

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th October 2023.
The meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church Rooms, Lower Beeding.

Present: Cllrs Bamford (Chair), Mercer, Allen, Fitzpatrick.

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

The Chair began the meeting at 19:30 hours.

139/23 Apologies for absence. Cllrs Nagel, Lillywhite, Scrase-Dickins, Smith, Keen.

140/23 Approval of minutes of September Parish Council meeting.

The minutes were approved by Cllr Mercer and seconded by Cllr Bamford.

141/23 Meetings attended by Councillors.

142/23 Report from District Councillor

Councillor Livingstone reported the following:
HDC have released their Plan from 2023 to 2027
There are four main themes.

- Supporting People and Communities.
- Inspiring greener futures. We aim to be a net zero council by 2030 and a net zero district by 2050.
- Building a thriving local economy. Our District will be known as an easy place to do business.
- Always listening, learning and improving.

Rural Funding

- This available fund will be £871,000.

143/23 Report from County Councillor

There was no report from the County Councillor.

144/23 Public Adjournment to include:

- **Highways– Jacqui Dunning & Cllr Fitzpatrick**

The Transport Working Group are awaiting the response from a TRO application in November.

The Chair agreed to move the Planning Applications to the next part of the meeting as there several members attending the meeting to listen to one of the applications.

147/23 Planning Applications

DC/23/1624 Cheriton Cottage Handcross Road Plummers Plain West Sussex RH13 6NX.

Conversion of existing barn and stable buildings to form a single dwelling house with new build linking element. Formation of new vehicular access onto Handcross Road.

The LBPC had no comments on this application and voted to remain neutral on the application.

DC/23/1829 Leonardslee Gardens Brighton Road Lower Beeding West Sussex RH13 6PP

Non-Material Amendment to previously approved application DC/20/0119. Demolition of an existing wooden framed barn. Construction of security gates and erection of 3 Nos barns and enlargement of the associated gardeners' compound together with construction of an adjoining staff car park. Relating to amending main barn door on East Elevation to windows and adding roller shutters to small barn storage bays.

Although this is a non-material amendment (NMA) the LBPC unanimously voted to object to the excessive size of the proposed buildings for their intended purpose.

DC/23/1895 Spinningwood Farm Burnthouse Lane Lower Beeding West Sussex.

Extension and modifications to existing light industrial building (Class E), with associated alterations to car parking and servicing areas.

The LBPC unanimously objected to this application on the following grounds:

- The site is already excessively large for a remote rural location.
- The application requests an increase in parking by 50% for no apparent reason, as the application states there will be no further employees nor level of business.
- The Planning Statement does not make an economic justification for the excessive size of the building.
- There are already an undue large number of vehicles visiting the site and the small rural lane cannot take more traffic.
- A condition should be applied to the site for the manufacture of golf equipment only.

The meeting was attended by many local residents in the proximity of the farm. They voiced their objections to an already excessively large building.

145/23 Other matters arising which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda – The Clerk

Updates:

- Stonehouse Farm. Cllr Mercer reported the current status on the purchase of the Farm.
- Cisswood House Hotel –Cllr Smith reported (vis the Clerk) that there was no change in the status at the hotel.
- Warm Spaces (Winter 2023-24) was discussed by the PC on the feasibility and recording of head count at each session to assess the usefulness of the scheme.

The Clerk reported on the following issues:

- Recreation Land acquisition. HDC have informed LBPC that they are willing to sell the playground with surrounding land in addition to the pond area on Brick Pond Rd. The Clerk was asked to enquire about the feasibility of acquiring the playground and adjacent area only, due to the increased liability the pond area would bring.
- The current GDPR policy was distributed to the PC for their review and comment.
- CAGNE & APCAG. The PC decided at this juncture they would not donate any funds to both organisations which are dedicated to reducing the noise and activity at Gatwick airport.
- Clerks annual review – the Chair said she would co-ordinate the review of the Clerk's annual performance.

146/23 Chair's announcements.

The Chair had nothing further to report.

147/23 Approval of the Internal Auditors Report.

Approved by Cllr Fitzpatrick Seconded by Cllr Bamford

148/23 Accounts status as at end of October 2023.

Date	Accounts October 2023	AMOUNT £
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Balance at 26th September 2023

	Treasurers Account - Balance	£41,318.14
	Business Account - Balance	£10,315.71
	32 Day Notice Account	£10,113.24
28-Sep	Charlie Joyce Parish maintenance	£156.00
28-Sep	Clerk Expenses - August	£165.94
28-Sep	Clerk Salary - August	£1,249.13
06-Oct	Internal Audit -Mulberry	£296.70
08-Oct	J Christian - Hedge Cutting	£175.00
09-Oct	HMRC 2Q PAYE & NI Payment	£978.55
16-Oct	MAS Networks	£104.39
17-Oct	DM Payroll Services	£60.00
20-Oct	Ian James Mercer - Expenses	£4.80
24-Oct	Mrs J A Voyce - Charlie Joyce Maint	£78.00
24-Oct	PCC B Holy Trinity Church Rooms 1H Payment	£300.00
11-Oct	CREDIT Hedge Cutting for Mrs Pitchford	£175.00
29-Sep	CREDIT 2H HDC PRECEPT PAYMENT	£20,191.97
	Total Costs	£3,568.51

	Business Account	
09-Oct	Interest	£9.50

	32 Day Notice Account	
30-Sep	Interest	£20.00

Balances 24th October 2023

	Treasurers Account - Balance	£58,198.91
	Business Account - Balance	£10,325.21
	32 Day Notice Account	£10,133.24

149/23 Outstanding payments.

Date	Outstanding Payments	
	Clerk Salary	£1,100.00
	Clerk Expenses	£19.48
	Clerks Pension 1H 2023	£1,224.69
	Total	£2,344.17

Date of the next meetings:

150/23 Planning Meetings –Tuesday 14th November 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.

151/23 Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 28th November 2023 at 7:30 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding.

The meeting closed at 21:30 hrs

Peter Knox

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