

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th April 2020.
Due to the COVID-19 virus the meeting was held via Zoom software.

Present: Cllr Allen (Chairman), Cllr Lloyd, Cllr Ward, Cllr Peckham, Cllr Mercer, Cllr Hough, Cllr Dawson, Cllr Lillywhite

Also present: Peter Knox (Clerk), Cllr Kitchen Cllr Bradnum and three members of the public.

The Chairman began the meeting at 19:30 hours.

058/20 Apologies for absence: - Cllr Hinton

059/20 Approval of the minutes from the Planning Committee meeting held on 24th March 2020

The minutes were approved

060/20 Declaration of interests from members in respect to any items on the agenda.

There were no declarations.

061/20 Report from Horsham District Councillor – Cllr Bradnum

Cllr Bradnum reported the following: -

- Horsham District Council (HDC) are continuing to give free parking in the town centre.
- HDC have granted a two month's rate free period for people on benefits and a rent holiday for commercial properties under their control.
- Rough sleepers have been housed in small B&B's.
- The government had set a strict criteria for business support.
- Waste collections are continuing as per the schedule but the waste collection point remains closed for the time being.

062/20: Report from West Sussex County Councillor – Cllr Kitchen

Cllr Kitchen reported the following: -

- WSCC are giving a lot of support to county care homes.
- Gatwick airport will be conducting a consultancy on the pro's and con's of a third runway in the near future.

The Chairman thanked both Cllrs Bradnum and Kitchen for joining into the virtual meeting and added that we may continue in this format for the near future.

063/20 Parish maintenance update – The Clerk

- As there is little maintenance activity in the Parish the main topic raised was the increased speeding of all vehicles, trucks, cars and especially motorbikes) through the Parish. It was also pointed out that there are a lot more pedestrians, walkers and cyclists travelling through.
- Mr Roger Warwick (CSW Supervisor) pointed out that the Speed Watch had been temporarily suspended in the Corona virus by Sussex Police. A discussion ensued on the speeding.

The Chairman said he would write to our local MP Jeremy Quinn to highlight the issue.

064/20 Neighbourhood Plan (NP) update – The Clerk

- The Clerk asked Leslie Bamford (Co-Leader of the NP Working Party) to give an update of the current status on the NP.
- Mrs Bamford reported that we should be in a good position to deliver the complete NP to HDC Planning Department by the end of next month for consultation. There are a few documents that required amending: -
 - Basic Conditions Statement
 - Sustainability Statement
 - Consultation Statement

At this point The Chairman said that the Planning Issues will be discussed.

The Chairman reported that both the Clerk and himself attended the virtual Planning Meeting concerning the housing application for Sandygate on Sandygate Lane. The Chairman voiced his comments in the meeting reporting to the committee that the PC had not supported the application because of the uncertainty around access to the site. He did add that the PC had no objection to the new building.

The HDC Planning Committee voted against the application.

- **068/20 Planning Applications:**

DC/20/0760 Spinningwood Farm Burnthouse Lane Lower Beeding Horsham

Creation of a vehicular access onto Burnthouse Lane.

The Parish Council were concerned about damage to the existing hedgerows and did not understand why a separate entrance was required when the existing gate entrance was sufficient.

It was unanimously agreed that further information was required on access and a survey conducted on any damage to the trees and hedgerows.

DC/20/0777 & DC/20/0778 The Red House, Leonardslee Gardens, Brighton Road, Lower Beeding

Erection of a single storey rear infill extension, with associated minor hard and soft landscaping works (Listed Building Consent & Householder Application)

There was No Objection to this Planning Application.

065/20 Other matters arising which are not covered elsewhere on the agenda – The Clerk

- The volunteer hub had delivered three prescriptions during the week to elderly residents that were self-isolating and had delivered one food request.
- The issue of plants and bushes being removed outside Leonardslee Gardens was raised. The PC had not been notified by the estate why the removal was taking place. The Clerk will contact the gardens and request clarification.

066/20 Meetings attended by Councillors

- Cllr Allen and the Clerk had attended the Virtual Planning Committee meeting at HDC.

067/20 Chairman's announcements

There were no further announcements.

069/20 Accounts status as at end of April 2020

Date	Accounts – February 2020	AMOUNT £
Balance at 24th March 2020		
	Business Account - Balance	£10,224.76
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£19,588.21
	Treasurers Account	
16-Apr	MAS Networks	£128.39
28-Apr	Clerks Salary - Apr	£1,060.08
28-Apr	Clerks Expenses - Apr	£68.59
28-Apr	Dowsett Mayhew - Neighbourhood Plan consultation	£5,472.00
28-Apr	WSALC & NALC Annual subscription	£355.75
	TOTAL	£7,084.81
	Business Account	
09-Mar	Interest	£0.43
Balance at 28th April 2020		
	Business Account - Balance	£10,225.19
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£12,503.40

070/20 Finance outstanding payments

There were no outstanding payments. However, the Clerk was asked to request a forecast of future payments to the NP consultants, DowsettMayhew.

Date of the next meetings:

071/20 Planning Meeting – Tuesday 8th May 2020 in the Parish Room, Plummers Plain at 7:30pm.

(Please note these planning meetings will only take place if there are planning applications to discuss)

072/20 Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 26th May 2020 in the Parish Room, Plummers Plain at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 20:53 hours

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Date