

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Church Room, Plummers Plain on
Tuesday, 27th September 2016 at 7.30p.m.

Present :

LBPC Councillors Ed Allen (Chairman), Michael Lloyd, Gevin White, Mrs. Jaimie Daniels, Mrs. Kate Hough and Mrs. Jackie Ward.

HDC Councillor Toni Bradnum

8 members of the Public & Rev. Mark Betson

Absent: LBPC Councillor Graham Miller (Vice Chairman), WSCC Councillor Brad Watson and PCSO Rachel Munday

Clerk: Michael Tuckwell

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from LBPC Councillor Geoff Peckham.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – There were none.
3. **Public Forum (Part 1) (Council agree to adjourn proceedings for questions from members of the public) –**
 - a) The Clerk advised that he had received a further e-mail from Mr. Wayne Bayley chasing for a response to an earlier e-mail which expressed concerns at comments made by LBPC against Planning Application DC/16/1558 – Conversion of Stables into a Dwelling (Stables, Holme Farm Orchard, Winterpit Lane, Mannings Heath). A copy of the e-mail/s was passed to the Chairman who undertook to discuss the matter with Councillor Miller and respond to Mr. Bayley as soon as possible. **Action: Chairman**
 - b) Speed of traffic and damage caused to trees and verges by heavy commercial vehicles along Winterpit Lane. An e-mail had been received from WSCC Highways which, unfortunately, offered no immediate solution to the problems in Church Lane. The Clerk was asked to invite WSCC Highways (Chris Stark) to a meeting with the Chairman and Councillor White to discuss the need for revised signage and width/weight restrictions along Winterpit Lane and Church Lane in more detail. **Action: The Clerk**

c) Rabbit Patch Nursery ('Idmiston'), Handcross Road

Mr. Douglas Lyons and his daughter, Alex, gave a presentation, pre formal Planning Application, of their revised proposals for the establishment of a new children's Nursery School ('Rabbit Patch Nursery') at 'Idmiston' on Handcross Road. The Chairman stated that, before the Council reviewed the revised plans and drawings, he would like to say that LBPC welcomed new businesses coming to the village and he very much hoped that the applicants and the council could work positively together to form an acceptable Planning Application. The plans and drawings were then reviewed at the meeting. There were a few concerns noted regarding children's safety resulting from increased traffic to/from the busy Handcross Road and parking considerations at 'Idmiston'. The council felt that these concerns were answered satisfactorily with proposed safety precautions being outlined. It was considered that LBPC would be registering those concerns again when responding to the formal Planning Application (PA) but that, in general, they would be supportive of the applicants and would have no major objections to the PA.

d) Hedges.

Cllr. White provided details of a large number of hedges and other miscellaneous items that required attention around the village/parish. Most of these had previously been advised to the Clerk or, in 3 cases, are identified at Section 12 of these Minutes. The Clerk advised that he had auctioned several of these but, due to his absence during the majority of September (hospital & holiday), he had not had time to progress all of them yet.

Action: The Clerk

e) Problems with inconsiderate Parking on Hampshire Hill.

Residents would be proceeding with an application for a TRO to restrict parking on the hill although they had been warned by WSCC Cllr. Watson that this was likely to be an extremely protracted procedure. LBPC stated that they would fully support the TRO application. In the meantime, the Clerk was requested to explore other means of progressing the matter by a) chasing up the police for some action (they had previously been notified and had said that they believed the parking was a traffic offence) and b) set up a meeting between The Wheatsheaf Inn/LBPC/Hampshire Hill Residents to see what else might be done.

Action: The Clerk

- 4. Minutes of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, 30th August 2016.** The Minutes, having been circulated to all members, were agreed as accurate (Proposed by Cllr Lloyd, Seconded by Cllr Hough) and were duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters/Actions Arising from Previous Minutes

- a) Overgrown Hedge on Warninglid Lane. The Clerk was requested to write to the land owners, Eastman Estate, asking them to arrange cutting of the hedge fronting the road.
Action: Clerk

6. Website

Councillor Hough proposed that, because of the current drop in number of new/renewing advertisers, together with the problems in chasing advertisers for renewal fees, LBPC should, in future, adopt a procedure whereby a one-off charge was sought from businesses rather than annual renewal charges. The proposal was approved by the Council.

