



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY  
13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023 AT 7.00PM AT BRACKLESHAM BARN

**EWBPC COUNCILLORS** Brian Reeves (BR) Pamela Kensington (PK)  
**PRESENT** Joe O’Sullivan (JOS) James Salamon (JS)  
Doug Holden (DH) Joanna El-Batal (JEB)  
Alan Witcher (AW) Emma Cox (EC)  
Toby Wilsher (TW)

**OTHER COUNCILLORS** Susan Taylor CDC Councillor (STT)  
**PRESENT** Pieter Montyn WSCC Councillor (PM)  
Graeme Barratt CDC Councillor (GB)

**APOLOGIES** Richard Ford (RF)  
Elizabeth Hamilton CDC Councillor (EH)

**ABSENT** Mike Dicker (MD)

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

**23.46 Minutes of the Council’s Meetings Held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. ([Appendix 1](#)) PK & JOS

**23.47 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests**

None

**23.48 Chairman’s Announcements**

BR - Welcomed Alan Witcher back after his illness and welcomed Vicky Middleton to the role of new Deputy Clerk.

PK – CDALC (Chichester District Alliance of Local Councils) – These meetings are mostly attended by the councils in the south of district, therefore consideration is needed to make the organisation more relevant to and representative of the whole of the area. Should a steering group be formed would Council consider sending a representative?

**Council RESOLVED it would send a representative should a steering group be formed.**

BR – asked the Council to consider helping East Wittering Community Primary school with the costs of refurbishing the swimming pool. The Woodger Trust have agreed to donate £30,000 to the project, would Council be prepared to grant £20,000 from CIL monies? GB agreed to contact the other parishes to ask for additional contributions towards the costs.

**Council RESOLVED it would grant £20,000 from CIL 2018** -(Discretionary power sports and recreational facilities Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976,S.19)

**23.49 Update on actions from previous meetings**

All Completed.

**23.50 Public Questions**

Concern was raised by a representative of The Residents Association for Tamarisk Walk regarding the works being carried out at Booker Green regarding lack of communication, Health & Safety, timing, and quality of works.

BR – Notices were posted on Booker Green and our social media pages, the works being carried out are in line with the BREW Vision, the timing is a result of the time scale restrictions on the grant from CDC and the quality of all works will be checked once the project is completed.

**23.51 District and County Councillors reports**

GB – has written to Katie Bourne (Police Commissioner Sussex) regarding the lack of visible policing on The Peninsula, the lack of attendance of PSCO's at Parish Council meetings and their visibility in our areas. Once a response has been received, he will share this with the Parishes.

An item had been raised at Birdham PC concerning the lack of updates received by PC's regarding enforcement notices he has written to Shona Archer today to ask for monthly update reports to be reinstated.

Planning appeals have been issued in Birdham, regarding the 150 house site off the Main Road and at Kellys Nursery and a planning application has been received for Russell's Nursery for 14 homes and an industrial unit

ST – The Local Plan consultation is now over and answers are being collated. It is hoped the plan will be submitted to the examiner late Spring, early Summer.

Revisions to the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) have not yet been published.

Two appeals in Birdham are currently on the grounds of non-determination; as the Local Plan is at regulation 19 it will be a material consideration at appeals and planning. As long as The Local Plan is not paused, we have that protection.

PM – No follow up yet from the officers at WSCC regarding the meeting about the Pedestrian Crossing in Bracklesham Lane.

Southern Water have started the sealing of sewers in Itchenor which should reduce the risk of problems in the area, Work is due to be carried out at the Sidlesham Pumping Station and Summer Lane Pumping Station this year to increase the storm capacity which should result in less discharge into Pagham Harbour.

He photographs and reports damaged road signs and potholes.

**23.52 Reports from Parish Councillors on Meetings attended since 09/03/23**

**Planning 13/03/23** Three applications were considered, with no objections recorded.

**Planning 03/04/23** 6 applications were considered, Four with no objection, One objection to 1 Maple Field Tranjoeen, Bracklesham Lane and one objection to the planning appeal for the land at the rear of The Coop Stocks Lane.

**BR & TG** attended a meeting with Tania Murphy & Vicky Mckay CDC and representatives from Billys regarding the proposed changes to Kosy Kot

Billy's have suggested a plan that will improve the disabled access by levelling off level of the area. It was the Foreshore Office that wished to have a turning circle at Kosy Kot it was suggested that this was not needed as not enough launches were being made from the site.

However the possibility of a dropped curb would be investigated to provide a smaller turning.

**BR & TG** attended a meeting with **PM, JEB** and officers from WSCC regarding a pedestrian crossing on Bracklesham Lane. Because a crossing cannot be within 16m of a road or dropped Kurb, a pedestrian crossing would not be a possibility. However WSCC will investigate installing traffic lights at the crossroads, which would incorporate a crossing.

The meeting regarding beach access has now been rescheduled to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**23.53** **Budget update** ([Appendix 2a](#), [2b](#), [2c](#))

Council noted the current budget and bank position which was in line with expectations. Council RATIFIED the list of payments from 01/03/23 to 31/03/23 **totalling £38,798.81**  
PK & DH

**23.54** **Booker Green Update**

Memorial Plaques have been removed and are safe in the PC Office  
The old benches and concrete plinths have been removed; new concrete plinths installed.  
The new benches are being delivered on 17<sup>th</sup> April and will be installed that week. BBQ stands have been dispatched awaiting a delivery date.

**23.55** **To Review the Cleaning Contract for Bracklesham Barn** ([Appendix 3](#))

**Council RESOLVED to award the contract to supplier C with a 6-month probationary period**

BR thanked all the Councillors for their hard work over the past four years.

The meeting closed 20.18

| Minute ref | Action  | Responsible |
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| 23.48      | Grant EWC Primary School £20,000 towards the refurbishment of the swimming pool from CIL 2018 | CLERK       |
| 23.55      | Award the Bracklesham Barn Cleaning Contract to Supplier C                                    | CLERK       |
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