

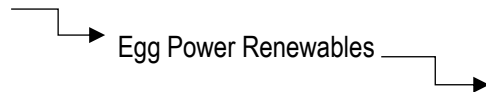
GRANGE SOLAR FARM LIAISON MEETING

28th MAY 2026

MINUTES

	Attendance at the Meeting Sandra Careless (Chair) Adrian Jones (AJ) Graham Leigh Jane McClintock
	Apologies Received Val Pudney Peter Coulson Aaron Tucker (AT)
1.	Actions Points From Previous Meeting Item 1 Meeting with Liberty Global (LG) The meeting still needs to be arranged. LG have changed the Project Manager for this site and therefore we are waiting until this person is in place to arrange a meeting with him. Item 2 Site Visit Site visits were arranged out of hours, when AJ kindly took two groups around the site. We toured both the South and North areas and could see what progress had been made. Another site tour will be arranged in a couple of months time. Item 3 Finalisation of the Community Benefit Deed The document is progressing, with clarity on some points being sought from the Council. Liaison is happening with LG regarding this. Item 4 Payment Mechanism of the Community Benefit Deed As in item 3 this is progressing. Item 5 Revised Detailed Construction Project Plan The construction/project plan still has not been received. AJ requested SCs email address to forward this who will then share with the group. The risk register changes all the time and therefore this could not be electronically shared. However, AJ offered to let us view it on his office wall. AJ didn't want this to be copied or to leave the site but was happy for us to view it. Item 6 WhatsApp group Communications AJ has been sending WhatsApp updates to the group regarding progress. Item 7 Watering the New Planting The previous week it rained so PSR had not watered the plants. The watering has not taken place this week as the truck that is used is broken and in need of repair which is currently in progress. They are hoping it will rain next week. AJ said that there is mulch around the plants which should retain some of the water. Some parts of the fields still have wet soil in them probably due to underground springs. There have been some burst underground drains.

	Item 8 Map to Indicate Watering Needs The planting plan is the map that AJ is using for watering the plants to ensure none of the new plants are missed and die. Once heavy works are finished the rest of the planting will be done. The landscapers will come in a week or two to look at what work is left to do and to look at the current condition of plants that have already been planted. Item 9 Directional Drilling across Lion Road This has still not been started yet as the section 50 has not been approved and PSR are waiting for a date when this can begin. The plans have been accepted. It will not interfere with the traffic on Lion Road. AJ to send a WhatsApp when this is planned to start. Item 10 New Compound on North Site The new compound on the North site is now complete and up and running, they are just awaiting a couple of signs. Over the next month the compound on the South site will be reduced. It has not yet been decided how far they will be stripping it down. It will probably have an office, a meeting room and a toilet. Item 11 Area at the Bottom of Jobs Lane This area is now flat and accessible for walkers. Though not ideal it is acceptable temporarily until a more permanent solution is put in place. Item 12 Footpath Lion Road to Millway Lane Work on the removal of the old overhead electricity cable is due for completion June/July. Ducting has been put in the ground and cables run through but it cant be connected until they take the overheads down which is due for June/July. It is not affecting the right of way though. Item 13 Attenuation Pond on Footpath Lion Road to Millway Lane PSR have said it is not their responsibility as it is outside of their perimeter fence. PSR feel this is Jonny Lings responsibility if he feels it is a health and safety issue and needs addressing. Item 14. Dampening down of the Dust in Dry Weather The plan by AJ to dampen down the dust has not happened due to the buggy used for this being broken and needing repair. Item 16 Biodiversity Area Millway Lane AJ went through the planting in this area on the larger planting plan. Some of this still is to be completed once the fence is in place. Item 18 Permissive Footpath The only permissive footpath will be along both sides of Lion Road. Although there have been previous discussions regarding the path that goes all the way round the sites it was noted that this will need permissions for it to be a permissive footpath. It was unclear as to whether this was permission by the Tennant (PSR/LG) or the Landlord (Jonny Ling). Further clarity is being sought on the legal position of this. Further information and clarity will be sought by JMc from her contacts. It was seen as being important for the public relations with the Palgrave community. Item 19 Earth Mounds No more concerns have been raised about these. The earth mounds cannot be changed now, the fences are in place.
2.	Progress Onsite to Date Field C has now been cleared by the Archaeologists and work will be starting around the 22nd June. The Invertors are expected from China imminently. The bases for the invertors have been concreted,

