



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.00PM AT BRACKLESHAM BARN

EWBPC COUNCILLORS Brian Reeves (BR) Joanna El-Batal (JEB)
PRESENT: Doug Holden (DH) Emma Cox (EC)
Joe O’Sullivan (JOS) Mike Dicker (MD)
Pamela Kensington (PK) James Salamon (JS)
Toby Wilshire (TW)

Graeme Barratt (CDC Councillor)
Pieter Montyn (PM) (WSCC Councillor)

APOLOGIES: Alan Witcher (AW)
Richard Ford (RF)
Elizabeth Hamilton (EH) (CDC Councillor)
Susan Taylor (CDC Councillor)

IN ATTENDANCE Parish Clerk

21.115 Minutes of the Council’s Meeting Held on 9th September 2021.

Were agreed as a true record and signed.

21.116 Declarations of Interest and dispensation requests

None.

21.117 Chairman’s Announcements

The Chairman advised members that the annual Remembrance Day parade and service would be taking place on Sunday 14th November and asked members to keep the date free to attend.

21.118 Update on actions from previous meetings

All had been completed.

21.119 Public Questions

None had been received in advance of the meeting.

21.120 District and County Councillors reports

GB – Members bulletin had previously been circulated. Planning appeals had been lodged for the 70 homes West of Church Road and for the mobile telephone mast in Northern Crescent. The Peninsula Forum on 30/9/21 was well attended. Minutes are expected soon. Common themes across all parishes were inadequate infrastructure. GB has requested car charging points be placed in CDC car parks in the Witterings, but it is not yet certain of this is feasible due to power constraints. This could have implications for the whole peninsula as we move to net zero emissions. Parishes need to keep making sure that residents report issues with sewage and flooding. Earnley Concourse planning appeal has currently collapsed due to insufficient information being provided by statutory consultees. It will likely be re-called in November.

JOS noted that EWBPC had offered to make land available at Downview for the mobile telephone mast which had not been pursued by the applicant.

JEB asked how information was being logged – Clerk explained it was via Parish Online mapping system.

MD asked if GB could find out how much the failed appeal had cost.

PM – Has been working to log and address issues with Southern Water. CDC have written to Southern Water to request clarification on the regular stationing of tankers at Pinks Lane in Birdham whenever it rains. Southern Water are working on a strategy for the area, which is due to complete in 2023, with delivery anticipated in 2025.

WSCC have £113,000 S106 money allocated for the provision of a pedestrian crossing in Bracklesham Lane, which will hopefully come forward in the next couple of years.

PM has written a letter to the Observer explaining the reasons for the out-of-date local plan and campaigning for central government to revise the local housing targets.

21.121 Reports from Parish Councillors on Meetings attended since 08/07/21

PPG - 27/9/21. BR had attended.

Planning Committee - had met on 27/9/21. No objections to any applications.

Peninsula Forum 30/09/21 – JOS had attended and circulated his notes – GB has also given an update.

Barratt Homes - had met with the Parish Council on 27/9/21. Notes had been circulated and full update would be provided under agenda item 21.124.

21.122 Response to the WSCC Transport Strategy Consultation

Cllr Dicker had prepared a summary of the document and prepared a list of recommendations.

PK expressed her thanks to Cllr Dicker for summarising the document and providing some outline recommendations.

*Council **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations in the report and directed the Clerk to respond to WSCC highlighting our specific concerns regarding the Manhood Peninsula and our willingness to work with them on developing sustainable transport projects for the area.*

21.123 Budget update

A half year budget report had been circulated to councillors highlighting any areas of concern along with a detailed income and expenditure report and a list of payments made between 1/6/21 and 30/9/21 for ratification.

*Council **NOTED** the budget report and the detailed income and expenditure report.*

*Council **RESOLVED** to ratify the list of payments between 1/6/21 and 30/9/21 totalling **£69,910.94.***

21.124 Planning Issues Update

1) Barratt Homes had met with the council on 27/9/21 to discuss their proposals for a 320 home development at Stubcroft Farm. Councillors expressed their concerns regarding a development of this scale and the impacts that it would have upon the local sewage, surface water flooding and road networks, along with their concerns of the impacts it may have upon the protected habitats at Pagham Harbour, Medmerry and the Selsey-Hounds MCZ.

Barratt Homes have been advised by CDC that they will have to complete a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) before an application can be submitted for planning permission. In the meantime, Barratt Homes have agreed to share their traffic modelling data so that it can be assessed by our traffic consultant. They wish to work with the community to try and ensure that the scheme delivers community benefits – this could include an extension to the land and facilities at Downview, improved off road cycle routes to connect the villages, additional land at the school and the provision of a school drop off area to improve traffic issues in Church Road.

2) Wellbeck have lodged an appeal against the decision to refuse their application for 70 homes West of Church Road. We have met with West Wittering Parish Council (WWPC) and are jointly working on our representations to ensure they are as robust as possible. WWPC are investigating the costs and viability of appointing a barrister to represent them at the appeal and have asked EWBPC to consider jointly funding this, subject to the costs being reasonable.

The critical challenge is to gather the evidence that we need – we need everyone to send us evidence that we can capture in our database.

