

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th May 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 one member of the public.

The Chairman began the meeting at 19:35 hours.

073/20 Apologies for absence: - There were no absentees

074/20 Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 28th April 2020

The minutes were approved

075/20 Declaration of interests from members in respect to any items on the agenda.

The Chairman outlined what should be declared with regard to Planning Applications and the vicinity of councillors to an applicant i.e. neighbours' interests.

There were no declarations.

076/20 Report from Horsham District Councillor – Cllr Bradnum

Cllr Bradnum reported the following: -

- Horsham District Council's (HDC) new Chair, Karen Burgess, and Deputy Chair, David Skipp, will be taking their positions imminently.
- The Government Planning directive has given more flexibility to the payment of CIL funds.
- All CIL applications are currently online.
- HDC have stopped all Neighbourhood Plan Referendums until further notice.
- HDC are currently on flexible working hours.
- An unfortunate consequence of the coronavirus pandemic is an increase in mental health problems being experienced. HDC has introduced a service called 'Time to Talk' that is open and available for patients with long term health conditions affecting their mental wellbeing. It is a free and confidential NHS service for West Sussex residents aged 18+ who are in need of some support when living with one of the following long term conditions: Asthma, COPD, Diabetes, Heart conditions, IBS, MSK problems.
- Cllr Bradnum will forward the details to the Clerk.

077/20: Report from West Sussex County Councillor (WSCC) – Cllr Kitchen

Cllr Kitchen reported the following: -

- WSCC are continuing their support into county care homes.
- Amanda Jupp has been appointed as the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health for WSCC.
- County schools have been focusing on making sure pupils are in contact with their schools.
- There has been an increase in the number of reported instances of fly-tipping in the county.

The Chairman thanked both Cllrs Bradnum and Kitchen for joining into the virtual meeting and their support of Lower Beeding Parish.

078/20 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 around the Parish. A general discussion followed on CSW and why it was not in operation. Mr Roger Warwick (CSW Supervisor) pointed out that the Speed Watch had been temporarily suspended by Sussex Police. A discussion ensued on excessive speeding and how it can be combated.

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

- The Clerk had received an email from a member of the public on the overgrown hedgerow on Leechpond Hill. As it was a safety issue it was agreed that we will arrange to cut it back after it has been checked by the Clerk for any nesting birds.

079/20 Neighbourhood Plan (NP) update – The Clerk

- The Clerk gave an update on the current status of the NP. We expect to make final submission to HDC by the end of June 2020.

080/20 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.
- The Clerk has contacted the PCSO but a meeting via Zoom had still not been confirmed. The Clerk to pursue.
- A resident has raised their concerns on parking on Hampshire Hill especially over the weekends. The Clerk will follow up on trying to contact WS Highways on the issue.

081/20 Chairman's announcements

- The Chairman informed the PC that he will stand for one more year as the Chairman, and stated that he wanted to see the NP completed.

082/20 Planning Applications:

DC/20/0482 Rabbit Patch Day Nursery Willow Cottage Handcross Road Plummers Plain

Erection of a 0.9m fence to south and west side of site, and erection of one sign board 0.7m x 0.7m

The Parish Council voted unanimously against the revised sign proposal. As per Policy 14 of the Horsham District Planning Framework the sign impacts on highway safety and is contra to 14.4 of the PF 'The cumulative impact of advertisements on the character and appearance of the surrounding townscape and landscape will be considered as part of any such application'. The Parish Council commented that the current signs outside the nursery are sufficient and are against any further signage
There was No Objection to the proposed fence.

083/20 Accounts status as at end of May 2020

Date	Accounts – May 2020	AMOUNT £
Balance at 28th April 2020		
	Business Account - Balance	£10,225.19
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£12,503.40
	Treasurers Account	
30-Apr	HDC Precept payment	£18,505.00
04-May	HDC Environmental Cleansing Grant	£655.19
04-May	HDC Community Volunteer Hubs Appeal	£47.77
15-May	MAS networks	-£128.39
22-May	HDC Community Volunteer Hubs Appeal	£7.81
	TOTAL	£19,087.38
	Business Account	
11-May	Interest	£0.45
Balance at 26th May 2020		
	Business Account - Balance	£10,225.64
	Treasurers Account - Balance	£31,590.78

084/20 Finance outstanding payments

Date	Outstanding Payments	
	Clerks Salary c.£1050	£1,050.00
	Clerks Expenses - Zoom monthly subscription	£14.39
	DowsettMayhew NP advice for submission to HDC	£1,632.00
	TOTAL	£2,696.39

Date of the next meetings:

085/20 Planning Meeting – Tuesday 16th June 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)

086/20 Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 30th June 2020 in the Parish Room, Plummers Plain at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 21:20 hours

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Approved

Date