

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th May 2024.
The meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church Rooms, Lower Beeding.

Present: Cllrs Bamford (Chair), Scrase-Dickins, Mercer, Cannom.

Also present: Cllr Livingstone and two members of the public.

The Chair began the meeting at 19:00 hours.

075/24 Apologies for absence. – Cllrs Nagel, Allen, Fitzpatrick, Keen, Smith, The Clerk Peter Knox.

076/24 Approval of minutes for:

- **April 2024 PC meeting.**
Cllr Mercer pointed out two corrections that were needed in the April minutes.
- **May 2024 AGM.**
Approved by Cllr James Mercer and seconded by Cllr Bamford.

077/24 Meetings attended by Councillors.

Cllrs Bamford, Mercer and The Clerk attended an open public meeting at Mannings Heath Golf Club on 21st May with regard to Leonardslee Gardens (LLG) future plans. It was attended by approximately thirty members of the public. A request was made by Cllrs to have LLG on future PC Council updates.

078/24 Declaration of Interests.

There were no declaration of interests.

079/24 Report from District Councillor.

Cllr Livingston reported the following:

- He attended the Compton's Tennis Club Open Day and was impressed with the facilities as well as with the changes to the LED lights and energy saving initiatives.
- Holy Trinity Primary School signage – he cannot see any reason in not having additional signage as the guidance is there and is not a safety issue.
- Cisswood House Hotel – The home office has given no indication as of yet as to when the contract will end.
- HDC – Discover Electric Event – Connected Kerb, has a map showing where charging points are located on their website. But they can also make further suggestions on where more could be installed. The LBPC had discussed this topic some months back and drew his attention to the fact that the infrastructure in our area is lacking for the requirements to put more ports.

080/24 Report from County Councillor.

- Cllr Mercer to contact Cllr Nagel regarding her lack of appearance at the LBPC meetings.

Approval of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2023-24

081/24 Approval of the Annual Governance Statement for 2023-24.

082/24 Approval of Accounting Statement for 2023-24.

Both were approved by Cllr Scrase-Dickins and seconded by Cllr James Mercer.

083/24 Other matters arising which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Updates:

- **Holy Trinity Primary School support.**

The Head Teacher of Lower Beeding Primary School was present to discuss ongoing signage issues. A general discussion followed on how the PC can assist the school get a higher profile in the local and surrounding communities.

- **Stonehouse Farm –**

Cllr Mercer reported the following:

- A planning application for the farmhouse has been approved and the owners are about to approach WSCC highways for permits.
- The new front gates will be replaced in the very near future and the owners are continually adjusting to changes and engaging with the local community.
- The Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Plants – a marketing plan for their sale is about to be issued and they are hoping to have that information ready by end of June.

- **Notice of Vacancy response for a replacement Councillor.**

There have been no applications for the vacant position on the Council.

084/24 Planning Applications

There are no planning applications to review.

085/24 Public Adjournment

There were no comments from the public.

086/24 Chair's announcements.

The chair had no further comments to make.

087/24 Accounts status as at end of May 2024.

Date	Accounts May 2024	AMOUNT £
Balance at 29th April 2024		
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£57,652.53
	Business Account - Balance	£10,392.69
	32 Day Notice Account	£10,281.41
13-May	Mrs V Joyce - plants for hanging baskets	£166.49
16-May	MAS Networks	£104.39
22-May	Clerks Expenses May	£68.56
22-May	Clerks Salary May	£1,380.77
22-May	Mr V Joyce - Charlie Joyce Parish Maintenance	£130.00
22-May	Parish Online software	£60.00
22-May	Mulberry - Inernal Audit	£175.50
	Total Costs	£2,085.71
	Business Account	
	Interest	£11.10
	32 Day Notice Account	
	Interest	£18.92
Balances at 29th April 2024		
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£55,566.82
	Business Account - Balance	£10,403.79
	32 Day Notice Account	£10,300.33

088/24 Outstanding payments.

Date	Outstanding Payments	
	Total	£0.00

Date of the next meetings:

089/24 Planning Meeting –Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 7:00 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.

090/24 Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 25th June 2024 at 7:00 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding

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