

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd March 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 two members of the public.

The Chairman began the meeting at 19:30 hours.

031/21 Apologies for absence: - There were no apologies received.

032/21 Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd February 2021.

The minutes of the meeting were approved and seconded.

033/21 Declaration of interests from members in respect to any items on the agenda.

Cllr Mercer declared his interest in DC/21/0386

034/21 Report from District Councillor.

Cllr Bradnum reported the following to the PC.

- The local elections will still go ahead in May.
- All over 50's have now been offered the COVID-19 vaccine.
- All HDC staff will return to the Parkside offices in Horsham in May.
- There has been a lot of discussion on the plan to build up to 3,500 new dwellings at Buck Barn in West Grinstead. HDC are firmly against this proposal as it would put a huge strain on the infra-structure including the increased traffic on the A24 and A272.
- A Preliminary Transport Review and Transport Strategy has been prepared on the increase in traffic in the West Grinstead area following and will be forwarded to the Clerk for distribution.
- The Local Housing Plan is still under discussion with the Government, who plan to build up to 1,200 houses per year in the District.

035/21 Report from County Councillor.

Cllr Kitchen reported the following to the PC.

- She will not be standing at the forthcoming elections in May. The Chairman thanked Cllr Kitchen for her support to the PC throughout her tenure.
- Echoed Cllr Bradnum's comments on the infrastructure and increase in traffic after the proposals to build housing estates throughout the county.

036/21 Public Adjournment

The Clerk gave an update on the Community Speed Watch (CSW) and Transport Group (LBTG) due to Roger Warwick's absence.

- The CSW restarted this morning at the Village Pantry.
- The TG have a new member from Crabtree and the Clerk forwarded the speeding signs proposal to the PC prior to the meeting. The TG are requesting up to £10k to implement more speed Activated Signs. The request was discussed at length and Cllr Bamford proposed the funds accrual it was seconded by Cllr Mercer.

037/21 Neighbourhood Plan (NP) update

The Clerk reported that an examiner had been identified, Mr Andrew Ashcroft. His contract and Scope of Works is currently being negotiated by HDC. We expect Mr Ashcroft to commence examination of the NP within three weeks.

038/21 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 parishioners were transported to vaccine centres.
- **The National Census 2021** – The Census was closed on 21st March 2021. If any residents have problems submitting their return, they should contact the Clerk immediately.

039/21 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman reported the following: -

- There are two resignations from the PC prior to the elections in May. Cllrs Hough and Lloyd will be stepping down after many years of service to the Parish. The Chairman thanked them both for their dedicated service to the PC.
- The Chairman also advised the PC that he was stepping down as Chairman but will remain on the PC. He wants to implement the NP and follow up on the Transport Strategy. A new Chairman will be appointed at the AGM.

040/21 Planning Applications:

DC/21/0376 Woodland Cottage, Brighton Road, Lower Beeding, West Sussex RH13 6NQ

Variation of Condition 1 of previously approved application DC/20/1842 (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) Relating to omission of first floor projecting framework, installation of rooflight, alterations to the proposed south and west elevations and minor alterations to the approved windows.

The Lower Beeding Parish Council has no objection to this application.

DC/21/0144 Old Church House, Brighton Road, Lower Beeding, Horsham

Erection of new and replacement of existing fencing, erection of a summerhouse and relocation of existing oil tank and telegraph pole.

The Lower Beeding Parish Council has no objection to this application.

DC/21/0386 Axford House, Hammerpond Road, Plummers Plain, Horsham

Variation of condition 1 of planning permission DC/20/0440 (Erection of two-storey garage building, with vehicular parking at ground floor level and storage above). Amendments to height of building and fenestration.

The Lower Beeding Parish Council has no objection to this application.

DC/21/0382 Cisswood Racing Stables, Sandygate Lane, Lower Beeding, Horsham

Formation of new private access road and widening of existing section of private access track.

The Lower Beeding Parish Council has no objection to this application.

DC/21/0394 Violets Barn, Mill Lane, Lower Beeding, Horsham, RH13 6PX

Erection of a single storey rear plant room extension, repositioning of existing main front entrance door with hipped roof canopy over and alterations and additions to windows and doors to front and rear.

The Lower Beeding Parish Council has no objection to this application.

- **Update on Stonehouse Farm – Cllr Mercer reported the following: -**

There have been new excavation and groundworks started on an untouched field to the north of Stonehouse Farm West location. There is no planning permission for this excavation. The Public Rights of Way have also been blocked. Cllr Mercer requested that he continue liaising with HDC on the enforcement issues and requested that a neighbour to the Farm be appointed by the PC to assist him. The PC discussed the Terms of Reference for the assistant.

The PC voted in favour of the appointment under the caveat of restricted powers.

the Chairman said he would send a message to the person in question.

041/21 Accounts status as at end of March 2021.

Date	Accounts – March 2021	AMOUNT £
Balance at 25th February 2021		
	Business Account - Balance	£10,227.33
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£32,319.34
	Treasurers Account	
26-Feb	Clerks Salary	£1,033.20
26-Feb	Clerks Expenses (Zoom software and printer cartridges)	£150.45
15-Feb	MAS networks	£128.39
23-Mar	Waste Bin emptying	£165.36
	TOTAL	£1,477.40
	Business Account	
09-Feb	Interest	£0.08
Balance at 23rd March 2021		
	Business Account - Balance	£10,227.41
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£30,841.94

042/21 Finance outstanding payments.

Date	Outstanding Payments	
	Clerks Salary (March)	£1,086.96
	Clerks Expenses	£69.37
	NI / PAYE Clerk	£330.20
	Clerk's Pension	£465.01
	Payments held for 2021-22	
	Zurich Insurance 21-22	£608.77
	WSALC/NALC Subscription for 2021-22	£344.17
	Garden Waste Collection x 4 bins	£141.00
	TOTAL	£3,045.48

043/21 Approval of the accounts for 2020-21

The draft accounts for 2020-21 were forwarded to the PC prior to the meeting.

They were proposed by Cllr Bamford and seconded by Cllr Peckham.

Date of the next meetings:

044/21 Planning Meetings –Tuesday 13th April 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)

045/21 Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 27th April 2021 7:30 pm venue to be confirmed.

Lower Beeding Parish Council,

The meeting closed at 22:15 hours

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