

Berwick Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Berwick Parish Council held at the Berwick Village Hall on 28th March 2019 at 7:30pm

94. Present

Cllrs B Smith (Chairman), K Winter, D Robinson and S Carnie.

Alison Stevens (Clerk) and three members of the public were also in attendance.

95. Apologies for absence

Cllrs V Burrough and C Bird sent apologies for their absence which were duly accepted by the other Parish Councillors.

96. Declaration of Interests

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

The meeting was then suspended.

97. Reports from the County Councillor

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

98. Report from the District Councillor

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

99. Public Question Time

Mr Cooper attended the Public Exhibition held on the 15th March about the A27 East of Lewes Scheme. He said the Scheme has been split into two phases, the second of which includes a footpath to the Berwick Way path. Those who attended the exhibition pointed out the Scheme means residents will have to make several crossings over very busy roads to get to Drusillas.

Mr Bristow asked what is happening at Ludlay Coppice. It is understood the work that is being carried out there is maintenance work which is been carried out after talks with Natural England. It is understood the work is helping to improve the biodiversity there too.

Mr Cooper also asked;

- the Parish Council to find out if it is possible to have 'Cut Engine' signs at the Berwick level crossing. The Parish Council is already looking into this.
- If something can be done about the parking at the former Berwick Stores where vehicles are parking on the pavement and obstructing the footpath. The Clerk will take this up with the Planning Officer.

The meeting was then re-opened.

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100. Minutes of the Full Council Meetings held on 24th January 2019 and 22nd February 2019 (previously distributed).

The Minutes of the Full Council Meetings from both meetings were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

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

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

102. Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered;

SDNP/19/00691/LIS - The Old Rectory The Village Berwick BN26 6SR- Removal of existing timber gates and replacement of new to slightly different design - Berwick Parish Council has no objections to this application.

103. Reports from Parish Councillors

i: Berwick Playing Field – There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

ii: Highways and Transport Matters – Councillors;

- Asked why there is still not a 'No Coaches' sign outside The Cricketers Pub (because the road is too narrow for them to turn round in).
- Asked when the potholes are being repaired in Common Lane. Manholes near Stonery Farm have also sunk and need repairing.
- Pointed out that the white lines at Berwick Village have not been repainted.
- Said a repair outside Sierra Vista is still outstanding despite it being earmarked and a ramp left in place.

The Clerk will take each matter up with Highways.

104. Reports from Outside Bodies

i. Village Hall Committee – There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

ii. Cuckmere Community Bus – The Cuckmere Community Bus still needs more drivers.

iii. Tree Warden – There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

iv. Cuckmere Community Flood Forum – Councillors reported flooding in Arlington between the railway and Chilverbridge Farm. The Clerk will report it to the Flood Forum.

105. Finance

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

		£
101120	Mass Media	124.79
101121	A Stevens	320.68
101122	ESCC	156.17

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101123	A Stevens	320.68
101124	HMRC	641.60
101125	ESCC	156.17
101126	Berwick Village Hall	68.50
101127	Mass Media	50.40

ii: Approval of Accounts to date - Councillors resolved to approve the accounts to the 28th February 2019.

106. Parish Boundary Review

Twenty one residents opposed the proposal to merge Berwick Parish Council with Selmeston and Alciston Parish Meetings, eight supported it. Councillors agreed there was not enough support and resolved that they are therefore unable to proceed with the proposal.

107. Questions from Parish Councillors

There were no further questions from the Parish Councillors.

There was no further business and this meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____

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