

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22nd February 2022.
The meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church Rooms, Lower Beeding.**

Present: Cllr Allen (Chairman), Cllr Bamford (Vice-Chairman) Cllrs Mercer, Peckham, Lillywhite, Fitzpatrick, Dawson.

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

The Vice-Chairman began the meeting at 19:30 hours.

016/22 Apologies for absence. Cllrs Nagel, Brookes.

017/22 Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th Jan 2022.

The minutes were approved.

018/22 Declaration of interests from members in respect to any items on the agenda.

Cllr Allen declared that he has been accepted onto the committee of Compton's Tennis Club in Lower Beeding.

019/22 Meetings attended by Councillors.

There were no declarations.

020/22 Report from District Councillor.

Cllr Bradnum reported the following:

- There are over 350 empty houses reported throughout the District and HDC are trying to relocate families into these houses.
- The Neighbourhood Plans are still in abeyance awaiting a decision from Natural England.

021/22 Report from County Councillor

There was no report from the County Council.

022/22 Public Adjournment to include:

- **Highways and CSW**

Roger Warwick reported the following:

- The location of the Crabtree speed collection point has been moved to The Crabtree Pub.
- There were three sessions held in Jan- Feb with 140 vehicles caught speeding. The average vehicle speed was 42 mph.
- The new Speed Indication Signs (SID's) will be purchased next month.

Daniel Corcoran (Land & Planning Manager Devine Homes)

- Mr Corcoran gave the PC the plans of the new development housing off Sandygate Lane. They are also awaiting the ruling from Natural England on the water neutrality issue.

Robin Morley (Event Director for the Enchanted Forest Leonardslee Gardens).

- Mr Morley gave an overview of Leonardslee Gardens plans for their forthcoming Enchanted Forest events.
- They will be small events of between 200-2500 people.
- There will be eight events from 12:00 to 19:30hrs and two earlier timings.

There followed an open forum for the public to comment on the events. The main issue was noise and the increase in road traffic, and the mix up with the Entrance and Exit points.

Cllr Bradnum commended Leonardslee for what they had achieved by bringing local businesses to the District.

023/22 Neighbourhood Plan update

- **Current status of the Neighbourhood Plan**

There is no further updates from Natural England on the water neutrality issue as reported by Cllr Bradnum.

024/22 Other matters arising which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

The Clerk updated the PC on the following topics:

- **Lower Beeding Charge point locations.**

WSCC have introduced a scheme to install free car charging points in the Parish. The PC discussed suitable locations for the charge points.

- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee long weekend party.**

The PC agreed that they organise a cricket match and BBQ to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Cllr Fitzgerald will book the Village Hall.

Cllr Allen will arrange the cricket match.

- **New Councillor.**

There have been no applications for the position of Parish Councillor.

- **Flooding at the Junction of Hammerpond Road and Handcross Road.**

Cllr Mercer reported that the flooding reported at the above junction had been resolved after a WSCC working party repaired the problem.

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

The PC discussed the above issue and both Cllr Bradnum and The Clerk said they would monitor any progress with the Planning Application.

025/22 Chairman's announcements

There were no further announcements from the Vice-Chair.

026/22 Planning Applications:

Update on Stonehouse Farm

Cllr Mercer updated the PC on the current situation with enforcement cases at Stonehouse Farm.

028/22 Finance outstanding payments.

Date	Outstanding Payments	
Approx	Clerks Salary (Feb)	£1,200.00
Approx	Clerks Expenses (Feb)	£85.00
	Speed Indication Signs	£6,850.00
	Flower baskets	£200.00
	TOTAL	£8,335.00

Date of the next meetings:

029/22 Planning Meetings –Tuesday 15th March 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)

030/22 Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 29th March 2022 7:30 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding.

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