



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT  
7.00PM AT BRACKLESHAM BARN**

**EWBPC COUNCILLORS** Brian Reeves (BR) Richard Ford (RF)  
**PRESENT:** Doug Holden (DH) Alan Whitcher (AW)  
Joe O’Sullivan (JOS) Emma Cox (EC)  
Pamela Kensington (PK) Mike Dicker (MD)

Graeme Barratt (CDC Councillor)  
Susan Taylor (CDC Councillor)

**APOLOGIES:** James Salamon (JS)  
Elizabeth Hamilton (EH) (CDC Councillor)  
Pieter Montyn (PM) (WSCC Councillor)

**IN ATTENDANCE** Parish Clerk and 4 members of the public

**21.99 Minutes of the Council’s Meeting Held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

Accepted.

**21.100 Declarations of Interest and dispensation requests**

None

**21.101 Chairman’s Announcements**

None

**21.102 Update on actions from previous meetings**

All had been completed.

**21.103 Public Questions**

None had been received in advance of the meeting.

**21.104 District and County Councillors reports**

**GB** – Members bulletin had been circulated. The Peninsula Forum is being reconvened, with the first meeting taking place on 30/9/21 at Selsey Town Hall. It will be an opportunity for the Parishes to feed in all issues regarding to infrastructure, development and community facilities and will be collated for circulation to CDC. PK and AW will attend.

Parking enforcement has been better, especially over the bank holiday weekend, mainly due to a considerable effort by the West Wittering Beach team putting out cones on most roads.

Sewage is still an issue. CDC planning committee deferred two planning applications yesterday, citing sewage as a concern. GB requested that any evidence we have be submitted to CDC.

DH – requested that the road markings in Bracklesham Car Park could be updated as they are unclear at present. GB is also addressing concerns with overnight campers.

**STT** – Special Council meeting on 29/7 was held to provide an update on the Local Plan review. Considered the two critical issues, sewage & the A27. Current legislation means that sewage cannot be a barrier as the water companies must find a solution. This leaves the A27 as the

major stumbling block to delivering development. The proposed mitigation for the A27 (the Stockbridge link road) is not feasible based upon the projected delivery cost of building the road vs. the developer contributions that could be raised. Therefore there is currently no realistic mitigation for the A27 to the effects of development.

A meeting was held between CDC, WSCC and Homes England to see if additional funds for the link road could be found. At present Homes England have indicated that they do not have any money available.

Following advice from the Planning Inspectorate, CDC are now working on agreeing realistic delivery targets for new homes within the existing infrastructure constraints. CDC are having to work on the basis of looking at every possible alternative before a reduction in housing targets can be requested.

BR – has requested that the Clerk write to the communities secretary to request a figure for how much money is currently being held by HE for A27 improvements.

A member of the public asked what other proposals were being considered to show that all options had been considered – ST advised that sites in the north of Chichester District were being reassessed to see if these could be a viable option, although they also face considerable infrastructure challenges.

DH asked if the ‘Hamburger Junction’ proposal with no right turns on to the A27 was still being considered. At present CDC do not have the money to deliver this, so it is not being progressed.

#### **21.105 Reports from Parish Councillors on Meetings attended since 08/07/21**

**Planning committee** had met on 26/7/21 and 06/9/21. Seven applications were considered on 26/7/21, and eight applications were considered at the meeting held on 06/09/21.

**Assets & Open Spaces committee** met on 2/8/21. Minutes had been circulated.

**Discussion with WSCC Highways Team** – BR advised he has attended a meeting with highways planners – they are currently using data based on the 2011 census, which is partly why their advice does not accord with what we see on the ground.

**Village Hall committee 11/8** - £8K start up grant has come in from CDC. The catering committee is currently dormant due to lack of demand.

**Skatepark Supplier Engagement** on 07/9/21 – clarification and further questions session with the suppliers from the framework. A detailed update will follow.

**Barratt David Wilson Homes** 08/09/21 – consultation event re. the proposed 320 houses in Church Road. The event was not very well attended, as it was not well publicised.

**RBL 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event 28/8/21** -

#### **21.106 Co-option to fill vacancies on the Parish Council.**

Three candidates had applied to fill the two vacancies. Joanna El-Batal and Toby Wilshire were in attendance and spoke for three minutes each on why they wished to join the council. John Daborn had sent apologies as he was out of the country and unable to attend.

Vacancy 1 was filled as follows:

Round 1: Toby Wilsher 5 votes, Joanna El Batal 4 Votes, John Daborn 0 votes

Toby Wilshire was duly coopted on to the council

Vacancy 2 was filled as follows:

Joanna El\_Batal 9 Votes, John Daborn 0 votes

Joanna El- Batal was duly coopted on to the council

*Toby Wilshire & Joanna El-Batal were duly **CO-OPTED** on to the council and proceeded to complete their declarations of office. Cllrs Wilsher & El-Batal then joined the meeting.*

**21.107 Budget update**

The Clerk advised that at the end of month 5, 41% of the projected annual budget had been spent. This was in line with expectation. Income received is 73% of the that budgeted, largely due to receipt of grant funds from WSCC for delivery of the holiday scheme. Bracklesham Barn is currently running at a little over 60% of projected income for the year, largely due to a better than expected return to normal activities. The balance of the precept and also any CIL receipts will be due early next month, which will impact income positively.

**21.108 Response to the West Sussex Transport Strategy Consultation**

WSCC had published the transport strategy for 2021. Cllr Dicker offered to summarise the document for council and provide an overview of the proposals. Council agreed to defer their response until the October meeting when they would have had time to read Cllr Dicker's report.

