

**MINUTES OF THE SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT  
FUND COMMITTEE  
(A SUB COMMITTEE OF EMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL)**

**held in The Pavilion  
on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.10pm**  
for the purpose of transacting the following business

**Present:** Councillor Soo Hall (Chairman)  
Councillor Paul Flowers  
Councillor Stephen Gibson  
Councillor Richard Logsdail  
  
Karen Goss (Clerk and RFO)

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor White.

**Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Logsdail Declared an Interest in the grant application for the Bell & Bear at Emberton Community Interest Company.

1. **Appointment of Chairman** – It was proposed by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Logsdail that Councillor Hall be appointed Chairman. The appointment was accepted and the meeting continued with Councillor Hall as Chairman.
2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**  
The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were initialled by the Chairman.
3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**  
Councillor Hall reported that a grant from Next Energy was received on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 in the sum of £7500. Councillor Hall thanked the clerk for her efforts in obtaining this.
4. **To Discuss Grant Applications Received**  
Two grant applications had been received as follows;

**Sports & Recreation Committee** – A Community Grant Application from the Sports & Recreation Committee had been received in the sum of £2100 for an aerator for the playing field

which would improve drainage of the pitches. It was proposed by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Logsdail that the grant be **approved**.

**Bell & Bear at Emberton Community Interest Company** – A Community Grant Application had been received from the Bell & Bear at Emberton Community Interest Company had been received in the sum of £2985. It was noted that this amount was more than 50% of the project and that the maximum amount that could be applied for was £2025. Some further details regarding the grant were ascertained; some 73 people had put forward pledges. When the pub was eventually opened, it would be for the benefit of the whole of the village and would be used in a wider capacity than previously. A business plan had been drawn up with the pub being opened as a community facility. Councillor Gibson made reference to recompense for volunteers' time. It was agreed that this would not be acceptable. It was proposed by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Hall that the grant be **approved** in the sum of £2025.

5. **RFO's Report** – It was proposed by Councillor Hall and seconded by Councillor Gibson that the clerk's report be accepted.
6. **Date of Next Meeting**  
The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

The Meeting closed at 7.20pm

*Signed*

*Date*