

# LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022.  
The meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church Rooms, Lower Beeding.**

Present: Cllr Allen (Chairman), Cllr Bamford (Vice-Chairman) Cllr Mercer, Cllr Peckham,

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

The Vice-Chairman began the meeting at 19:35 hours.

**001/22 Apologies for absence. Cllrs Lillywhite, Fitzpatrick, Dawson, Brookes.**

**002/22 Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th Nov 2021.**

**003/22 Declaration of interests from members in respect to any items on the agenda.**

**004/22 Meetings attended by Councillors.**

**005/22 Report from District Councillor.**

**Cllr Bradnum reported the following:**

- Council tax set to rise by 2.99% which equates to £162.00 for a Band D property. £1 million pounds has been set aside to support environmental initiatives.
- A free collection service for textiles and small electrical items continues, and has been a huge success. The bright pink van can be booked online and you simply leave the items to be collected at the gate in black sacks.
- The food waste trials have now finished. The trial was taken in and around Billingshurst, whereby 105 homes took part. It was a 12 week trial of differing profiles and demographics and household types including flats. HDC will continue with their commitment to introducing a food waste service and it was due to be introduced next year, but this has been pushed back to 2024/25 to give local authorities time to adjust and plan.

**006/22 Report from County Councillor.**

**Cllr Nagel reported the following:**

- The WSCC are aware of the flooding problem at the junction of Handcross and Hammerpond Roads. Cllr Nagel will pursue the groundworks team to push for a resolution.
- Gatwick Airport have presented a plan for the use of the additional runway which will increase passenger and flight volume. WSCC have not made a decision on their response as of yet.
- There has been concern in WSCC regarding the closure of the Cisswood House Hotel and the peripheral loss of employment and business to the area. A discussion followed about the redevelopment of the brown field site.

**007/22 Public Adjournment to include:**

- **Highways and CSW – Roger Warwick (RW)**

**Mr Warwick reported the following:**

- There was increased volume of traffic through the Parish following the re-opening of Leonardslee Gardens. One CSW session recorded in excess of 60 vehicles in an hour exceeding the 30 mph speed limit.
- There has been a request to move one of the CSW recording sites in Crabtree to a location outside of the Crabtree pub. RW is awaiting approval from Sussex Police.

- RW gave the PC an overview of the status of the replacement Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS's). He informed the PC of his frustration with WS highways on the advice we had been given.

### **008/22 Neighbourhood Plan update**

All new development is at an impasse at the moment. The only new development which can go ahead is where a legal agreement was signed and reserved matters were agreed before the announcement from Natural England (NE). NE are still investigating how new developments can maintain water neutrality in any new developments which leaves the LBNP still waiting approval from HDC.

### **009/22 Other matters arising which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

#### **The Clerk reported the following:**

#### **Approval of Precept 2022/23**

- The PC were provided with a draft precept for approval prior to the meeting. It was pointed out by the PC that a few tweaks of the budget were required especially the increase in utility and fuel costs. The Clerk will adjust accordingly and submit the precept to HDC.

#### **Election of Councillor to replace Cllr Ward**

- There have been no candidates, thus far, in the quest to find a replacement for Cllr Ward.

#### **Update on environmental discharge from Church Lane Industrial Estate.**

- The PC discussed with Cllr Bradnum on what can be done to stop the exhaust output and noise from an industrial unit in Church Lane estate which is seriously impacting the lives of the Barton family in Church Lane. Cllr Bradnum will follow up with the Planning and Environmental departments in HDC.

### **010/22 Chairman's announcements**

The Vice-Chairman had no further issues to report.

### **011/22 Planning Applications:**

#### **Update on Stonehouse Farm**

The PC discussed the status of the Enforcement Orders currently outstanding against Stonehouse Farm

#### **DC/21/2816 Wagtail Farm, Hammerpond Road, Plummers Plain, West Sussex RH13 6PE**

Removal of existing conservatory and erection of a two-storey side extension. Erection of a single storey front extension and associated alterations to roof and fenestration.

**The Lower Beeding Parish Council has No Objection to this application.**

#### **DC/21/2821 1 Stablehouse Bungalows, Leechpond Hill, Lower Beeding, West Sussex RH13 6NP**

Erection of a single storey side extension with habitable space in roof.

**The Lower Beeding Parish Council has No Objection to this application.**

012/22 Accounts status as at end of January 2022.

Date	Accounts – Dec 21 - Jan 22	AMOUNT £
<b>Balance at 30th November 2021</b>		
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£40,724.68
	Business Account - Balance	£20,228.72
15-Dec	MAS networks	£128.39
29-Dec	Clerks salary (Dec)	£1,172.98
29-Dec	Clerks expenses (Dec)	£14.39
29-Dec	HMRC - Clerk's NI & PAYE for 3Q	£414.99
17-Jan	MAS networks	£128.39
17-Jan	Vision ICT - Internet provider annual charges	£270.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,129.14</b>

	<b>Business Account</b>	
09-Dec	Interest	£0.17
10-Jan	Interest	£0.18

**Balance at 25th January 2022**

	Treasurers Account - Balance	£38,595.54
	Business Account - Balance	£20,229.07

013/22 Finance outstanding payments.

Date	Outstanding Payments	
Approx	Clerks Salary (Jan)	£1,200.00
Approx	Clerks Expenses (Jan)	£85.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,285.00</b>

**Date of the next meetings:**

**014/22 Planning Meetings –Tuesday 8th February 2022 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)

**015/22 Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 22nd February 2022 7:30 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding.**

The meeting closed at 9:40pm

**Peter Knox**

**Clerk to Lower Beeding Parish Council**

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**Approved**