



EAST WITTERING & BRACKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14th APRIL 2022 AT 7.00PM AT BRACKLESHAM BARN

<u>EWBPC</u>	Brian Reeves (BR)	Joanna El-Batal (JEB)
<u>COUNCILLORS</u>	Pamela Kensington (PK)	James Salamon (JS)
<u>PRESENT</u>	Alan Whitcher (AW)	Mike Dicker (MD)
	Doug Holden (DH)	
<u>OTHER</u>	Graeme Barratt (CDC Councillor) (GB)	
<u>COUNCILLORS</u>	Elizabeth Hamilton (CDC Councillor) (EH)	
<u>PRESENT</u>	Susan Taylor (CDC Councillor) (STT)	
	Pieter Montyn (WSCC Councillor) (PM)	
	(joined at 8pm)	
<u>APOLOGIES</u>	Richard Ford (RF) (attended by Zoom, but did not participate in voting)	
	Emma Cox (EC)	
	Toby Wilsher (TW)	
	Joe O'Sullivan (JO'S)	
<u>ABSENT</u>	James Salamon (JS)	
<u>IN ATTENDANCE</u>	Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public	

22.28 Minutes of the Council's Meeting Held on 10th March 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 10/2/22 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.

22.29 Declarations of Interest and dispensation requests

None.

22.30 Chairman's Announcements

Queens Jubilee Event. on 2/6/22 – volunteers needed

Annual Parish Meeting. This needs to be organised this year after a hiatus due to COVID. In the past it has been run in advance of the Annual Council Meeting in May. Chair suggested that this year the council may like to try something different and run it as a separate event a couple of weeks later to encourage people to come and speak to council about the Vision, the Skatepark or other issues. Councillors thought it would be a good idea in order to try and encourage more attendance – possibly with a guest speaker and refreshments provided.

22.31 Update on actions from previous meetings

The Clerk is awaiting a clean copy of the revised Bowls Club lease from Hampshire services. All other actions complete. A volunteer from the community will be needed to take forward the fundraising for the war memorial alterations, as to date no suitable lead come forward.

22.32 Public Questions

Wittering United Football Club advised the council of a new pitch maintenance fund from the FA and asked if the Parish Council would be willing to sign an agreement to support the bid as the landowners of the field. The Council agreed to this subject to the pitch remaining available to all to use.

22.33 District and County Councillors reports

GB - Members bulletin had been circulated. Planning appeal at Lavant had been dismissed on the grounds that the council had a demonstrable 5-year housing land supply. Earnley Concourse appeal took place a couple of weeks ago, so judgement is now awaited from the Planning Inspectorate.

STT – CDC are encouraging all parishes and communities to put on events as a part of the Culture Spark season. Itchenor are organising a historic boat building exhibition. The Novium museum have organised a series of virtual field trips which they are encouraging local schools to take advantage of. The DEFRA consultation into the Glover Report looking at the status of AONB's has now closed. CDC put in a robust response, requesting that AONB's become a statutory consultee in planning matters.

EH – CDC have launched the 'culture spark' season, which is taking place across the district to try and stimulate visitors and businesses and is marking a number of key anniversaries including the opening of the Festival Theatre, the opening of Pallant House Gallery, the opening of the Chichester canal and the opening of the Novium museum. A launch event was held across three nights at Chichester Cathedral, Selsey Windmill and Cowdray Ruins. Events are being organized across the district over the next few months.

PM – A new planning enquiry has been lodged for Church Road in Birdham, representations are due by 31/5/22. PM will be speaking about sewage and waste water issues in the area. DEFRA consultation has been launched into water quality issues, which he would urge all to councillors and the council to respond to. WSCC, East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove have been awarded a £100k grant to explore what is needed to kick start tourism post-covid. Work will begin on this project soon.

22.34 **Reports from Parish Councillors on Meetings attended since 10/03/22**

Planning committee meeting was held on 23/3/22 and two objections were raised including to proposals for 62 homes off Bracklesham Lane. EWBPC restated our objection to the proposed phone mast in Northern Crescent in a submission the planning inspectorate and made explicit our offer of alternative land at Downview. 14/4/22. No objections had been made to any of the applications.

