

# **LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th February 2023.  
The meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church Rooms, Lower Beeding.**

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

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

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

**021/23 Apologies for absence. Cllrs, Brookes, Fitzpatrick, Scrase-Dickens,**

**022/23 Approval of the minutes from the following meetings:**

- Parish Council meeting held on 31st January 2023.
- Planning meeting held on 15th February 2023.

The minutes were approved and seconded.

**023/23 Declaration of interests from members in respect to any items on the agenda.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**024/23 Meetings attended by Councillors.**

Cllrs Allen, Bamford and the Clerk attended a Zoom meeting with other Parishes to discuss the current situation with Neighbourhood Plans, water neutrality and referendum status.

**025/23 Report from District Councillor.**

Cllr Bradnum reported the following:

- Council Tax is due to rise by 3 – 5% throughout the district.
- A discussion followed on the current status of Cisswood House Hotel and its proposed usage by the Home Office to house immigrants and asylum seekers.
- A further discussion ensued on the Leonardslee Car Park application and its development away from a Grade 1 listed gardens.
- Cllr Bradnum informed the LBPC that she would not be standing as a District Councillor in the forthcoming elections.

The Clerk thanked Cllr Bradnum on behalf of the PC for her support for Lower Beeding in HDC.

**026/23 Report from County Councillor.**

- Cllr Nagel reported on the interaction between the LBPC and Highways and her assistance in offering help to LBPC on road issues in the Parish.

**027/23 Public Adjournment to include:**

Highways and Community Speed Watch (CSW) report by Mr Roger Warwick.

- CSW was still continuing but volunteers are not responding to calls to run sessions.
- He is standing down at the end of March as CSW Supervisor.

The Clerk thanked Mr Warwick on behalf of the PC for his work on organising the CSW.

A discussion followed on the additional speed signs that had not been erected due to miscommunication with WS Highways.

### **028/23 Other matters arising which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda – The Clerk**

#### **Updates on the following issues:**

- The Warm Spaces initiative with The Plough over the winter months was a total of £1,120/-. The PC discussed the feasibility of holding such an event in future due to cost and attendance,
- Lloyds Bank have not opened the request 35-day Notice Account due to administration issues.
- The Clerk informed the PC of the forthcoming District and Parish elections which will be held on 4th May 2023. He outlined what all of the Councillors will need to do during the elections.
- The PC reviewed and questioned Mr Robert Smith on his proposed co-option to the LBPC. The Council voted unanimously to approve his application.
- The Clerk informed the PC that the current PCSO for the Parish is Damien Cecil. The Clerk will get in touch with him on attending a PC meeting in the future.

### **029/23 Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman reported that the Tennis Club were raising funds for installation of two padel courts.

### **030/23 Planning Applications:**

There were no Planning Applications to review.

031/23 Accounts status as at end of February 2023.

Date	Accounts – February 2023	AMOUNT £
<b>Balance at 31st January 2023</b>		
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£39,469.00
	Business Account - Balance	£20,247.92
03-Feb	M J Webber / Plough Inn Warm Spaces	£630.00
15-Feb	MAS Networks	£171.02
28-Feb	Clerk Salary	£1,112.46
28-Feb	Clerk Expenses	£90.75
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,004.23</b>
	<b>Business Account</b>	
09-Jan	Interest	£10.32
<b>Balances at 28th February 2023</b>		
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£37,464.77
	Business Account - Balance	£20,258.24

032/23 Outstanding payments

Date	Outstanding Payments	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

**Date of the next meetings:**

**033/23 Planning Meetings –Tuesday 14th March 2023 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 review.**

**034/23 Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 7:30 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding.**

**The meeting closed at 21:52 hrs.**

**Peter Knox**

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**Approved .....**