

# LOWER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in the Church Room on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30p.m.

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**Present** : LBPC Councillors: Graham Miller (Vice Chairman/Acting Chairman), Gevin White, Geoff Peckham, Mrs. Kate Hough, Mrs. Jackie Ward, Ian Shaw, Michael Lloyd and Mrs. Jamie Daniels.

Clerk: Michael Tuckwell

Also In Attendance: Lower Beeding Residents Julien Slade, Trevor Whitehouse and Rev. Mark Betson..

- 1. Apologies for absence** were received from LBPC Chairman Ed Allen, WSCC Cllr. Brad Watson and HDC Cllr. Toni Bradnum.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – Vice Chairman/Acting Chairman Graham Miller declared an interest in Planning Application No. DC/15/1999 (Ivy Cottage) which had been added late to the Agenda for the Meeting. The Chairman stated that he was the Applicant and the Owner of the Property. He agreed that he would leave the Meeting whilst the Application was reviewed by the Council under Item 8 of the Agenda..
- 3. Public Forum (Part 1)** – Mr. Julien Slade advised that a Planning Application (PA) for the ex-Howards Nursery site was currently being prepared and should be received by LBPC shortly. He added that he would be happy to answer any questions and give a presentation to the Council once the PA had been received and reviewed.  
It was noted that the Planning Application for the swimming Pool at Beedinglee to be used for public use had been refused by HDC. The reason for this was not entirely clear but it was suspected that it may have been on Health & Safety ground. LBPC and HDC Councillor Toni Bradnum agreed to write to HDC expressing their support for the Application.  
Several Councillors/residents reported that mud on the road, emanating from lorry and agricultural vehicle traffic to/from Stonehouse Farm, continued to be a problem. **Action: The Clerk stated that he would contact WSCC Highways Dept. to see what could be done.**
- 4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015.** The Minutes, having been circulated to all members, were agreed as accurate (Proposed by Cllr. Ward, Seconded by Cllr. Peckham) and duly signed by the Chairman as a true record of the Meeting.

## 5. Matters Arising.

- (i) **Website.** Following successful completion of the refurbishment of Holy Trinity Primary School, Steve Rogers (Project Architect) had forwarded an e-mail to the Clerk, including a number of photographs of the new/revamped school buildings, which he thought the Council might like to publicise on its website. **Action: Councillor Hough asked the Clerk to forward the e-mail so that she could upload the photographs.**

## 6. Matters for Consideration

- i) **Neighbourhood Plan.** Cllr. Peckham and the Clerk were asked to arrange a separate meeting with Dale Mayhew and someone involved in the Neighbourhood Plan from either Nuthurst or West Grinstead, to advise Councillors and answer questions on the process and practicalities of producing a Neighbourhood Plan, as soon as possible. **Action: Cllr. Peckham/ the Clerk**
- ii) **Speeding Traffic through the Village.** Cllr. White advised that there had been no significant progress this month. It was hoped that WSCC Cllr. Brad Watson would be in attendance at the next Meeting so that the issue could be 'kick started' again. **Action: Cllr. White to report on any further progress at the next LBPC Meeting.**
- iii) **Playground Maintenance**  
The Chairman advised that, although S106 funding had been approved by HDC, no further progress could take place until LBPC had raised and forwarded a formal Planning Application for the proposed new playground.

## 7. Reports from other Authorities.

- (i) **County Councillor's Report.** In the absence of WSCC Cllr. Watson no report was available.
- (ii) **District Councillor's Report.** In the absence of HDC Cllr. Bradnum no report was available.

## 8. Planning

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

**DC/15/1960 - Installation of a 32' x 16' Swimming Pool and Plant Room for pool equipment – The Barn, Holme Farm, Winterpit Lane, Mannings Heath**  
**LBPC have No Objection to the Application**

**DC/15/1999 – 2 Room Downstairs Extension – Ivy Cottage, Brighton Road.  
LBPC have No Objection to the Application**

**DC/15/1763 – Fencing – Newells Lodge, Brighton Road  
LBPC have No Objection to the Application**

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

**DC/15/1394 – Replacement of Single Storey buildings with modern steel framed two-storey buildings – Town and Country Turf, Howards Nursery, Handcross Road, Plummers Plain  
LBPC Strongly Objected**

**DC/15/1612 – Conversion of redundant stables to one single storey dwelling – South Plain Cottage, Handcross Road, Plummers Plain  
LBPC had No Objections**

**(iii) Decisions Made**

**None**

**(iv) Other Planning Issues**

**DC/15/2131 – 21 Dwellings on land North of Sandygate Lane  
Formal Planning Application is on its way – to be reviewed by LBPC**

**DC/15/0923 (Devine Homes) – Development of Dwellings on land in Sandygate Lane, opposite Trinity Fields.**

**Formal Planning Application is being prepared. Applicant has requested that they give a presentation on their Proposal to LBPC at the 27<sup>th</sup> October Parish Council Meeting.**

- 9. Highways, Pathways, Footpaths and Hedgerows.** The Clerk advised that all recently reported issues had been forwarded on to either WSCC ('Love West Sussex' website), HDC (re Pavement Clearing) or, in respect of hedge cutting, to local landowners (e.g. Mr. Tregear and Leonardslee).
- 10. Notice Boards.** The installation of two new boards and the refurbishment of one existing board has been satisfactorily completed
- 11. HALC.** The HALC Annual Conference would take place on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> October (9.30a.m to 1.30p.m) at Southwater Leisure Centre. It was unclear if anyone from LBPC would be able to attend.

**12. Public Forum (Part 2).** There were no further significant matters raised.

**13. Finance**

- (i) **Accounts Status/Summary at 30<sup>th</sup>. September 2015.** This had been previously circulated to Councillors and was summarised by the Clerk at the Meeting.
- (ii) **September 2015 cheques for signature.** As per Accounts Summary.
- (iii) **Section 106 Report.** Current Total available £74,805.00 less £59,881.32 allocated for the new Playground Facilities = Nett £14,923.68

**14. Any Other Business + Literature for Circulation**

Various literature received was circulated to Councillors for reading.

It had been agreed that LBPC would purchase and plant, on the Green by Church Close, a Gingko Biloba tree sapling, and also erect a plaque to accompany the tree, in memory of Colin Makey (past Chairman of LBPC). Cllr. Ward advised that before this activity could progress, LBPC would need to obtain WSCC Highways clearance for the tree planting.

**Action: Clerk to submit a completed application form to WSCC Highways for approval.**

It was agreed that Rev. Mark Betson would be asked to provide and install a light, which LBPC would pay for, outside the side entrance to the Church. **Action: Cllr. Peckham**

Thanks were given to Cllr. Geoff Peckham for providing teas and coffees.

**17. Date of Next Meeting (Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup>. October 2015).**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_