

Berwick Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Berwick Parish Council held at the Berwick Village Hall on 22nd November 2018 at 7:30pm

61. Present

Cllrs K Winter (Acting Chairman), V Burrough and C Bird.

County Councillor N Bennett, Alison Stevens (Clerk) and one member of the public were also in attendance.

62. Apologies for absence

Councillors B Smith, D Robinson and S Carnie sent apologies for their absence which were duly accepted by the Parish Council.

District Councillor P Ede also sent apologies for his absence.

63. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interests nor were there any changes to the Register of Interests.

The meeting was then suspended.

64. Reports from County Councillor

County Councillor Bennett said;

- ESCC has to find further cuts of £46m and it is asking for residents' views. He also said the County Council has put a case forward to Central Government which identifies why such savings here are just not feasible.
- He is waiting for an update on the ESCC response to the Wealden Local Plan. ESCC is worried because the increase in housing numbers will affect our roads and our environment and it also questioned how Wealden distributes the Community Infrastructure Levy.
- ESCC has some Community Match Funding still available. If anyone has some minor works they would like help with, please let him know. Councillor Bird suggested laying a path between Berwick and the Arlington Reservoir. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting. He will let the Clerk have more specific location details and the Clerk will approach County for costings or a ballpark figure.

65. Report from the District Councillor

There was no report from the District Councillor on this occasion.

66. Public Question Time

The owner of Amarisa asked that the hedge opposite his Bed and Breakfast is cut. The Clerk will contact the landowner.

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The meeting was then re-opened.

67. Minutes of the Full Council Meetings held on 27th September 2018 and 23rd October 2018 (previously distributed).

The Minutes of the Full Council Meetings held on 27th September 2018 and 23rd October 2018 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Acting Chairman.

68. Clerk's Report on Matters' Arising from those Minutes

All matter's arising were included elsewhere on the agenda.

69. Planning Applications

SDNP/18/04989/FUL – Drusillas Zoo Park, Alfriston Road – New 'Animal Carousel' ride – Berwick Parish Council has no objections to this application.

70. Reports from Parish Councillors

- i: Berwick Playing Field – There was nothing new to report on this occasion.
- ii: Highways and Transport Matters – There were no new updates on the A27.

71. Reports from Outside Bodies

There were nothing new to report from the Village Hall Committee, the Cuckmere Community Bus, the Tree Warden or the Cuckmere Community Flood Forum.

72. Finance

- i: Approval of payments and receipts – Councillors approved the following payments;

		£
101106	Barkweb - Website	99.00
101107	WDALC - Subscription	10.00
101108	A Stevens - Salary	321.08
101109	A Stevens - Salary	320.68
101110	ESCC - Pension	153.10

- ii: Approval of Accounts to date - Councillors resolved to approve the accounts to the 31st October 2018.
- iii: Councillors considered the draft budget circulated by the Clerk and resolved the precept for 2019-2020 will be £13938. Councillors also resolved to award Berwick Village Hall £500 towards the costs of refurbishing the village hall floor.
- iv: The South Downs National Park Authority has now opened its call for projects for the next round of Community Infrastructure Levy spending. Details can be found on www.projects.southdowns.gov.uk

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73. Proposal to Review the Parish Boundary

Berwick Parish Council has been approached by Alciston Parish Meeting and Selmeston Parish Meeting and asked to review its boundary to include the villages of both Alciston and Selmeston.

The Parish Council would need to be disbanded and a new one set up.

The Parishes affected would also need to petition Wealden for a Community Governance Review (CGR) and 50% of residents would need to agree to the petition.

An election would need to be held following the CGR and because it would not be combined with any other poll, Wealden estimate the costs would be £1835.92 for Alciston, £2055.22 for Berwick and £1881.19 for Selmeston.

Councillors agreed they would like to consider this in more detail at the Full Council Meeting in January to allow for people to be present and asked the Clerk to invite the Chairman of Alciston Parish Meeting and the Chairman of Selmeston Parish Meeting to that meeting.

74. Questions from Parish Councillors

There were no further questions from the Parish Councillors.

There was no further business and this meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____

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