**21.109 Response to the West Sussex Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2021-26 consultation**

Cllr O'Sullivan spoke on this issue. The plan did not appear to give sufficient weight to the risks of coastal flooding.

*Council **RESOLVED** to respond that the strategy does not sufficiently address coastal flooding risk.*

**21.110 Response to the Rampion 2 Windfarm Consultation. (Appendix 4)**

Council had three main concerns regarding the proposals;

- Sea bed disturbance
- Impacts on migratory birds
- Habitat impacts of bringing the cabling on shore

The mitigations for these impacts were unclear in the proposals.

*Council **RESOLVED** to respond that they would like to see how concerns in the key areas had been assessed and how they would be adequately mitigated.*

**21.111 Vision Update.**

Invitations to the forthcoming workshops had been sent to all Vision respondents that had indicated they wished to participate further. Workshop dates are as follows:

[Wednesday 15th September, 7pm-9pm, Booker Green Workshop](#) (Brian Reeves leading)

[Thursday 16th September, 7pm-9pm, Bracklesham Village Centre Workshop](#) (Alan Whitcher Leading)

[Wednesday 22nd September, 7pm-9pm, Parks and Open Spaces Workshop](#) (Richard Ford leading)

[Wednesday 29th September, 7pm-9pm, East Wittering Village Centre Workshop](#) (Joe O'Sullivan leading).

Terra Firma will be in attendance on 15/9, 16/9 & 29/9.

Cllr Cox shared ideas that the children from EW Primary School had drawn on the ideas sheets.

**21.112 Neighbourhood Plan Development.**

The Chairman proposed that work begin again on the Neighbourhood Plan. The project had been paused pending confirmation of housing allocations from Chichester District Council, however, given the ongoing and lengthy delays to the Local Plan Review, it was felt that the Parish Council could not keep delaying the work, which was essential in resisting inappropriate and speculative development and would ensure higher CIL receipts for the community.

*Council **RESOLVED** to begin working on the Neighbourhood Plan, despite the absence of final housing allocations from CDC.*

**21.113 BREW Greenway Proposal**

Sustrans had written to all of the parishes in the Southern Manhood, seeking their support for the BREW Greenway project, to be submitted in response to the WSCC transport strategy consultation. The proposal would seek to link and improve existing cycle routes in the area and to deliver an off-road commuter route to Chichester. Sustrans are working on the document, but would like support from local parishes in identifying suitable routes for inclusion.

*Council **RESOLVED TO SUPPORT** the proposal and identified the following routes for inclusion:*

1. *Link from Medmerry Reserve to Bracklesham via improvements to existing footpath network and additional short linking sections.*
2. *Link from Bracklesham to East Wittering Centre via existing paths linking Stubcroft Lane & Downview as identified in the draft Neighbourhood Plan.*
3. *Link from East Wittering/Bracklesham to Birdham to join with proposed Birdham Greenway commuter route.*
4. *Off- road link from Bracklesham/East Wittering to West Wittering and the Salterns Way.*
5. *Link to the National Coast Path network.*

**21.114 Final review of summer holiday play scheme.**

The holiday play scheme had been very well attended and supported, with 899 sessions of childcare booked over the six-week period. Funding from WSCC had allowed families on low incomes to receive a half day of childcare including a hot lunch for free. These families also had the option to pay a top up fee of £5.00 per day to receive a full day of childcare including a hot lunch. Eligible families took up 386 of these places, with 110 families taking the free offer and a further 276 requiring the subsidised full day of childcare.

513 local families not eligible for the free or subsidised offer paid £10 a day for childcare.

217 Free school meals were provided to eligible families, although it is worth noting that nearly half (169) of families eligible for the hot meal chose not to order it. Coupled with the large number of families who paid the top up for a full day of childcare, this suggests that the most pressing need is for affordable childcare to support working parents on low incomes, with food poverty a secondary, but still significant issue.

We are already funded for the Christmas holidays and hope that WSCC will extend the funding to also cover the half term breaks as well, allowing us to provide the service for all school holiday in the 2021-22 academic year. If WSCC are unable to extend the funding offer, the

Clerk advised that due to the lower sign up for hot meals than budgeted for, there was some underspend of the current grant income which may allow the scheme to be delivered in half term without hot meals and with a small subsidy from the Parish Council.

*Council **RESOLVED** to support the extension of the scheme to cover all school holidays for a childcare only-offer. Hot meals will be added to the offer subject to funding being available from WSCC.*

*Council thanked the Clerk and Deputy for their work in setting up the holiday club and thanked Hannah Ashley-Mills and the team for delivering such a popular and well-used scheme, which had received excellent feedback from the families and children attending.*

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021 AT 7PM AT BRACKLESHAM BARN**

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**The meeting closed at 8.20pm**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Summary of Actions**

<b>Minute number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
21.108	Council to respond to WSCC transport Strategy.	CLERK
21.109	Council to respond to WSCC Flood Riak Management Strategy	CLERK
21.110	Councillors to respond to Rampion 2 Windfarm Extension consultation.	CLERK
21.112	Clerk to arrange meeting for Neighbourhood Plan Group	CLERK
21.113	Council to respond to Sustrans supporting the BREW Greenway proposal and outlining priority routes for inclusion.	CLERK
21.114	Clerk to proceed with organising half term school holiday club, hot meal offer to be dependent upon receiving further funding from WSCC.	CLERK