

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 14th June 2022 in the Holy Trinity Church, Plummers Plain.

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

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

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

071/22 Apologies for absence.

072/22 Appointment of Chairman.

There was only one applicant for the position of Chairman, Cllr Ed Allen.

Proposed: Cllr Mercer Seconded: Cllr Peckham.

073/22 Appointment of Vice-Chairman.

There was only one applicant for the position of Vice Chair, Cllr Leslie Bamford.

Proposed: Cllr Allen Seconded: Cllr Mercer.

074/22 Appointment of Councillors.

All Councillors were re-appointed. The Clerk requested that all Councillors should submit a signed copy of the Declaration of Interests and Acceptance of Office forms.

075/22 Co-option of vacant position(s) to the Council.

There was a vacant position on the Council with one new applicant, Mr Kevin Woolgar. After some questions from the PC Mr Woolgar was unanimously voted on the Council.

Proposed: Cllr Mercer Seconded: Cllr Peckham

076/22 Signing of the Annual Governance Statement for the municipal year 2022/23.

The Annual Governance Statement was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk (RFO).

077/22 Declaration of Interests and notification of any change of interests.

The Declaration of Office and Interests forms were distributed to the PC for compilation and signature.

078/22 Approval of Working Groups

The following sub-committees were approved by the Council

- **Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Working Party (WP)**

As the NP was scaling down the WP will be reviewed as necessary.

- **Transport Working Group**

Approved for continuation.

- **Planning Committee**

Approved for continuation but with a Terms of Reference.

The PC discussed the a new Committee (Investment Committee) led by Cllr Bamford.

079/22 Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15th June 2021.

The minutes were approved.

080/22 Approval of annual accounts

The Clerk distributed the Annual Accounts prior to the meeting for scrutiny from the PC. The accounts were unanimously approved.

Proposed: Cllr Allen Seconded: Cllr Bamford.

081/22 Chairman's annual report.

Good evening fellow Parish Councillors and County Councillor welcome to the Lower Beeding Parish Council Annual General Meeting for 2021-2022.

I announced last year that I wished to stand down as Chairman. This process will take time over the coming month's, but I am delighted to be able to propose that the current Vice-Chair, Cllr Leslie Bamford, will over the forthcoming year take over the reins from me.

We said goodbye to Cllr Ward after many years' service on the PC but welcomed Cllr Brooks onto the PC.

Many thanks for all your support to date and continuing for the next 12 months.

082/22 Annual Reports for

- **Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Bamford – gave an overview of the current status of the NP and the delay on any development in the District due to the water neutrality issue for all new developments.

- **Community Traffic Speed Watch (CSW)**

The Clerk on behalf of Roger Warwick – statistics were distributed to the PC for their review.

083/22 Public Session – The Parish Council agrees to adjourn proceedings for questions from members of the public.

There were no questions from the public.

TO BE FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY THE PLANNING MEETING

084/22 Planning Applications (PA):

DC/22/0842 Jacksons Farm Hammerpond Road Plummers Plain West Sussex RH13 6PE

Prior Notification for Change of Use of part of an Agricultural Building to storage and distribution use (Class B8)

As this PA was a prior notification it was for the PC's information only.

Date of the next meetings:

085/22 Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 28th June 2022 in the Holy Trinity Church, Plummers Plain at 7:30pm.

Lower Beeding Parish Council,

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