	and these are the priority for now. Field E is now full of Solar Panels with field F half full. Next week they will be put in field I and then H. Field A and part of B have had the piling done. Currently they are piling in field D. Once trenches have been dug in field C then the piling will begin. All is on schedule at the moment.
3.	Complaint – Thatched Cottage Documentation for the complaint was handed out to PSR for discussion. A lengthy complaint had been received by SC & CE from a resident that lives in very close proximity to the Solar farm on the South site. In summary his complaints included lack of screening from his property, excessive noise, colour scheme changes, lack of tall hedging to screen his house, lack of glint and glare screening, removal of Acoustic panels around the invertors. The resident has taken his complaint to the Local MP and the Council/Planning as well as the Parish Council. This was a property initially flagged up in the initial consultation stage and planning. There was a lengthy discussion about each of the points made. The plants for screening will take a while to grow to screen the house. The beeping was the construction vehicles when they are reversing for health and safety. The banging was when PSR are piling for the structures. This noise should go once the work in the field is finished which is almost complete. The screen netting referred to is the glint and glare that is for vehicles, none of which is planned for this area. PSR feel acoustic barriers are no longer necessary and the change was accepted by planning in February 2026. AJ confirmed that PSR never put acoustic barriers around the invertors. AJ confirmed that everything that went through consultation and through planning would not necessarily be what PSR would put in place as they make their own adjustments and amendments to original designs by other people in this case PACE. There will be a post completion noise test by Environmental management. If acoustic barriers are deemed necessary, they will be put in place retrospectively. It will probably be the Council who will appoint someone to do the testing. The substation originally was going to be green but now according to the revised planning documentation it is now white. The invertors will definitely be green. There is a sensor pod alarm placed on the entrance to the site which sounds if activated in the evening. It was agreed that SC would contact the resident to answer the specific issues raised and suggest a meeting at his house with herself and AJ.
4.	Complaint Pathway Lion Road to Millway Lane A complaint had been received by CE from a resident regarding the state of the path between Lion Road and Millway Lane. Although CE was responding it was agreed that the issue would be brought to the meeting. The complaint related to the heras fencing that was in place whilst PSR were doing the works to relocate the old overhead power line resulting in walkers having to walk on the area where the brambles had been cut down. The fence has now been moved so walkers can now walk avoiding the brambles. It was felt that this complaint was no longer an issue.
5.	Company Structure The relationship between the subsidiaries of Liberty Global is unclear and clarification has been sought. The structure is as follows: - Liberty Global  Egg Power Renewables  PACE Nano (Special Purpose Vehicle) Virgin Media is a customer of Egg Power PACE Nano is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), a company worth only £100, part of Egg Powers portfolio. There was a lengthy discussion regarding a document linking PACE to the Norwich to Tilbury Project, but it was unclear what the link was although there were several suggestions.

	Liberty Global, during discussions with CE regarding the Community Benefit Fund have promised to send a structure diagram.
6.	10 Year Virgin Media O2 Deal Clarification was sought regarding the recent press regarding a 10 year deal for Virgin Media to purchase power produced from this site. This is an agreed power price agreement with Egg. It was confirmed that although this was the deal the actual source of electricity from the grid could actually be produced from anywhere. All power from the Grange is included in this deal. Virgin Media can then take the credit for the solar energy use. Virgin media will use the power for their data centres and telecoms.
7.	Clarification of Exact Output MW Figures The exact output from the site was confusing as different figures have been used in various documents and meetings e.g. 40, 49, 50, 70 MW. It is important that this is clarified for the Community Benefit Deed which is based on output. AJ confirmed that the figure will be 49.9MW maximum output. They always over install so that they can achieve on a dull day. They have planning for a 70MW build but not 70MW output. PSR documents all indicate a 70MW site. National Grid control remotely the amount sent to the grid.
8.	Future Meeting SC will contact PCLG and PSR to arrange the next meeting which is usually in a months time.
9.	Any Other Business Raised Batteries In previous meetings PSR have stated that they are not using batteries on this site to store the electricity. This was brought up in a conversation about fire risks. However, documents online regarding PSR state that they use batteries, Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) as part of their schemes. Clarification was sought at the meeting regarding this point. AJ said that they do use batteries but have not used them on this site. He also said that they have not laid any foundations to install these although he could not say what may happen long term. Solar Panel Fire Risk In view of a serious recent house fire on several residential roofs in Norwich AJ was asked if Solar Panels on Solar farms could be a fire hazard. AJ said that the only time this was a risk was inadequate electrical wiring. The Solar Panels themselves are not a fire risk.