

# LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022.  
The meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church Rooms, Lower Beeding.

**Present: Cllrs: Allen (Chairman) Bamford (Vice-Chairman), Mercer,**

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

The Chairman began the meeting at 19:30 hours.

**086/22 Apologies for absence. Cllrs Nagel, Peckham, Brookes, Lillywhite, Fitzpatrick.**

**087/22 Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

**Approval of the minutes from the AGM and Planning Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

As the minutes were not completed, they will be approved at the next Council meeting.

**088/22 Declaration of interests from members in respect to any items on the agenda.**

There were no declarations.

**089/22 Meetings attended by Councillors.**

The Chairman met Cllr Joy Dennis (Cabinet Member for Highways) regarding Lower Beeding highway issues.

The Parish Clerk met Ms. Li Chun Tan the Project Manager Kerb Connected regarding potential electric charging points in the Parish.

**090/22 Report from District Councillor.**

Councillor Bradnum reported the following:

- There was a £200k surplus from last years HDC budget.
- The water fountain in the town centre is to be upgraded and the water will be recycled.
- There are now two electric kerb sweepers that will initially operate in Horsham town only.
- The water neutrality is still not resolved in HDC.

**091/22 Report from County Councillor.**

There was no report from the County Councillor

**092/22 Public Adjournment to include:**

Highways – Jacqui Dunning (JD)

- JD gave her update and ideas from the Transport Working Group which included
- Contacting County Road Supervisor
- Signs need attention.

**093/22 Other matters arising which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

The Clerk reported the following:

- Co-option of Councillors for 2022-23.  
Cllr Woolgar has resigned from the PC due to excessive work commitments.  
Samantha Scrase-Dickens was proposed for the vacant position for co-option. Following some questions from the PC, Cllr Scrase-Dickens was co-opted to the Council.

**Proposed: Cllr Bamford**

**Seconded: Cllr Allen**

- Grants applied for.  
The PC has received two grant requests from The Holy Trinity Parish Church. One for £500/- and one for £150/- which was a retrospective application for the cost of the Platinum Jubilee village party. After a discussion the PC decided that the churchyard grant should be changed in the future to a rental allowance for using the church rooms on a monthly basis. The Jubilee application was approved.
- Parish maintenance.  
The PC will continue to trim hedges and bushes back from footpaths on safety grounds.
- External Audit submission.  
The external audit documentation was submitted by the Clerk on the 20<sup>th</sup> June. A copy of the submission was sent to the PC prior to the meeting.
- The Clerk was requested to submit the details of the contract between the PC and MAS Networks for the provision of internet and email services.

#### **094/22 Chairman's announcements**

There were no further announcements from the Chairman.

#### **095/22 Planning Applications:**

##### **DC/22/1003 Leonardslee Gardens Brighton Road Lower Beeding Horsham**

Variation of Condition 4 of previously approved application DC/20/0119 (Demolition of an existing wooden framed barn. Construction of security gates and erection of 3No. barns and enlargement of the associated gardeners' compound together with construction of an adjoining staff car park. (Full Planning)) Relating to the submitted, approved large barn and alterations to the South elevation windows and North / South Elevation ridge heights.

Although the PC were Neutral the following comments were made:

- Residents pointed out that the replacement barn is considerably larger in design than the original one and feel that their privacy will be impacted by the current design.
- The sheltered area will also overlook residents properties and the PC asked if this area can be repositioned to face north.

##### **DC/22/0739 Leechpool Cottage Leechpond Hill Lower Beeding Horsham**

Removal of sand school. Erection of 3no detached dwellings with two detached garages.

The Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds:

- The proposed dwelling is located in a countryside location, outside of the defined Lower Beeding BUAB, on a site not allocated for development within the HDC Planning Framework or the adopted neighbourhood plan.
- This application is similar to DC/19/2336 which is akin in respect of an infill property. This application was also refused.
- We note that a Water Neutrality statement was submitted with the application, however until HDC issue a decision on all future housing water usage the LBPC decided that any new developments should be put on hold until a final directive is agreed with the District Council.

096/22 Accounts status as at end of June 2022.

Date	Accounts – June 2022	AMOUNT £
	<b>Balance at 24th May 2022</b>	
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£39,955.33
	Business Account - Balance	£20,229.74
30-May	Clerk Expenses	£110.45
30-May	Clerk Salary April	£1,025.75
01-Jun	Grant to LBA for Queens Jubilee	£30.00
01-Jun	Grant to LBA for Queens Jubilee	£270.00
15-Jun	MAS Networks	£128.39
30-May	Environmental Grant - Credit from HDC	£683.61
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£880.98</b>
	<b>Business Account</b>	
09-Jun	Interest	£0.17
	<b>Balance at 28th June 2022</b>	
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£39,074.35
	Business Account - Balance	£20,229.91

097/22 Outstanding payments

Date	Outstanding Payments	
	Clerks Salary	£1,250.00
	Expenses	£150.00
	Parish Maintenance - Charlie Voyce	£255.85
	Internal Audit - Peter Frost	£258.05
	Lighting Costs - HDC	£141.74
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,055.64</b>

**Date of the next meetings:**

**098/22 Planning Meeting –Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 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)

**099/22 Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 7:30 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding.**

**The meeting closed at 21:20 hrs**

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**Approved .....**