

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th October 2020.
Due to the COVID-19 virus the meeting was held via Zoom software.**

Present: Cllr Allen (Chairman), Cllr Lloyd (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Peckham, Cllr Hough, Cllr Dawson,
Also present: Peter Knox (Clerk), Cllr Kitchen Cllr Bradnum and three members of the public.

The Chairman began the meeting at 19:30 hours.

173/20 Apologies for absence: - Cllr Lillywhite, Cllr Ward, Cllr Mercer.

174/20 Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th September 2020.

175/20 Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Planning Meeting held on 13th October 2020.

All of the minutes were approved.

176/20 Declaration of interests from members in respect to any items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

177/20 Report from District Councillor.

Cllr Bradnum reported the following to the PC.

- HD Planning Officers continue to work on the new Horsham District Planning Framework, and again, every site proposed has engendered huge debate and opposition. They continue to try and have the number of new homes allocated to Horsham each year reduced. They will formulate a response to the government on the proposed changes to planning in the White Paper, and this will be shared with PC's as soon as it is finalised.
- Horsham Park, has received the Green Flag Award and has been recognised as one of the best green spaces in the UK. This is an international award the judges said Horsham Park is one of the best maintained urban parks they have judged, with its wide range of facilities over a large area. The new improved play facilities, aimed at eight to eleven year olds, as part of an upgraded development by the Council, opened on 24th October just in time for the half-term holidays.
- HDC is following government guidelines and urging the public to pay tribute to the fallen by staying at home this year. For the first time the public annual Remembrance Sunday service in Horsham's Carfax to honour those who gave their lives will not take place. A small wreath laying ceremony will be shared with the public on 11 November on the Council's website.
- It is sad to report that several shops have closed in Horsham recently and COVID for some, was the final straw.
- The Warm Home Discount is a Government scheme giving qualifying households £140 credit into their electricity accounts. The discount can be applied to energy accounts from October until the end of March 2020. If you receive the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit, you are part of the 'core group' and should get the Warm Home Discount automatically. Nearly all energy suppliers are in the scheme.
- The LBPC discussed support for the local community via Horsham Matters, Cllr Bamford volunteered to contact Horsham Matters.

178/20 Report from County Councillor.

Cllr Kitchen reported the following to the PC.

- The new cycle lanes implemented throughout the county have been a failure causing more traffic hold ups with empty cycle lanes. The County Council will review this in the coming months.
- Free school meals will be provided through the County Support Hubs if required.

179/20 Public Adjournment to include

Roger Warwick (CSW Supervisor) gave the update on Community Speed Watch.

- A PCSO attended one of the sessions in October.
- Sussex Police have been out on two occasions separately from the CSW team.
- One of the sessions recorded a very low transgression rate which had not been seen since the CSW started.
- There is one new CSW volunteer added to the team who is currently completing the training.

Comments from Parishioners

There were several comments from Parishioners on PC feedback to the residents. It was suggested that as not everyone was online that further information regarding the Parish be included in the Parish Magazine. The Clerk will include further information in the monthly Parish Magazine article.

180/20 Parish maintenance update

The Clerk reported that the hedge cutting on the Handcross Road had been completed.

There has been increase in fly tipping in the Parish. Cllr Bradnum said she would contact the relevant party in HDC to assess which signs were appropriate.

181/20 Neighbourhood Plan (NP) update – The Clerk

The Clerk reported that there has been no further information forthcoming on comments and status of our NP.

182/20 Other matters arising which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda – The Clerk

The Clerk reported the following: -

Corona virus

He stated that HDC had set up the Hub Support Group in the District for those who needed assistance of any kind in the forthcoming second lockdown.

Online Planning Training (OPT)

The OPT will be undertaken by Flo Churchill of HDP from the 3rd – 5th Nov.

School cleaning grant

The Clerk has received a letter of thanks for the grant of £1000/- to the Holy Trinity Primary School for extra cleaning during the pandemic.

183/20 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman presented his ideas for the transport objectives for the Parish. He would like to implement a Transport Working Group to take this forward. He asked for volunteers to contact the Clerk.

184/20 Planning Applications:

DC/20/1842 Woodland Cottage Brighton Road Lower Beeding Horsham RH13 6NQ

Replacement of pitched roof with a flat roof to create an additional first floor habitable space. Erection of a first-floor extension, rear balcony and the addition of a new ground floor porch at the front.

Application form now posted on the website.

The Lower Beeding Parish Council were against this development on the following grounds: -

The immediate neighbours objected to the change to the building and the PC concurs that the extended height of the proposed building could affect them. The Planning Officer should review if the height difference (increase) is appropriate.

However, the PC did not object on planning grounds.

DC/20/1997 Brandywell Handcross Road Plummers Plain Horsham

Erection of a single storey front extension with a gabled roof extending to the rear to replace the existing area of flat roof.

The Lower Beeding Parish Council were in support of the proposed application.

DC/20/1979 Rabbit Patch Day Nursery Willow Cottage Handcross Road Plummers Plain

Change of use of land adjacent to Rabbit Patch Nursery from woodland and open land with no use, to woodland and open land in use as part of the adjacent nursery. Erection of a small timber building and pig pen.

The Lower Beeding Parish Council unanimously voted against the application on the grounds that the proposal is contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan currently waiting approval by Horsham Planning Dept. The PC would also prefer to retain the current woodland appearance.

DC/20/2058 School House Church Close Lower Beeding Horsham West Sussex RH13 6NS

Erect 2 x 9m light wooden poles at 2 points.

The Chairman asked that this application be reviewed at the next Planning Committee Meeting on 10th November.

185/20 Accounts status as at end of October 2020.

Date	Accounts – October 2020	AMOUNT £
Balance at 29th September 2020		
	Business Account - Balance	£10,226.91
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£39,796.92
	Treasurers Account	
30-Sep	Clerks Workplace Pension	£475.30
05-Oct	School Grant	£1,000.00
15-Oct	MAS networks	£128.39
12-Oct	HDC Environmental Cleaning Grant - Credit	£655.19
	TOTAL	£1,603.69
	Business Account	
09-Oct	Interest	£0.08
Balance at 27th October 2020		
	Business Account - Balance	£10,226.99
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£38,848.42

186/20 Finance outstanding payments.

Date	Outstanding Payments	
	Clerks Salary	£1,086.96
	Expenses (Zoom software and printer cartridges)	£38.96
	Hedge trimming Handcross Rd- Mrs Pitchford CREDIT	-£75.00
	Hedge trimming Handcross Rd - David Christian	£75.00
	TOTAL	£1,125.92

Dates of the next meetings:

187/20 Planning Meeting –Tuesday 10th November 2020 7:30 pm venue to be confirmed.

Please note the meeting will only take place if there are planning applications to review.

188/20 Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 24th November 2020 7:30 pm venue to be confirmed.

Due to the COVID-19 virus all public meetings were suspended following government advice therefore the above meeting may take place via Zoom software.

The meeting closed at 21:35 hours

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