

# LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Church Room on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 at 7.30p.m.

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### Present :

LBPC Councillors Ed Allen (Chairman), Grahame Miller, Gevin White, Geoff Peckham, Mrs. Kate Hough, Mrs. Jackie Ward, Michael Lloyd and Ian Shaw.

HDC Councillor Toni Bradnum.

Clerk: Michael Tuckwell

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from LBPC Councillor Mrs. Jaimie Daniels
2. **Declarations of Interest** – There were none.
3. **Public Forum (Part 1) (Council agree to adjourn proceedings for questions from members of the public)** - There were none.
4. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016.** The Minutes, having been circulated to all members, were agreed as accurate (Proposed by Cllr Lloyd, Seconded by Cllr Ward) and were duly signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters Arising.**
  - (i) **Website.** Cllr Hough advised that no new adverts for addition to the website had been received since the last meeting but those that had been already received should be sufficient to 'self fund' for 2015/16. Councillor Lloyd felt that some good branding and logos would definitely help and he agreed to come up with some ideas for the next meeting.  
**Action: Cllr. Lloyd**
6. **Matters for Consideration**
  - i) **Speeding Traffic through the Village.** The Clerk stated that, on the face of it, there was no S106 funding available for spending on speeding controls in the village. However, Cllrs. White and Lloyd had been assured by WSCC Highways that a separate fund for this purpose, totalling £40,000, did exist and was currently held for use by LBPC at Horsham District Council. Cllrs. White and Lloyd intended to investigate this aspect further and would report back at the next Meeting. **Action: Cllrs. White & Lloyd.**

## ii) **Playground Maintenance**

The new playground equipment has all been built and positioned in situ. As soon as the ground dries out satisfactorily the wet pour would go in and installation would be completed. It was anticipated that, subject to weather conditions, the new playground would be available for use at end of March – mid April. The Clerk was requested to notify LBPC's insurers (Zurich) of the expected opening date and advise them that we have two Councillors who are fully trained by RoSPA on safety and maintenance requirements. **Action: Clerk.**

## 7. **Reports from other Authorities.**

### (i) **County Councillor's Report.** WSCC Cllr. Brad Watson reported on the following matters:-

- a) A forward looking 4-Year Rolling Budget had recently been set. The budget included provision for WSCC Council Tax in 2016 – 2017 increasing by 3.85% which equated to approximately £45.00 per year on Band D properties.
- b) WSCC had now re-instated the post of Chief Executive which had been deleted following the resignation of the previous incumbent.

### (ii) **District Councillor's Report.** HDC Cllr. Toni Bradnum reported on the following matters:-

- a) HDC's Council Tax demand for 2016-17 would be for an overall, average increase of 1.2%.
- b) A Parking Charge in Horsham of £1.50 on Sundays was to be introduced.
- c) The Annual Green Waste Bin charge was to increase from £29 to £35 per household in 2016-17.

## 8. **Neighbourhood Plan.**

Councillor Peckham advised that an Open Meeting for all residents of the Parish would be going ahead over the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March – full details/advertisements regarding this Meeting had already been and/or would be published on the website and in the Parish Magazine etc..The Rev. Mark Betson would be putting a banner up outside the Church and the Council expressed their thanks for this. Facilities, arrangements and Councillors attendance for this Meeting were discussed and agreed.

## 9. Planning

### (i) Applications for consideration at the Meeting

DC/16/0244 and DC/16/0245 - 7 & 8 Hyde Cottages, London Road, Handcross.  
(Erection of a Single Storey Rear Extension)

**No Objections from LBPC**

DC/15/1394 – Howards Nursery, Handcross Road (Erection of a New Building)

**LBPC would be objecting on the grounds of the nature and height of the building. Following neighbours complaints, it was also believed that a Noise Assessment Report was needed.**

### (ii) Applications dealt with outside the meeting - for information

There were none.

### (iii) Decisions Made

DC/15/2557 – 20 & 21 Mill Lane, Lower Beeding (Rear Extensions etc.)

**Application permitted..**

### (iv) Other Planning Issues

There were none.

## 10. Highways, Pathways, Footpaths and Hedgerows.

The Clerk was asked to chase HDC, Hop Oast Depot again for provision of the pavement clearing machine which was originally requested in Autumn 2015. The Clerk was also requested to chase up some action from WSCC Highways and/or the land owner, Mrs. Pritchard regarding the hedge running along to Church Lane which urgently needed cutting.

**Action: Clerk to contact HDC, Hop Oast Depot/WSCC Highways/Mrs. Pritchard**

## 11. Litter Warden. )

The Clerk advised that he had established that all the clothing and tools needed by a Litter Warden could be obtained within the maximum budget set of £150.00. A final decision on whether or not to take on a Litter Warden would be made at the next LBPC Meeting.

**Action: LBPC**

## 12. Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

LBPC's Celebrations of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday ( if we decide to go ahead) will be held on the LB Playing Fields on the, revised, date of 11<sup>h</sup> June 2016. The Chairman stated that LBPC were generally supportive of Councillors Lloyd and White's proposals. A final decision on whether to hold the event or not would be postponed until the next Meeting, pending availability and approval of a detailed plan to be drawn up by Councillor White.

**Action: Cllr. White**

## 13. Commemorative Tree and Plaque for Colin Makey.

The Clerk stated that, despite chasing, final approval for this activity to go ahead had still not been received. The Clerk will continue to progress it. **Action: Clerk**

## 14. HALC

It was noted that the next HALC Meeting will be on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at Barns Green Village Hall.

## 15. Public Forum (Part 2) (Council agree to adjourn proceedings for questions from members of the public).

There were none.

## 16. Finance

- (i) **Accounts Status/Summary at 29<sup>th</sup>. February 2016.** This had been previously circulated to Councillors and was summarised by the Clerk at the Meeting.
- (ii) **Other Accounts items e.g. Transparency Grant.** The Clerk confirmed that he had made application for this Grant (reduced to £950.00 and awaited SALC/NALC's advices re approval.
- (iii) **February 2016 Cheques for signature.** As per Accounts Summary.
- (iv) **Section 106 Report.** Current Total available £14,923.68 i.e. £74,805.00 less £59,881.32 allocated for the new Playground Facilities.

## 17. Any Other Business + Literature for Circulation

Various literature received was circulated to Councillors for reading.

The Clerk was asked to especially request the Sussex Police Representative, Susan Poynter, to attend the March Meeting of LBPC. **Action: Clerk.**

**18. Date of Next Meeting (Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016).**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 p.m.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_