

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th January 2021.
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 Ward, Cllr Mercer, Cllr Lillywhite, Cllr Bamford.

Also present: Peter Knox (Clerk), Cllr Kitchen, Cllr Bradnum and one member of the public.

The Chairman began the meeting at 19:30 hours.

001/21 Apologies for absence: - Cllr Dawson,

002 /21 Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th November 2020.

003/21 Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Planning Meeting held on 10th November 2020.

The minutes of the PC Meeting were approved. The Chairman asked for more time to review the Planning meeting minutes.

004/21 Declaration of interests from members in respect to any items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

005/21 Report from District Councillor.

Cllr Bradnum reported the following to the PC.

- Several families have now signed up to the free trial of food waste bins. These hot bins, approved by the RHS turn food waste, including bones, into useable Garden compost in 90 days.
- West Sussex fuel poverty support has launched a range of schemes to help those with low energy efficiency ratings. There is a series of grants available and West Sussex fuel poverty support can be contacted at www.westsussexenergy.co.uk
- The HDC local Plan review is running slightly late, and we do not yet know when the Plan will come before Council.
- The Rampion Wind Farm extension proposed offshore from Worthing, is now open for public consultation.

006/21 Report from County Councillor.

Cllr Kitchen reported the following to the PC.

- The WSCC budget still has to be approved for 2021-22.
- The County Council elections in May are scheduled to go ahead.
- Overview of furlough / road repair

007/21 Public Adjournment

Roger Warwick (CSW Supervisor) gave the update on Community Speed Watch (CSW) and Transport Group (LBTG)

- The CSW has been temporarily suspended until further notice due to COVID-19.
- The first meeting of the Transport Working Party took place on 19th January. They laid out the goals of the Working Party within the Parish Council traffic goals. The Clerk will forward the minutes of the meeting to the PC.

008/21 Neighbourhood Plan update

The Clerk reported that all documents had been submitted to HDC for review under Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations of 2012. The PC expect to have a scheduled response by February 11th.

009/21 Other matters arising which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda

The Clerk reported the following: -

- **Corona virus** – The PC continue to support residents through the COVID-19 pandemic and will also arrange transportation to vaccine centres if requested.
- **The 2021-22 Precept Approval** – The Clerk had previously submitted the 2021-22 Precept for review. The PC approved the Precept for submission to HDC.
- **The National Census 2021** – The Census will proceed in March 2021.
- **Parish Maintenance and excess Fly Tipping** – The Clerk reported several cases of fly-tipping which had all been reported to HDC and removed.
- **The next Parish Council year 2021-22** – The Clerk requested all Councillors to advise him and the Chairman if they wish to stand for office for the next Council year commencing in April.

010/21 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman and the PC discussed the following topics for ideas and plans for the next Parish year: -

- Support any needy families in the Parish.
- Continue traffic management and upgrade.
- Consider purchasing the Children's Park and make it into a nature park with BBQ areas.
- Donate a Poppy Wreath each year from the PC.
- Replace or repair all of the damaged signs in the Parish.
- Keep a reserve aside for COVID-19.
- Consider a grant to Holy Trinity Church for upkeep of the graveyard and surrounding fauna and trees.

011/21 Planning Applications:

DC/20/2451 Forestry Barn at Warren Wood Hammerpond Road Plummers Plain West Sussex

Change of use of existing forestry building to mixed-use forestry building and shoot day room.

The PC unanimously opposed this proposal on the following grounds: -

1. The justification / need for the change of use is to enable the culling of deer for forestry management. At no point does the application explain why this process needs a "day room" to host such activities. If this is for management of carcasses or similar then this should be made clear.
2. The application suggests that shoots of a commercial nature, that is multiple guns and over multiple days during the "season", will be associated with the building. That is not consistent with the proposed use of the building to support deer population management. The building would appear to need a license to serve food and drinks and other services associated with a commercial premise of this nature. Presumably the frequency and nature of the shoot is not associated to forestry management but is in fact a commercial operation with a specific purpose of offering social shooting. This should be made clear in the application, and the introduction of birds is expected with ecological impacts that have not been measured or considered.

DC/21/0101 & 0102 Leonardslee House Brighton Road Lower Beeding Horsham West Sussex RH13 6PP

Variation of Condition 1 (approved plans) of Planning Permission DC/20/0267 (conversion of office space into hotel suites) to allow additional external soil vent pipe, incorporation of raised floors for some en-suite, removal of section of existing internal first floor wall, and installation of new window to serve en-suite.

Variation of Condition 1 (approved plans) of Listed Building Consent DC/20/0268 (alterations to convert office space into hotel suites) to allow additional external soil vent pipe, incorporation of raised floors for some en-suite, removal of section of existing internal first floor wall, and installation of new window to serve en-suite.

The PC has no objection to both of these applications.

Current Situation with Stonehouse Farm enforcement.

The Chairman and Cllr Mercer gave their overview of the current situation on Stonehouse Farm enforcement issues.

012/21 Accounts status as at end of January 2021.

Date	Accounts – January 2021	AMOUNT £
Balance at 21st December 2020		
	Business Account - Balance	£10,227.16
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£35,516.22
	Treasurers Account	
29-Dec	Clerks Expenses (Zoom software and printer cartridges)	£43.39
29-Dec	Clerks Salary	£1,109.36
29-Dec	PAYE / NI (Quarterly payment)	£410.36
15-Jan	MAS networks	£128.39
	TOTAL	£1,691.50
	Business Account	
11-Jan	Interest	£0.09
Balance at 26th January 2021		
	Business Account - Balance	£10,227.25
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£33,824.72

013/21 Finance outstanding payments.

Date	Outstanding Payments	
	Clerks Salary (January)	£1,059.88
	Clerks Expenses (Zoom software + stationery)	£47.11
	Vision ICT website support	£270.00
	TOTAL	£1,376.99

Date of the next meetings:

014/21 Planning Meetings –Tuesday 16th February 2021 at 7:30 pm venue to be confirmed.

The Chairman requested that the Planning Meeting be delayed by a week so that the PC could review any comments made on the Neighbourhood Plan.

(Please note that planning meetings will only take place if there are any applications to discuss).

015/21 Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 23rd February 2021 7:30 pm venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 21:15 hours

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