



## EAST WITTERING & BRACKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022 AT 7.00PM AT BRACKLESHAM BARN

<b><u>EWBPC COUNCILLORS PRESENT</u></b>	Brian Reeves (BR) Pamela Kensington (PK) Alan Whitcher (AW) Joe O’Sullivan (JOS) Toby Wilsher (TW)	Richard Ford (RF) Doug Holden (DH) Mike Dicker (MD) Emma Cox (EC)
<b><u>OTHER COUNCILLORS PRESENT</u></b>	Pieter Montyn (PM) WSCC (arrived at 7.30pm) Elizabeth Hamilton (EH) CDC	
<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>	Joanna El-Batal (JEB) James Salamon (JS)	Graeme Barratt (GB) CDC Susan Taylor (STT) CDC

**IN ATTENDANCE** Parish Clerk  
2 members of the public

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

**22.71 Minutes of the Council’s Meeting Held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 09/06/22 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.

**22.72 Declarations of Interest and dispensation requests**

None

**22.73 Chairman’s Announcements**

The Chairman announced that the Deputy Clerk is leaving the council after four years. He thanked her for her hard work and dedication and the accuracy of her finance and record keeping during this time and wished her every success in her new role.

The Clock service visit is booked for 17 September. Hopefully it will be possible for it be repaired at this time.

**22.74 Update on actions from previous meetings**

All complete.

**22.75 Public Questions**

None

**22.76 District and County Councillors reports**

**EH** - Novium 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary party took place 9/7/22. Was very well attended in the morning, although the Wimbledon finals impacted afternoon attendance.

The tree planting scheme is open again for applications for bundles of trees – this year 50% of the cost will be match funded by CDC with 50% contributed by the applicant.

Full Council meeting next week will be considering a motion that Southbourne be considered a strategic development location for more housing and infrastructure. If this is passed it could further delay the delivery of the Local Plan Review.

**PM** – WSCC have a meeting on 15/7/22. A27 update is still outstanding and this is delaying the development of the local plan. CDC, WSCC and National Highways are having regular meetings, but no information has yet been shared with the local parishes and communities. PM urged the parish councils to write to CDC requesting a clear update on what is happening with A27 mitigation. Considerable S106 contributions have been paid for A27 mitigation, but as yet there

is still no clear information on how it will be spent or what the proposals are for any mitigation schemes.

**22.77 Reports from Parish Councillors on Meetings attended since 09/06/22**

**Planning Committee had met on 27/6/22** – Three applications were considered, all were objected.

**Staffing Committee had met on 7/7/22** - Update to follow later on the agenda.

**Cllr Kensington attended the Chichester County Local Forum on 16/6/22**. Notes had been circulated along with officers and councillors responses to public questions.

**Skatepark consultation events held on 6/7 and 7/7**. Update to follow later on the agenda.

**Cllr Whitcher attended the PPG meeting on 14/7**. Two new doctors have been recruited, although one of the senior doctors has resigned. A paramedic practitioner has also been appointed. The proposed doctors strike is not expected to affect the surgery at this time. Covid and flu vaccines will be taking place in the autumn, but the surgery are awaiting confirmation from the NHS on what the vaccine schedule will be this year.

A new telephone system is being installed in the next few weeks, which should give callers the option to request a call back whilst holding their place in the queue. Hidden hearing will be providing hearing tests on 1/8/22.

**Cllr Wilshire** had attended a number of Culture Spark meetings – The lantern festival is still being planned, although the date is TBC, fundraising is taking place. We are trying to find a pop-up venue in the village for the photographic exhibition. A festival is planned for 20/8/22 to support the people of Afghanistan – this will be a kite-based event.

**Clappers Lane Planning Appeal 14-18 June**, concluded 11/7/22. Representatives attended every day. We are now awaiting a judgement from PINS.

**22.78 Budget update**

Council noted the quarterly report.

Council noted the current budget position which was in line with expectations. Keeping a close eye on costs which are increasing and looking at what can be done to reduce running costs in the future by installing more renewables.

*Council **APPROVED** the list of payments from 1/6/22 to 30/6/22 totalling **£53,184.81***

**22.79 Emergency Plan Update**

Earnley Parish Council had approached the Parish Council to request that the Emergency Plan be reviewed and updated if necessary. They have a new councillor with experience in this area and are willing to take the lead. EWBPC need to nominate one or two councillors to site on the working group to complete the review.

*Councillors Wilshire and O'Sullivan volunteered to sit on the working group. Clerk to advise the Earnley & West Wittering Clerks.*

**22.80 Southern Water DWMP response**

Councillors had read the document and were disappointed by the lack of information on the problems in the Manhood Peninsula. No reference to the Sidlesham WWTW was made in the plan.

*Council **RESOLVED** to respond that the plan does not make any provision for updating the facilities at Sidlesham WWTW despite the long-standing and well-known issues in the area and this is a gross oversight. There is also no long-term plan or provision for moving the Sidlesham WWTW in the event of tidal inundation of flooding.*

**22.81 Skatepark Update**

Councillor Ford provided an update on the first two meetings that had taken place. Canvas Spaces are now preparing a first draft of designs, incorporating the feedback from the key

stakeholders and park users. A second round of meetings are scheduled for 20/7/22 and 21/7/22 to present the first drafts and further refine the designs. A fundraiser is planned at the Shore on 2/9/22.

**22.82 Vision Update.**

The questionnaire for detailed engagement with shops, businesses and immediate residents has been agreed, and now needs to be completed so that detailed designs can be progressed.

**22.83 GLAM Update MPP Mini Holland Proposals**

The Clerk had circulated the information on promoting the development of an integrated cycle network on the peninsula that had been put forward by the Manhood Peninsula Partnership. The mini-Holland project is also looking at how to create a network of quiet lanes to direct cyclists and horses away from main routes and promote safer cycling. The council supported the principle and were keen to try and ensure it is progressed. The project also needs to promote serious commuting routes from the Witterings and Selsey to Chichester.

*Cllr Wilshire volunteered to join the MPP working group as the EWBPC representative.*

**22.84 Settlement Hierarchy letter to CDC**

The Council have prepared a letter for the planning policy team at CDC, requesting that the allocation of settlement hierarchies be looked at again and that the information be updated as it is very out of date. We requested that wider issues around sustainability be considered in the methodology, for example cost of public transport as well as frequency, access to local employment and access to post-16 education within walking or safe cycling distance as there is no funding to support students in this age group with their travel costs and availability of local employment opportunities without the need to travel.

**22.85 To consider if we wish to submit a response the government consultation on the [Principles of Marine Net Gain](#)**

Council agreed that we would submit a response – Cllr Dicker volunteered to prepare our response.

**22.86 Staffing Matters\***

Council noted the update from the staffing committee and agreed to process for recruiting a new Deputy Clerk.

A plan needs to be developed so that emergency cover can be provided out of hours at Bracklesham Barn whilst the Clerk is on holiday in August.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Summary of Actions**

Minute number	Action	Person Responsible
22.79	Clerk to advise W. Wittering and Earnley Clerks of appointments to Emergency Plan review group and arrange a working group meeting.	CLERK

<b>Minute number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>
22.80	Clerk to submit response to Southern Water DWMP	CLERK
22.82	Questionnaire to be completed face to face with businesses	COUNCILLORS
22.83	Clerk to send Settlement Hierarchy letter to planning policy team	CLERK
22.85	Cllr Dicker to prepare council response to principles of marine net gain consultation.	CLLR DICKER
22.86	Council to proceed with new Deputy Clerk recruitment as soon as possible.	STAFFING COMMITTEE