PM is pressuring the Highways team to update their traffic modelling to be more accurate and to reflect the reality on the Peninsula.

3) We have requested a revised timetable from CDC for the completion of the local plan review. The Hunston Neighbourhood Plan has just been rejected by CDC on the basis that it is premature until the work on traffic modelling and sewage capacity has been completed, revised housing delivery targets have been agreed and housing allocations have been made for the various settlements. This may impact upon the development of our Neighbourhood Plan, so we are awaiting clarification from CDC on if it is appropriate to proceed at this time.

MD asked if we could prepare an interim statement whilst we develop the neighbourhood plan.

21.125 Vision Update

Three workshops had been held to look at Booker Green, Bracklesham Village Centre and East Wittering Village Centre.

Attendance was low at each event – with over 2/3 of those booked to attend not turning up on each day. Attendance was between 4-6 members of the public at each event.

Key themes that emerged from all workshops were the need to improve accessibility and safety, so this will be the focus for the next phase of the Vision.

A meeting with Terra Firma is planned for 10/11/21 to begin looking at projects in more detail, incorporating the workshop feedback to provide draft projects with some initial outline costings.

PK asked if we can find out who owns the steps by Boots. GB will speak to the planning team at CDC to see if any enforcement action can be taken against the landowners.

21.126 To Accept the terms and conditions of the New Homes Bonus 2021 Grant Award.

The town council had been successful in their application for £23,000 towards the refurbishment of the youth centre and were required to accept the terms and conditions of the funding and sign the funding agreement.

*Council **RESOLVED** to accept the funding terms and conditions and authorised the Clerk to sign the agreement with CDC.*

21.127 To note the conclusion of the annual audit 2020-21

Council had received the final report from the external auditor, which noted no concerns and had been published on the council website.

*Council **NOTED** the successful conclusion of the 2020-21 annual audit.*

21.128 To Approve the installation of lighting columns at Downview Park

The existing lighting bollards at Downview park had been vandalised and ripped out of the ground, so there was currently no lighting for users of Downview Hall. There have also been a number of arson attempts underneath the wooden skateramp. There is also very limited visibility for the football club and pavilion in the winter months as the path and compound are not lit.

In order to improve safety and security, the Clerk proposed that 5 solar powered 5m high lighting columns be installed. These would improve visibility along the southern edge of the field, making the area safer for park users, and hopefully address some of the concerns with anti-social behaviour as residents in Downview Close would now have a clear view of the area from their rear first floor windows.

The Clerk had placed an open call for quotations, so far one supplier had responded, but the call did not close until 26/10/21.

BR requested that the PCSO and Community Warden try and identify the culprits. BR requested that the council again ask the Girl Guides if they would allow us to install CCTV at Downview park to assist in keeping the area more secure. JS suggested that we could use an off grid solution and would provide details of a possible system.

*Council **RESOLVED** to approve installation of the columns up to a maximum cost of £7595. Final supplier to be confirmed after 26/10/21.*

21.129 To approve hedge cutting works at Bracklesham Park and Downview

The Clerk had asked the parish maintenance contractor to provide a cost for trimming the hedges at Bracklesham Park and Downview which need attention.

The Clerk had also been working with Greenbelt to address the overgrown vegetation to the south of the boundary ditch, which would be cleared over the winter months. Greenbelt had alerted the Clerk to the fact that they are not responsible for the land South-East of the footbridge and ditch, which is owned by the original property developer Taylor Wimpey. The Clerk is trying to contact and agree with the landowner for this area to be cleared at the same time as it is severely overgrown. There is a risk that they will not engage. The Clerk advised that the work would need completing regardless and the Parish Council may have to fund all of the clearance costs for this section.

*Council **RESOLVED** approve the cost of £4,410 for the hedge cutting works at Bracklesham Park and Downview as per the quotation supplied by Andrews Garden Services.*

Council **RESOLVED** to delegate the approval of the joint ditch clearance work along the Southern boundary of Bracklesham Park to the Assets & Open Spaces committee up to a maximum cost of £10,000.

21.130 To consider projects for the CDC Draft Infrastructure Business Plan

CDC had requested that the Parishes review the Draft Infrastructure Business Plan to check that it included all current projects that they had identified for delivery and that any completed projects had been removed.

Council **RESOLVED** to add the provision of a cycle link from East/Wittering Bracklesham with the proposed Birdham Greenway and refurbishment of the old youth club building on to the IBP and to remove the provision of an outdoor gym at Bracklesham Park as that has been delivered.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD THURSDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7PM AT BRACKLESHAM BARN

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The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed _____ Chair

Date _____

Summary of Actions

Minute number	Action	Person Responsible
21.122	Clerk to advise WSCC of our concerns regarding the Transport Strategy	CLERK
21.126	Clerk to sign and return NHB funding agreement to CDC	CLERK
21.128	Clerk to arrange installation of lighting columns at Downview up to a maximum cost of £7595.	CLERK
21.128	JS to provide details of possible CCTV solution to Clerk	CLLR SALAMON
21.129	Clerk to arrange for trimming of hedges with Andrews Garden Services.	CLERK
21.130	Clerk to advise CDC of changes to the IBP	CLERK