Staffing Committee meeting was held on 13/4/22. Report and recommendations are later on the agenda.

Vision sub-group meeting was held on 17/3/22 to discuss engagement with the shops. Update later on the agenda.

Community Wardens Steering Group held on 30/3/22. PK & AW attended. Minutes had been circulated. Very few parishes sent representatives which was disappointing.

22.35 **Budget update including preliminary year end reports**

Council noted the current budget position which was in line with expectations. Year end reports had been supplied showing a deficit of approx. £15K on the year.

*Council **APPROVED** the list of payments from 1/3/22 to 31/3/22 totalling **£23,163.68***

22.36 **To consider the request from Earnley Parish Council to Support Installation of Village gateway in Clappers Lane**

Council noted the request from Earnley Parish Council to install the village gateways in Bookers Lane, which due to verge widths would actually be situated in East Wittering and Bracklesham. They agreed to support the request on condition that the rear of the gateway included a sign welcoming residents to East Wittering and Bracklesham. The Parish Council had provided similar signs for West Wittering when installing the gateway in Cakeham Road that sat on a busy boundary.

*Council **RESOLVED** to support the request on condition that an East Wittering and Bracklesham sign was included on the other face of the gateway.*

22.37 **To consider the request from West Wittering Parish Council to contribute to the costs of detailed land saturation mapping and expert legal advice commissioned in support of the**

Church Road planning appeal.

Council considered the report detailing the costs incurred by the parishes in defending the appeal and noted how well the councils had coordinated their activity and worked together. Council **RESOLVED** to accept the report recommendation and commit an additional £1625.00 to the costs to cover half of the costs of the land saturation mapping.

22.38 To consider the request from CDC Cllr Sarah Sharp to support a speed reduction on the A286 at Donnington/Apuldram from 50mph to 40mph.

Council had considered the information provided on the proposal. Council discussed the issue, but did not think that the accident data supported the proposal and were concerned that it excluded the junction with Wophams Lane, which has far worse accident data. Council felt that it would be of more value to install a signal-controlled pedestrian crossing at the Marina, which would improve pedestrian safety and naturally slow the traffic in this area and to focus on campaigning for a safe cycle route on the A286.

Council **RESOLVED** not to support the proposed speed reduction.

22.39 Vision Update

A subgroup of councillors had met to discuss the best strategy for engaging with the shops in East Wittering & Bracklesham. The group had agreed that face to face engagement with individual shops was the only way to ensure views were properly gathered and represented. A schedule would be drawn up between councillors to complete the activity using a scripted questionnaire. Terra Firma have provided a list of questions that they would like included, the next stage is to refine the questionnaire script and then complete the work.

The Clerk had completed land ownership search requests with HM land registry at a cost of £911.00.

ACTION: Clerk – to arrange follow-up meeting to finalise questionnaire.

22.40 *To consider the skatepark quotation evaluation and appoint a contractor for the skatepark project

Cllr Ford introduced the item via Zoom and offered to answer any questions. As he was not present, Cllr Ford did not participate in voting on this item. Council considered the report on the ITQ process and the response evaluation and accepted the recommendations.

Council **RESOLVED** to accept the report recommendations and proceed with appointment of the identified contractor.

22.41 *To consider the recommendations of the staffing committee report

Council considered the staffing committee and accepted the recommendations.

Council **RESOLVED** to accept the staffing committee report and implement the recommendations with effect from 01/4/22.

Minute number	Action	Person Responsible
22.30	Clerk to arrange Annual Parish Meeting for a separate date to Annual Council Meeting	CLERK
22.32	Clerk to sign agreement with Football Club to facilitate funding application	CLERK
22.33	Clerk to advise W Wittering of the decision to support additional costs associated with the Church Road planning appeal.	CLERK
22.34	Clerk to advise Cllr Sharp that we cannot support the petition in its current form.	CLERK
22.39	Clerk to arrange follow up meeting for Vision	CLERK
22.40	Clerk to advise Hampshire Services of the decision to appoint Canvas Spaces.	CLERK
22.41	Clerk to implement the recommendations with effect from 1/4/22	CLERK