It was agreed that, at the next meeting (25th October), the Council would discuss some fund raising ideas to support the website advertising revenue and running costs.

7. Matters for Consideration

1) Speeding Traffic through the Village (including proposed restrictions in Mill Lane).

The TRO for speeding controls to be set up in the village centre i.e. Leechpond Road/Handcross Road/Sandygate Lane had been approved by WSCC. After some discussion, and bearing costings in mind, it was agreed that the Council should request the provision of white gates ('entering a speed control area') at entrances to those roads together with conventional 20/30 m.p.h. signage. The Clerk was asked to set up a meeting with Chris Stark of WSCC Highways to discuss signage and payment for it in greater detail.

Action: Clerk

2) New Playground

Cllr Daniels reported that the slight tear in the fake grass and the tightening of the zip wire remained outstanding for repair.

8. **Neighbourhood Plan.** In the absence of Councillor Peckham, a report was not given.

9. **Reports from other Authorities.**

(i) **County Councillor's Report.** In the absence of WSCC Cllr. Brad Watson a report was not available.

(ii) District Councillor's Report. HDC Cllr.Toni Bradnum reported as follows:-

- a) HDC Cllr. Bradnum is trying to get a new speed limit of 30m.p.h. established on the stretch of Brighton Road between Monks Gate and Church Road, Lower Beeding.
- b) As recently reported in the County Times, an Anti Social Order was being applied for by HDC in respect free running and public drinking in Horsham Centre.
- c) Following recent parish boundary changes, 3 new HDC Councillors are going to be appointed shortly.
- d) From 1st.October 2016, the Hop Oast Public Waste Disposal Site will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

10. Planning.

(i) Applications considered at the Meeting

DC/16/1842 (High Plovers, Hammerpond Road, Plummers Plain) – Removal of Condition 2 (Agricultural Occupancy)

LBPC have No Objections in principle but will leave the decision to HDC Planning.

DC/16/1884 (8, Crabtree Cottages, Brighton Road, Lower Beeding) – Change of Windows and Front Door

LBPC have No Objections

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

None

(iii) Decisions Made

None

(iv) Other Planning Issues

None

11. Litter Warden. The Clerk advised that, due to his absence during the majority of September (hospital & holiday), he had not had time to progress the matter this month.

Action: The Clerk

12. Highways, Pathways, Footpaths and Hedgerows.

- (a) **Pavement Clearing.** The Clerk advised that, due to his absence during the majority of September (hospital & holiday), he had not had time to progress the matter this month.
Action: The Clerk
- (b) **Hedge at Junction of Warninglid Lane & Plummers Plain.** The Clerk was asked to write to the Eastmans Estate requesting them to take action to cut the hedga back from the road frontage. **Action: The Clerk.**
- (c) **Hedge alongside Leonardslee in Brighton Road.** The Clerk has written to Leonardslee asking them to take action to cut the hedge back from the road frontage and clean the pavement of debris.

13. Care of the elderly in the Parish

This item was deferred to the next Meeting.

14. Commemorative Tree and Plaque for Colin Makey.

The plaque remains to be sourced, priced and purchased. **Action: Clerk**

15. HALC

The Chairman had undertaken, at the previous meeting (29th. September) that he would attend the HALC Meeting, at Pulborough Village Hall, on 29th September 2016..

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

No items were raised.

17. Finance

- (i) **Accounts Status/Summary at 30th.September 2016.** This had been previously circulated to Councillors and was summarised by the Clerk at the Meeting.
- (ii) **September 2016 Cheques for signature.** As per Accounts Summary.
- (iii) **Section 106 Report.** Current Total available, per HDC Report, is £21,048.47 i.e. £74,805.00 (June 2016 Report) less £53,756.53 released for the new Playground Facilities.
- (iv) **Other Matters.**
None

18. Any Other Business + Literature for Circulation

Various literature received was circulated to Councillors for reading.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to confirm what was the maximum number of Councillors that LBPC were permitted to have under the rules. The Clark replied that it was 9 – therefore with the recent resignation of Ian Shaw, we currently had 1 vacancy.

19. Date of Next Meeting (Tuesday, 25th October 2016).

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 p.m.

Signed _____

Date _____