

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th September 2023.
The meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church Rooms, Lower Beeding.**

Present: Cllrs Bamford (Chair), Mercer, Scrase-Dickins, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Keen.

Also present: Peter Knox (Clerk), Cllrs Livingstone, Nagel and four members of the public.

The Chair began the meeting at 19:30 hours.

126/23 Apologies for absence. Cllrs Allen, Lillywhite.

127/23 Approval of minutes of August Parish Council meeting.

The minutes were approved by Cllr Scrase-Dickins and seconded by Cllr Bamford.

128/23 Meetings attended by Councillors.

- Cllr Mercer and the Clerk attended an HDC workshop on the update of the Local Housing Plan.
- Cllr Mercer attended a meeting with HDC Planning and Enforcement with regard to Stonehouse Farm issues.

129/23 Report from District Councillor

Cllr Livingstone reported the following:

- He attended a West Sussex (WS) Police Briefing informing the attendees of
 - Increased burglary in Horsham shops,
 - Nighttime economy – new app for pubs to report any issues on their premises.
 - Increased vandalism reported in the district.
 - Police resourcing manpower is limited.

However, Horsham is still one of the safest places to live in the country.

- He attended a meeting on Climate Action and Nature Recovery
 - HDC is still on target for net zero for 2030.
 - He recommended the LBPC should contact Mannings Heath they have a Carbon Busters Group.

130/23 Report from County Councillor.

Cllr Nagel was requested progress updates on the following Highways issues:

- On resurfacing issues on Church Lane.
- The speed survey for carried out in Lower Beeding
- The significant flooding between the Wheatsheaf Public House and the Handcross Road.
- The road marking and cat's eyes on the newly resurfaced road on the Handcross Road.

131/23 Public Adjournment to include:

- Highways– Jacqui Dunning & Cllr Fitzpatrick reported that there was no highways activity in the month.

132/23 Other matters arising which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda – The Clerk

Updates:

Stonehouse Farm (SF)

- Cllr Mercer reported that SF is now under a Planning Compliance order.
- The current Appeal Hearing cannot proceed if the property is up for sale.
- The current ownership is not clear in the public domain.
- Cllr Livingstone commended Cllr Mercer on attending the meeting. It has built good bridges between LBPC, Horsham Planning Dept and the Compliance team in HDC.

Neighbourhood Plan Workshop

Cllr Mercer reported to the PC the status of the Horsham Local Plan with an open discussion following his feedback.

Cisswood House Hotel

Cllr Smith reported that there had been some complaints regarding the cricket square being used by the CHH residents. He will contact the manager and ask they can use the rest of the playing area but not the square.

Co-option of a New Councillor

Mrs Annette Keen was approved for co-option to the LBPC.

Leonardslee Gardens

The current issues were discussed following complaints by the local residents.

CAGNE donation

The Clerk has been contacted by CAGNE (Communities Against Gatwick Noise and Emissions) for a donation to help them challenge against the proposal for an extra runway at Gatwick Airport. The Clerk was requested by the PC to find out the level and amount of donations given by other local parishes.

133/23 Chair's announcements

The Chair had nothing further to report.

134/23 External Audit Approval

The External Auditors Report was ratified by Cllr Mercer and Seconded by Cllr Bamford.

135/23 Accounts status as at end of September 2023.

Date	Accounts – September2023	AMOUNT £
Balance at 22nd August 2023		
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£43,905.64
	Business Account - Balance	£10,306.08
	32 Day Notice Account	£10,103.74
25-Aug	Charlie Joyce Parish maintenance	£182.00
25-Aug	Clerk Expenses - August	£42.98
25-Aug	Clerk Salary - August	£1,249.13
29-Aug	Defib Battery replacement for The Plough	£402.00
18-Sep	MAS Networks	£104.39
25-Sep	Paul Williams Tree Surgery	£153.00
25-Sep	Moore- External auditor	£252.00
31-Jul	HALC annual fee	£20.00
25-Sep	HDC waste removal	£182.00
	Total Costs	£2,405.50
	Business Account	
12-Sep	Interest	£9.63

	32 Day Notice Account	
31-Aug	Interest	£20.88

Balances at 26th September 2023

	Treasurers Account - Balance	£41,318.14
	Business Account - Balance	£10,315.71
	32 Day Notice Account	£10,113.24

136/23 Outstanding payments.

Date	Outstanding Payments	
	Clerk Salary	£1,166.82
	Clerk Expenses	£165.94
	Clerks Pension 1H 2023	£1,224.69
	HMRC PAYE & NI 2Q payment	£978.55
	Total	£3,536.00

Date of the next meetings:

137/23 Planning Meetings –Tuesday 10th October 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 discuss.

138/23 Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 24th October 2023 at 7:30 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding.

The meeting closed at 20:55 hrs

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