

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31st January 2023.
The meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church Rooms, Lower Beeding.**

Present: Cllrs: Allen (Chairman), Bamford, Fitzpatrick, Peckham, Scrase-Dickens, Lillywhite.

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

The Chairman began the meeting at 19:35 hours.

001/23 Apologies for absence. Cllrs Nagel, Mercer, Brookes

002/23 Approval of the minutes from the following meetings:

Parish Council Meeting held on 29th November 2022.

The minutes were approved.

003/23 Declaration of interests from members in respect to any items on the agenda.

There were no declarations.

004/23 Meetings attended by Councillors.

Cllr Fitzpatrick met James Strachan & Adam Bezley from WS Highways.

005/23 Report from District Councillor.

- The HDC Leader Jonathan Chowen stood down following the Council's disagreement on approval of the district plan. He will remain as an independent councillor until May when he will leave the Council. Cllr Claire Vickers from Southwater is Leader elect and is due to be approved at the next full council.
- HDC is to receive £2.7m funding from central government for levelling up and it is to be used to build 14 standard and 2 larger homes in the Horsham area by this November.
- HDC is to give Parish Councils £200 towards the forthcoming Coronation celebrations.
- A lengthy discussion ensued on the procurement of the Cisswood House Hotel by the Home Office for use to house asylum seekers on a temporary basis. The LBPC asked for more details on what the plans were as no information had been forthcoming on the occupancy.

006/23 Report from County Councillor.

There was no report from the County Councillor.

007/23 Public Adjournment to include:

Highways and CSW – Roger Warwick (RW) /Jacqui Dunning (JD)

RG reported that the last session of the CSW was on 30th January and had decided that as of the end of March he will stand down as CSW Supervisor.

JD in conjunction with Cllr Fitzpatrick presented to the PC the current situation with the Transport Working Party and their obstacles and plans for the future.

008/23 Other matters arising which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

The Clerk updated the PC on the following issue:

- The Warm Spaces initiative in the Plough Public House has declined during January and will be postponed from the end of this month.

- Due to the unacceptable requests from the Charity Bank to open a withholding account. The Clerk outlined the PC options with Lloyds Bank. The PC approved opening a 35 and 92 holding account with the existing funds in the Business Account.
- The approved Precept for 2023-24 was submitted to HDC on 12th January 2023.
- The Charging Points at LB Tennis Club will be handled by the Chairman.

009/23 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman had nothing further to report.

010/23 Planning Applications:

DC/22/2229 Leonardslee Gardens Brighton Road Lower Beeding West Sussex

Construction of an enlarged and rationalised existing car park and grassed enclosure for overflow car parking, with tree planting. Installation of new children's play area. Relocation of chicken enclosure. Amendments to road layout within the site, with associated enlarged and enhanced landscape buffer and reinstatement of hedge to A281 boundary. (Part-retrospective).

The LBPC unanimously opposed this proposal. Present at our PC meeting last night were Parishioners who will be affected by the increase in events, vehicles and subsequent noise and air pollution. The proposal is for the introduction of 402 new car parking spaces, making over 686 spaces overall.

Leonardslee is a Grade I Listed Garden in an AONB. The NPPF states that, 'When considering applications for a major development within an AONB, permission should be refused other than in exceptional circumstances, and where it can be demonstrated that the development is in the public interest'. The Council believe the commercial gain of the landowner is not a public interest.

In addition, as this is a retrospective application and the fact that the extensive increase in car spaces already exists the application should be refused.

The LBPC object strongly to this application.

For Information Only

DC/19/0647 Unit 10 Church Lane Estate Church Lane Plummers Plain Horsham West Sussex RH13 6LU

Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 8 to approve application DC/19/0647.

DC/23/0040 The Warren Horsham Road Handcross West Sussex.

Proposed works involve the undergrounding of several spans of overhead electric lines. This will include removal of 4 x poles, installation of a new terminal pole and stays and adjustment of the stays on existing pole.

011/23 Accounts status as at end of January 2023.

Date	Accounts – January 2023	AMOUNT £
Balance at 29th November 2022		
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£47,688.30
	Business Account - Balance	£20,234.64
30-Nov	Clerk Expenses	£154.38
30-Nov	Clerk Salary	£1,759.58
12-Dec	JR Print (Warm Spaces) flyers	£99.20
15-Dec	MAS Networks	£104.39
19-Dec	DM Payroll	£60.00
22-Dec	Clerk Salary	£1,311.97
22-Dec	Clerk Expenses	£14.39
13-Jan	M J Webber / Plough Inn Warm Spaces	£490.00
16-Jan	MAS Networks	£104.39
18-Jan	HMRC PAYE & NI 3Q 2022	£1,219.28
31-Jan	Clerk Expenses	£256.11
31-Jan	Clerk Salary	£1,182.82
31-Jan	Vision ICT Internet support	£290.26
	TOTAL	7,046.77
	Business Account	
09-Dec	Interest	£4.63
09-Jan	Interest	£8.65
Balance at 31st January 2023		
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£39,469.00
	Business Account - Balance	£20,247.92

012/23 Outstanding payments

Date	Outstanding Payments	
	Warm Spaces	£700.00
	TOTAL	£700.00

Date of the next meetings:

013/23 Planning Meeting –Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 7:30 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding

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

014/23 Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 28th February 2023 at 7:30 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding.

The meeting closed at 21:40 hrs.

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Approved