Declarations of Interests	None
3. Councillor dispensations	None
4. Planning	Solar Farm Application – Land North of Canworthy Water – PA23/04306
	<p>Canworthy Hall, which was packed with standing room only and many objections were raised by those attending. Feelings were running high, particularly about the approach and lack of information provided by the applicants to the local community.</p> <p>Some of the comments are noted in these minutes, all comments are recorded and available on the Parish Website www.warbstow-pc.gov.uk the link highlighted at the top of the page, or via email parishcouncil@warbstow-pc.gov.uk or clerk@warbstow-pc.gov.uk</p>

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<p>a. Public comments – <i>this is a precis of some of the comments:</i> -</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the company under an obligation to inform the residents of Canworthy as no notifications were received. • Highways have indicated that they have no apparent objection about the roads – traffic – safety and possible congestion. • What about the 130 workforce – accommodation -traffic • Extremely close to residence- Solar panels should not be any closer than between 500 to 1000 meters. The existing plan shows residences as close as 20 meters. • Consultation was inconsistent and the answers provided were contradictory. They showed no knowledge of local information or surrounding areas. Emails requesting information were not replied to. • When washing the solar panels what if any provision would be made for collecting polluted water. • Canworthy is a designated dark sky area, the existing solar farm already shows some additional light and this new development will be significantly greater.
<p>b. Councillor comments – <i>this is a precis of some of the comments:</i> -</p>	<p><u>Cllr. Hutchinson</u> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tempting to still go through all the paperwork but the overall volume made this impossible. • WPC held a meeting for two hours after the consultation May 2022 with Pegasus, relaying everyone’s concerns, Community benefits being the final concern. At the end of the meeting we were asked to submit an email to Pegasus. A two-page email was sent, WCP has never received a reply, only an acknowledgement of the email. The next correspondence, a year later, was to inform councillors that the planning application had been sent to Cornwall Council. • A Statement in Cornwall Council ‘Policy Guidance – Climate Emergency Development Plan Document’ states there should be evidence of community support demonstrated. Community benefits is a term generally used to refer to the voluntary provision of a payment (financial, or in-kind) to the host community, this has not happened. • A complete lack of communication from both Pegasus and Cornwall Council. <p><u>Cllr. Wheable</u> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic is a conservative estimate on the Construction Programme it is estimated and is shown as 1412 articulated trips, 16.5 and 15.4 metre loads. With this high traffic volume maintaining 20mph is very unlikely, what about enforcements, with a subsequent danger to residents. Disable residents find the existing traffic levels dangerous and the potential increase in volume will make it more so. • There is well documented information that the power generated is far in excess what can be handled by the national grid.

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