

Berwick Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Berwick Parish Council held at the Berwick Village Hall, on Thursday 28th January 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs B. Smith (Chairman), K Winter and V Burrough.

Alison Stevens (Clerk) was also present. There were no members of the public.

Minutes

BP.01.01.16 Apologies: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Bird. Apologies for absence were also received from County Councillor Bennett.

BP.02.01.16 Declarations of Interest and changes to the Register of Interest: There were no declarations of interest nor were there any changes to the Register of Interest.

BP.03.01.16 County Councillor Report: There was no report from the County Councillor on this occasion.

BP.04.01.16 District Councillor Report: There was no report from the District Councillor on this occasion.

BP.05.01.16 Sussex Police: There was no report from the Police but it was noted that the role of the PCSO is changing and the numbers of PCSOs are likely to reduce from July 2016.

BP.06.01.16 Public Question Time: There were no questions from the public on this occasion.

BP.07.01.16 Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 28th January 2016 and matters arising from the minutes:

The minutes of the meeting were reviewed. The minutes were then signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting by the Chairman.

It was noted that;

- the tree outside Crossways on the C39 is causing an obstruction and still needs cutting back. The Clerk will report this to Highways again.
- the hole in the road outside the Cricketers has been repaired but has opened up again. The Clerk will report this to Highways.
- that there was no flooding on the C39 in the recent stormy weather.
- the uneven surface and frequency of the breakdowns of the barrier at the railway crossing have been reported to Network Rail.
- hedging still needs cutting back on the C39 at Coppice Corner and the corner of Lower Wick Street on the left hand side of the road towards Arlington. The Clerk will contact ESCC and Firle Estates.

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BP.08.01.16 Planning Applications: WD20145/2651LB – Berwick Signal Box – replacement of external temporary staircase with new timber stair case – Berwick Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

BP.09.01.16 Reports:

Berwick Playing Field: Councillor Winter reported that although the ground is very wet, there is no rubbish or damage there.

Following a request from Arlington Football Club, Councillors considered the following;

i: erecting nets at the opposite end of the ground to the Village Hall – Councillors asked the Clerk to find out where the existing nets are and report back to the next meeting.

ii: repairing the nets – Councillors asked the Clerk to ask the Club for costings.

iii: fitting new shelving in the shed – Councillors agreed the Club can go ahead.

iv: installing a notice board to advertise football club matches and changing the name of the field to the Corn Farm Ground – Councillors asked the Club to clarify where the sign will go but rejected the request to change the name because it will confuse everyone.

Highways and Transport Matters (including flooding) – It was reported that the road still floods outside Crossways Cottage, Station Road by the 30mph sign on the C39 north of the Common Lane junction. The Clerk will report this to Highways.

BP.10.01.16 Reports by Councillors from Outside Bodies:

Wealden District Association of Local Councils – Councillor Winter attended the WDALC Meeting held on the 13th January. Speakers included the Wealden Borough Commander of East Sussex Fire and Rescue, Mani Gilbert King and Superintendent Warren Franklin, from Sussex Police. The Fire Brigade now has the resources to help parishes carry out Speedwatch exercises. Copies of the minutes of the WDALC Meeting are available from the Clerk.

Village Hall Committee – The next meeting of the Village Hall Committee is to be held on Thursday 18th February. The hall has a new Booking Secretary, Lin Hayward.

Berwick Solar Farm Community Fund Meeting – Councillors resolved to approve the Draft Indemnity Agreement CC/MC078. The Clerk will now notify Wealden who will then issue the formal documents for the Parish Council to execute.

Councillors agreed the Chairman and Vice Chairman will then sign the formal document.

BP.11.01.16 Finance: Members approved the following payments made since the last meeting;

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Cheque 100950	HMRC	£ 544.06
Cheque 100951	A Stevens – Salary – December	£ 435.15
Cheque 100952	A Stevens – Salary – January	£ 435.15

Approval of Accounts to date:

Members approved the accounts to 31st December 2015.

BP.12.01.16 Berwick Recreation Ground: - This was covered under 'Reports'

BP.13.01.16 Questions from Members: Councillor Burrough asked if the Parish Council has received any news about the Solar Farm proposed at Wick Street yet. It has not.

Councillor Smith asked the Parish Council to consider a request from the Alfriston and Cuckmere Valley Community First Responders to provide an Automated External Defibrillator in the village. Councillors agreed to put this on the next agenda and invite someone from the First Responders to be a speaker at that meeting.

Councillor Winter asked if the Fire Service is calling on residents and fitting fire alarms without notice because some residents have received visits. The Clerk will check with the Fires Service and PCSO.

BP.14.01.16 Close of Meeting; The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

The next Full Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 29th March and start at 7pm. It will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 7.45pm. Refreshments will be available.

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Signed: _____

Dated: **30th January 2016**