

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd February 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, Cllr Dawson.

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

The Chairman began the meeting at 19:30 hours.

016/21 Apologies for absence: - There were no apologies for absence.

017/21 Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Planning Meeting held on 10th November 2020.

018/21 Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th January 2021.

The minutes of both meetings were approved and seconded.

019/21 Declaration of interests from members in respect to any items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

020/21 Report from District Councillor.

Cllr Bradnum reported the following to the PC:-

Cllr Bradnum stated that a committee had been established to assess the number of off-road parking spaces allowed by the County Council with new building developments.

The HDC Parking Protocol for new residential builds throughout HDC will be: -

- 1 bed 2 parking spaces
- 2 bed 2 parking spaces
- 3 bed 3 parking spaces
- 4 bed 3 parking spaces

A recommendation has been proposed to HDC for Council Tax to be increased for 2021/22 from £152.52 by £5 (3.28%) to £157.52 at Band D. It is also recommended to Council that there will be 'no-change' in the Council Tax Reduction scheme for 2021/22. The Lower Beeding Parish Council precept will increase by 0.6%.

021/21 Report from County Councillor.

Cllr Kitchen reported the following to the PC.

- There have been concerns in WSCC about the closure of children's day care centres.
- A consultation is underway to review the waste sites throughout the county. Since the lockdowns began there have been many complaints about insufficient sites and the queues to enter the sites.

Cllrs Lillywhite and Peckham commented that with the urban growth of Horsham that the waste site has not increased proportionately nor has the infrastructure grown to support it.

022/21 Public Adjournment

The Chairman brought forward the discussion on the demolition of existing kennels and rehoming buildings. (DC/20/0317). The owner of the aforementioned property is Mrs Elaine Banter who attended the meeting and a general discussion followed on how she can go forward after the rejection of her appeal against the result of the planning application.

The Clerk informed Mrs Banter that he would contact her with some suggestions on how to proceed.

Roger Warwick (CSW Supervisor) gave the update on Community Speed Watch (CSW) and Transport Working Party (LBTWP)

- The CSW will restart again in early April.
- More volunteers required as current cadre is not sufficient to hold regular sessions.

The LBTWP met to discuss goals and targets for the group. Roger Warwick will send the minutes of the meeting to the PC.

The Chairman informed the PC that he had contacted Mr. Tom King of West Sussex Highways on advice and assistance on some of the goals of the PC next year. Mr King responded favourably on his help and advice going forward.

023/21 Neighbourhood Plan (NP) update

The Clerk reported that the NP had moved into Regulation 17 whereby an examiner is selected to complete the assessment of the LBNP. The Clerk was waiting to hear on the candidates available for the assessment. This is due imminently. The Clerk will closely monitor the situation and report back to the PC.

024/21 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 have taken residents to the vaccine centre at Christ’s Hospital in Horsham.
- **The 2021-22 Precept Approval** – The Precept was approved by the PC for submission to HDC.

025/21 Chairman’s announcements

The Chairman informed the PC that the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Michael Lloyd would be standing down from the Parish Council at the end of March. The Chairman thanked Cllr Lloyd for his outstanding service for the Parish. He added that he had benefitted greatly from his advice, experience, knowledge and good grace and was sad to see him go. Cllr Lloyd thanked the Chairman and PC for the support he had received during his tenure on the PC.

026/21 Planning Applications:

DC/21/0227 Leonardslee House, Brighton Road, Lower Beeding, West Sussex RH13 6PP

Retrospective variation of conditions one (approved plans), six (visibility displays), and fifteen (landscaping) of DC/18/0689 (Change of use, restoration and extension associated with the opening of Leonardslee House and Gardens to the public) relating to maintenance works to plantation woodland along western boundary with the A281.

The Parish Council objected to this Planning Application on the following grounds: -

- The additional signs are excessive and not in-keeping with the area.
- They should plant hedging to screen the car park from view of the road.
- We have received several objection letters from neighbours.
- It is a Grade I listed area and is out of keeping with the area.
- The application was made after the work was completed.
- The extended car park is an eyesore, although this is not pertinent to the application.

DC/20/1948 The Caravan, Jacksons Farm Yard, (Stonehouse Farm), Hammerpond Road, RH13 6PE

Application for another three-year period to retain a mobile home.

The Lower Beeding Parish Council on behalf of residents of the parish and as a body corporate strongly objects to this application for a further extension to a temporary planning approval for a Caravan at "Jackson's Farm" which has now been on site for many years, and it cannot be considered temporary. The first application was in 2014, to permit temporary accommodation whilst DC/13/0134, accommodation for a Herdsman, was constructed.

The temporary granting of the permission for a stockman / agricultural worker's dwelling, which was originally due at the latest to be removed by January 2018 was superseded by the accommodation granted under DC/16/1224, which was the conversion of an agricultural building under Part Q permitted development.

This application, despite the title of "Jackson's Farm" is absolutely connected to the wider Stonehouse Farm site, with the applicant in all cases Mr Cooper. The application references DC/19/1122 and should be connected to other accommodation granted on the connected sites to provide accommodation for a herdsman. There is no need to extend the temporary planning approval for the caravan and the application does not demonstrate a need for this accommodation (for a single person) as a result of the change in activity on the wider Stonehouse site.

The Planning Authority must ensure an immediate removal of this accommodation.

n.b Please note the comments on DC/20/1948 were made *post-facto* after the Chairman agreed to temporarily delay the review of the application as other issues were outstanding in an adjacent application.

027/21 Accounts status as at end of February 2021.

Date	Accounts – February 2021	AMOUNT £
Balance at 26th January 2021		
	Business Account - Balance	£10,227.25
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£33,824.72
	Treasurers Account	
01-Feb	Clerks Salary	£1,059.88
01-Feb	Clerks Expenses (Zoom software and printer cartridges)	£47.11
08-Feb	Vision ICT	£270.00
15-Feb	MAS networks	£128.39
	TOTAL	£1,505.38
	Business Account	
09-Feb	Interest	£0.08
Balance at 26th January 2021		
	Business Account - Balance	£10,227.33
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£32,319.34

028/21 Finance outstanding payments.

Date	Outstanding Payments	
	Clerks Salary (February)	£1,033.20
	Clerks Expenses (Zoom software + stationery + software)	£150.45
	TOTAL	£1,183.65

Date of the next meetings:

029/21 Planning Meetings –Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7:30 pm venue to be confirmed.

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

030/21 Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 23rd March 2021 7:30 pm venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 22:00 hours

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