

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 12th May 2025.

The Meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church Rooms, Lower Beeding.

Present: Cllrs Bamford (Chair) Allen, Dunckley, Mercer, Keen, Smith, Claridge.

Also Present: The Clerk and one member of the public.

The meeting started at 7:00 pm

058/26 Apologies for absence: Cllr Livingstone.

059/26 Appointment of Chair.

Cllr Bamford will remain as the Chair of the Parish Council (PC) for a further year.

060/26 Appointment of Vice-Chair.

Cllr Claridge stepped down as Vice-Chair and no further appointment was made.

061/26 Appointment of Councillors.

All of the existing Councillors will sit for a further year and signed the revised Declaration of Office (DoO). The DoO now has an additional clause regarding receiving all PC information via email.

062/26 Co-option of vacant position(s) to the Council.

There are two vacancies for office and the PC discussed options to fill the posts.

063/26 Signing of the Declaration of Office for the municipal year 2025/26.

The Declaration of Office were signed by all Councillors.

064/26 Declaration of Interests (DoI) and notification of any change of interests.

All of the Councillors reaffirmed their DoI's. except for Cllr Claridge who will send his to the Clerk on completion.

065/26 Approval of Working Parties.

- **Transport Working Party.**

The PC thanked Jacqui Dunning and Keri Fitzpatrick for their hard work and application in their achievements in Highways issues in the Parish over the past year.

- **Community Spaces Team.**

Cllrs Claridge and Keen will continue to run the Team.

The Council voted in favour of continuing both Working Parties.

066/26 Chair's annual report.

The Chair gave an overview of the achievements and plans for the Parish Council for the forthcoming Council year and thanked all Councillors and The Clerk for their hard work and dedication in the past year.

Further Parish Council Business

067/26 Approval of April Parish Council Meeting

The minutes were approved.

Approved by Cllr Keen

Seconded by Cllr Allen

068/26 Approval of Annual Accounts for 2025-26

Approved by Cllr Allen Seconded by Cllr Smith

069/26 Planning Applications

DC/26/0657 Brookside Cottage Church Lane Plummers Plain West Sussex

Erection of detached double garage with new highway access.

The PC had 'No Comments' to make on this application and remained Neutral.

070/26 Public Adjournment.

Cllr Mercer reported to the Council about the forthcoming initiative of Stonehouse Farm to encourage school teenagers to get involved in environmental issues at the farm. They will be planting 150 trees and The PC agreed to donate £500/- to this scheme.

Date of the next meetings:

071/26 Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7:00 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding.

072/26 Planning –Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 7:00 pm to be held in the Church Rooms Holy Trinity Church, Lower Beeding.

Please note that Planning Meetings will only take place if there are any applications to review.

The meeting concluded at 7:45 pm

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