

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th September 2022.
The meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church Rooms, Lower Beeding.**

Present: Cllrs: Bamford (Vice-Chairman), Mercer, Fitzpatrick,

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

The Vice-Chairman began the meeting at 19:33 hours.

120/22 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Nagel, Allen, Lillywhite, Peckham, Brookes, Scrase-Dickens.

121/22 Approval of the minutes from the following meetings:

- Planning Meeting held on 23rd August 2022
- Parish Council Meeting held on 26th July 2022.

Both sets of minutes were approved.

122/22 Declaration of interests from members in respect to any items on the agenda.

There were No Declarations

123/22 Meetings attended by Councillors.

The Clerk met Highways Asst Supt James Strachan and drove around the Parish showing Mr Strachan the problems faced by the Transport Group.

Cllr Scrase-Dickens attended a Planning Training course.

124/22 Report from District Councillor.

Cllr Bradnum reported the following:

- HDC are pushing forward with their recycling plan to increase over next 5 years.
- There will be a HDC Jobs and skills Fair on 5th November.
- There is only very slow progress on water neutrality and the LBPC are still waiting for a date for the Neighbourhood Plan referendum.
- HDC have been encouraging families to take in refugees, which has been very successful.

125/22 Report from County Councillor.

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting.

126/22 Public Adjournment to include:

Highways and CSW – Roger Warwick/Jacqui Dunning

JD gave an overview of the current WSCC Highways funding for communities.

127/22 Other matters arising which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda

The Clerk gave an update on the following:

- Defibrillators – both defibs were now operational in the Plough and Crabtree pubs. Cllr Fitzpatrick had informed the ambulance service of their location.
- Kerbside car charging points scheme – The only potential site is now at Compton's Tennis Club.
- Internet contract – The contract has been renegotiated with a 20% reduction.
- PRoW issue at South Lodge – There has been a breach of the Public Rights of Way (PRoW) path from the Brighton Rd to Jobs Castle. There is a planned extension to the vineyard in the South Lodge Hotel which will cover the existing PRoW. The Clerk has reported the infringement to the PRoW department.

128/22 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman had nothing further to add.

129/22 Planning Applications:

DC/22/0708 Land at Sandygate Lane Lower Beeding West Sussex

Application for the erection of 22 No. dwellings with associated parking, garaging, landscaping, the creation of new access and all ancillary work associated with the proposed development.

The PC reviewed this amended application, and it was unanimously agreed that the PC's comments of 11/05/2022 still stand and our position on the development has not changed. One further comment to add is the Parish consultation/ referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan has not been undertaken due to delays on water neutrality therefore the application cannot be approved until both consultations have been completed.

DC/22/1600 South Lodge Hotel Brighton Road

Surgery to 2 x Holm Oak (Works to Trees in a Conservation Area)

No Objection to this application

Stonehouse Farm update

Cllr Mercer opened the public discussion on the response from LBPC to the forthcoming HDC Planning Committee for DC/22/0829. There followed an extensive discussion on the representation to the PC.

The PC agreed that either the Chairman or Vice-Chairman would make a speech objecting on several grounds to the application.

The Clerk will register the PC's presence at the meeting and the five minutes of presentation.

130/22 Accounts status as at end of September 2022.

Date	Accounts – September 2022	AMOUNT £
Balance at 31st August 2022		
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£32,541.06
	Business Account - Balance	£20,230.76
15-Aug	MAS Networks	£104.39
27-Sep	Litter Bin emptying	£165.36
27-Sep	Moore External Audit Accounts	£240.00
	TOTAL	£509.75
	Business Account	
09-Sep	Interest	£0.86
Balance at 27th September 2022		
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£32,031.31
	Business Account - Balance	£20,231.62

131/22 External Audit results.

The Clerk forwarded the External Audit results prior to the meeting. There were no further questions, and the report was approved.

Approved: Cllr Bamford Seconded: Cllr Fitzpatrick

131/22 Outstanding payments

Date	Outstanding Payments	
	Clerk Salary	£1,184.94
	Clerk Expenses	£133.27
	NI / PAYE 2Q payment	£931.12
	Clerks pension 1st half 22/23	£930.40
	CREDIT Invoice to Mrs Pitchford for hedge trimming	+£50.00
	TOTAL	£3,179.73

Date of the next meetings:

132/22 Planning Meetings –Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 7:30 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding.

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

133/22 Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 29th November at 7:30 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding.

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Approved