

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th January 2024.
The meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church Rooms, Lower Beeding.

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

Also present: Peter Knox (Clerk), and six members of the public.

The Chair began the meeting at 19:30 hours.

007/24 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Livingstone, Nagel, Lillywhite, Fitzpatrick.

008/24 Approval of minutes for:

- November 2023 Parish Council meeting.
- December 2023 Planning Meeting.
- January 2024 Precept Meeting.

All of the minutes were approved by Cllr Mercer and seconded by Cllr Scrase-Dickins.

009/24 Meetings attended by Councillors.

- Cllr Mercer and the Clerk met Mr Lee Goossens, whose company, Hunter Group, has recently purchased Stonehouse Farm. During the meeting Mr Goossens gave an overview of Hunter Groups plans for the near future.
- Cllr Keen attended a meeting regarding the Carbon Busters initiative in neighbouring councils. The LBPC discussed if they can access the Indices of Deprivation (IMD) database for the area. Cllr Keen will contact the District Councillor for any information on the indices.

010/24 Declaration of Interests.

There were no declarations.

011/24 Report from District Councillor.

The District Councillor was not present at the meeting.

012/24 Report from County Councillor.

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting.

013/24 Other matters arising which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Updates:

- **Warm Spaces – Winter 2023-24.**
The Clerk gave an overview of the headcount and costs of the Warm Spaces initiative that took place in December & January.
- **Stonehouse Farm**
Cllr Mercer gave an update and detail of the meeting held with Mr Lee Goossens of Hunter Group.
- **Recreation land acquisition.**
The Clerk gave a briefing that Horsham District Council were prepared to sell the land adjacent to the Childrens Playground for £1/-. An open discussion followed regarding on the use of grassed area for recreational purposes. Cllrs Allen & Keen volunteered to take this forward.

- **Potential new Councillor**

The Clerk introduced Mr James Cannom as a potential new co-opted Parish Councillor. Mr Cannom was asked several questions on his suitability and reasons for standing as Councillor.

The LBPC voted unanimously to accept Mr Cannom as a new Councillor.

014/24 Public Adjournment

- Jacqui Dunning (Transport Working Group) reported that she was still waiting to hear from West Sussex Highways on the Transport Regulation Order (TRO) that she submitted on behalf of the PC.
- There was a discussion regarding the drains and the flooding on the main roads throughout the Parish. Cllr Allen said he would contact Cllr Nagel (West Sussex County Council Councillor) to follow up with WS Highways.
- The Clerk reported that the long awaited Speed Indication Signs (SID's) were now up and running and calibrated. The Clerk was asked by the Chair to forward the laptop, spare batteries and chargers to Cllr Fitzpatrick.

015/24 Chair's announcements

The Chair had no further comments.

016/24 Accounts status as at end of January 2024.

Date	Accounts December 2023 - January 2024	AMOUNT £
Balance at 28th November 2023		
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£56,857.18
	Business Account - Balance	£10,336.61
	32 Day Notice Account	£10,156.33
29-Nov	Clerk Salary - November	£1,733.13
29-Nov	Clerk Expenses - November	£76.78
11-Dec	DM Payroll Services	£60.00
18-Dec	MAS Networks	£104.39
19-Dec	Charlie Joyce Parish maintenance	£91.00
21-Dec	Clerk Expenses - December	£113.51
21-Dec	Clerk Salary - December	£1,221.02
04-Jan	HMRC 3Q PAYE & NI Payment	£1,271.98
04-Jan	Vision ICT	£290.26
09-Jan	Clerk Workplace Pension	£1,224.69
15-Jan	Warm Spaces - The Plough December	£360.00
16-Jan	MAS Networks	£104.39
29-Jan	Warm Spaces - The Plough December	£420.00
29-Jan	Clerk Salary - January	£1,308.30
29-Jan	Clerk Expenses - January	£99.94
	Total Costs	£8,479.39
	Business Account	
11-Dec	Interest	£11.78
09-Jan	Interest	£10.69
	32 Day Notice Account	
31-Dec	Interest	£26.30
29-Jan	Interest	£35.40
Balances at 30th January 2024		
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£48,477.73
	Business Account - Balance	£10,359.08
	32 Day Notice Account	£10,218.03

017/24 Outstanding payments.

Date	Outstanding Payments	
	Total	£0.00

Date of the next meetings:

018/24 Planning Meetings –Tuesday 13th February 2024 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.

019/24 Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 27th February 2024 at 7:30 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding

The meeting closed at 21:40 hrs

Peter Knox

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