

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th July 2021.
The meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding.**

Present: Cllr Bamford (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mercer, Cllr Dawson, Cllr Peckham, Cllr Ward, Cllr Brookes

Also present: Peter Knox (Clerk), Cllr Nagel and five members of the public.

Cllr Dawson began the meeting at 19:35 hours.

102/21 Apologies for absence: - Cllrs Allen, Lillywhite, Fitzpatrick, Bradnum.

103/21 Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Annual General and Planning Meeting held on 15th June 2021.

The minutes of the meeting were approved and seconded.

104/21 Approval of the minutes from the Planning Meeting held on 13th July 2021.

There were minor amendments made to the minutes.

The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Bamford, took over the meeting from Cllr Dawson.

105/21 Declaration of interests from members in respect to any items on the agenda.

There were no declarations.

106/21 Meetings attended by Councillors

Cllr Mercer reported that he had held a meeting with the residents on 20th July 2021 regarding Stonehouse Farm development. His report is included in these minutes.

107/21 Report from District Councillor.

Cllr Bradnum was unable to attend the meeting.

108/21 Report from County Councillor.

Cllr Mercer thanked Cllr Nagel for her assistance in recent correspondence in relation to Stonehouse Farm.

109/21 Public Adjournment to include

There were no comments from the Public.

110/21 Neighbourhood Plan (NP) update – Cllr Bamford / The Clerk

- The independent examiners report is now complete and has been uploaded onto the HDC website.
- The next two steps are a Decision Statement and organisation of the referendum by HDC.

111/21 Other matters arising which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda – The Clerk

The Clerk reported the following: -

- Rural Broadband
He had received an email regarding a gap in assistance for the rural broadband assistance from OpenReach for residents on Warninglid Lane and could the PC assist. As this is out of the PC's area of control they can only advise on the contacts for any assistance.
- Hedgerows, footpaths and pavements
He advised the PC that any requests for overgrowing hedgerows should be forwarded to the The Clerk for action.

- Internal and External Audit
The Internal Audit is complete, and the External Audit is currently ongoing.
- Corona virus – The PC continue to support residents through the COVID-19 pandemic and parishioners were transported to vaccine centres.

112/21 Chairman's announcements

The Vice-Chairman had nothing further to add.

113/21 Planning Applications:

Update on Stonehouse Farm (SF) – Cllr Mercer

Cllr Mercer updated the PC on the current situation and outstanding Enforcement Orders on Stonehouse Farm.

DC/21/1050 Spinningwood Farm, Burnthouse Lane, Lower Beeding, West Sussex RH13 6NN.

Erection of light industrial building (Class E) and replacement of existing steel panel roof on existing light industrial unit with clay tiles.

Mr Kevin Woolgar (the applicant) of Hippo Golf Ltd attended the meeting and went over the application and his intent on the application.

The Parish Council had no major objections to this application however the following comments were made:

- 1/ The PC were in general against industrial developments in agricultural areas.
- 2/ The proposed site is outside of the BUAB.
- 3/ This proposal was not included in the LB Neighbourhood Plan.
- 4/ The applicant attended the meeting and agreed to limit the use of the site by condition.

The PC voted to remain Neutral on this application.

DC/21/1263 Twenty Five Acres, Leechpond Hill, Lower Beeding West Sussex RH13 6NR

Construction of equestrian rehabilitation and training centre comprising stable building and indoor sand school with internal facilities. Alterations to vehicle access and creation of new access road and car parking.

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

The proposed site is / will

- 1/ Outside of the BUAB.
- 2/ Not included in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 3/ Increase vehicle movements on an already very busy road.
- 4/ Within an AONB and a dark sky area.
- 5/ Without any accommodation on site for staff.
- 6/ An industrial enterprise in an agricultural area.
- 7/ Without water and other utilities connected to the site.
- 8/ Is not sustainable and the application is not complete as the additional services needed to operate were not considered

The PC voted unanimously against this application.

114/21 Accounts status as at end of July 2021.

Date	Accounts – July 2021	AMOUNT £
Balance at 28th June 2021		
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£31,205.18
	Business Account - Balance	£20,227.87
	Treasurers Account	
07-Jul	Roger Warwick Expense Report	£171.14
07-Jul	Charlie Joyce Parish Maintenance	£48.00
15-Jul	MAS networks	£128.39
07-Jul	CSW Items (Online Shop) CREDIT	-£564.00
	TOTAL	-£216.47
	Business Account	
09-May	Interest	£0.17
Balance at 27th July 2021		
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£31,421.65
	Business Account - Balance	£20,228.04

115/21 Finance outstanding payments.

Date	Outstanding Payments	
	Clerks Salary (July)	£1,297.12
	Clerks Expenses (July)	£51.38
	Church Grant 2021-22	£500.00
	Internal Audit	£97.50
	External Audit (initial payment)	£48.00
	TOTAL	£1,994.00

Date of the next meetings:

116/21 Planning Meetings –Tuesday 10th August and 14th September 2021 at 7:30 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding.

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

117/21 Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 28th September 2021 7:30 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding.

Please note there will be no Council meeting held in August.

The meeting closed at 21:15 hours

Lower Beeding Parish Council,

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Approved:

Date: