

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Church Room, Plummers Plain on
Tuesday, 29th November 2016 at 7.30p.m.

Present :

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

WSSC Councillor Brad Watson and HDC Councillor Toni Bradnum

23 members of the Public & Rev. Mark Betson

Clerk: Michael Tuckwell

SECTION 1 (Lead Councillor : Ed Allen, Chairman)

- 1. Apologies.** There were no apologies for absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest from members in respect of any items in the Agenda.** The Chairman declared an interest in item 15 (i), Planning Application No. DC/16/2492 and advised that he would therefore not be voting on same.
- 3. Discussion with Katy Bourne, Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner.** Cllr. Michael Lloyd gave a brief summary of the background to Katy Bourne's visit/talk to Lower Beeding Council and residents i.e. there had recently been a spate of crime and unsocial incidents in the village which LBPC considered were not being given a high enough priority and presence by the police. He then thanked Katy for coming and welcomed her to the Meeting.

Commissioner Bourne explained how the old ways of policing have had to adapt to new crimes. The single biggest type of crime in the Sussex area now was fraud including cyber fraud. Child abuse cases cost a total of £3 billion pounds to pursue annually. The Commissioner stated that *her* job was not to identify and arrest criminals but to represent the public's views and perceptions to the police. She pointed out that, where police resources were excessively stretched, the Chief Constable of Sussex can empower Community Wardens as circumstances allow. Despite recent cutbacks and area reorganisation of PCSOs, Commissioner Bourne stressed that LBPC should invite their PCSO to a Council Meeting only when there is a specific item of policing that needs to be discussed and not as a standing requirement. LBPC should particularly ask them to attend the Annual General Meeting however.

4. Public Forum (Part 1) (Council agree to adjourn proceedings for questions from members of the public). There were no questions raised.

5. Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 25th October 2016. The Minutes, having been circulated to all members, were agreed as accurate (Proposed by Cllr Miller, Seconded by Cllr Ward) and were duly signed by the Chairman

6. Co-Option of New Councillors. The Council unanimously agreed (proposed Cllr. Miller and seconded Cllr. White) that Mr. Andy Hinton should be elected to the Council and that Mrs. Leslie Bamford should be a non-voting member of the Planning Sub-Committee (proposed Cllr. Peckham and seconded Cllr. Ward).

7. Matters/Actions Arising

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

Cllr. White reported that, following a recent, very positive, meeting with Chris Stark, WSCC Highways it was hoped that new 30m.p.h. restrictions will be in place in Handcross Road and on Leechpond Hill before Christmas.

Cllr. White advised that a school travel plan would be required.

(b) The TRO process for Mill Lane is underway and a speed survey has been commissioned.

(c) Speed of traffic and damage caused to trees and verges by heavy commercial vehicles along Winterpit Lane. This was discussed at the recent meeting with WSCC Highways (Chris Stark) although no immediate solutions to the problems in Church Lane were forthcoming or proposed.

(d) Problems with inconsiderate Parking on Hampshire Hill.

This was discussed at the recent meeting with WSCC Highways (Chris Stark) who undertook to respond to the Council against the notes of the meeting drafted and issued by the Chairman. **Action: Chris Stark, WSCC**

WSCC Cllr. Brad Watson advised that he believed that a TRO would be required to be raised and agreed for this matter. He further advised that, typically, and in the current financial climate, TROs took between 18 months and 2 years to be put in place. It was agreed that the Chairman, Cllr.White and the Clerk would get together to prepare a TRO with supporting data/documentation. **Action: Chairman/Cllr. White/Clerk.**

8. **Delegation of Responsibilities of Councillors.** This matter had been covered/agreed at the previous LBPC Meeting and was now in practice (see Section headings for these Minutes. No further discussion required.

SECTION 2 (Lead Councillor : Gevin White)

9. Highways & Traffic

Refer to Item 7 above.

10. Pathways, Footpaths & Hedgerows

- (a) **Hedge Cutting.** All outstanding issues have largely been cleared.
- (b) **Pavement Cleaning.** The Clerk advised that he was still awaiting a response from the HDC Community Service Officer and would send a chasing e-mail/letter.
Action: Clerk
- (c) **Path Clearance and other miscellaneous Items.** Some items are on-going but, due to time constraints at the meeting, it was agreed to defer discussion on them until the next Meeting (January 2017).

SECTION 3 (Lead Councillor : Kate Hough)

11. **Website Report.** Nothing significant to report this month. Cllr. Hough advised that she would ensure that details of website income and costings would be put on the website.

SECTION 4 (Lead Councillor : Geoff Peckham)

12. **Neighbourhood Plan.** The public's responses collected at the recent NP Exhibition had been collated and a scoring system and rating agreed at a Meeting held last week i.e. w/c 21 November. Cllr. Peckham thanked Leslie Bamford for her work in this regard.
13. **Police Activity.** In view of Item 3 of these Minutes (Presentation by Katy Bourne) it was decided to defer this item until the next Meeting.

SECTION 5 (Lead Councillors : Brad Watson, WSCC and Toni Bradnum, HDC)

14. Reports from other authorities

- (i) **County Councillor's Report.** WSCC Cllr. Brad Watson advised that WSCC were in the middle of forming their budget for 2017. It was known that the County was under pressure to save £40,000,000 of costs within the next 12 months.

- (ii) **District Councillor's Report.** HDC Cllr. Toni Bradnum advised that a proposal was to go before the Council next week, recommending that there should in future be bi-weekly litter collections throughout the Horsham District.

SECTION 6 (Lead Councillor : Ed Allen (Chairman) + Clerk

15. Planning

- (i) **Applications for consideration at the Meeting**

DC/16/2492 (Holme Farm Orchard) – Change of Use of Land for Low Key Recreational Camping

LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL FULLY SUPPORT THE VIEWS OF NEIGHBOURS TO HOLME FARM ORCHARD IN OBJECTING TO THIS APPLICATION ON THE GROUNDS OF:-

1) OVER DEVELOPMENT AND OVERUSE OF GREEN FIELD LAND IN AN EXTREMELY RURAL AREA.

2) HIGHWAY ACCESS INTO THE PROPERTY AND INCREASED TRAFFIC IN WINTERPIT LANE.

3) CONCERNS ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY RE DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND PLUMBING ETC.

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

DC/16/2501 (2, Cisswood Cottages) – Demolish Garage and Build Side Extension.

LBPC HAD NO OBJECTIONS

DC/16/2234 (Frogmore Farm) – Replace Exterior Walls.

LBPC HAD NO OBJECTIONS

DC/16/2413 ('Idmiston', Handcross Road) – New Nursery.

SIGNIFICANT COMMENTS RAISED BY LBPC BUT NO OBJECTIONS IN PRINCIPLE

DC/16/2374 (Stable House Cottage) – Extension.

LBPC HAD NO OBJECTIONS

(iii) Decisions Made

None

(iv) Other Planning Issues

None

16. Litter Warden. Further discussion was deferred until the next Meeting.

SECTION 7 (Lead Councillor : Michael Lloyd)

17. Care of the Elderly in the Parish. Further discussion/Update deferred until the next Meeting.

18. HALC. Next Meeting: 18th January 2017, in the AGE UK Offices, Horsham.

19. Annual Grants 2016. The Chairman advised that, early in the New Year 2017, he intended, as part of LBPC's 2017 Financial Review to review the charities and organisations that we currently support and whose funds we contributed to. The review would also cover our Annual Precept requirements and any necessary fund raising activities required. This proposal was put to the Meeting (Proposed Ed Allen, Chairman, Seconded Cllr.Lloyd) and agreed unanimously.

SECTION 9 (Lead Councillor: Ed Allen (Chairman) + Clerk)

20. Public Forum (Part 2) (Council agree to adjourn proceedings for questions from members of the public). There were no questions raised.

21. Finance

- (i) Accounts Status/Summary at 30th November 2016**
- (ii) November 2016 – Cheques for signature**
- (iii) Section 106 Report (Current Total Available £12,254.01 – per HDC)**

22. Any Other Business + Literature for Circulation

The Chairman advised that he was in the process of setting up a 1 day Bespoke Training Course on legal/proper process matters, to be run at Lower Beeding, by Trevor Leggo of SSALC, on 10th January 2017. **Post Meeting Note: Date for the Course revised to and fixed for 17th January 2017.**

23. Date of Next Meeting. The next Meeting of Lower Beeding Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 31st January 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

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