

Berwick Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Berwick Parish Council held at the Berwick Village Hall on 25th July 2019 at 7:30pm

20. Present

Cllrs K Winter (Chairman), V Burrough, D Robinson and S Carnie.

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

21. Apologies for absence

Cllr B Smith sent apologies for her absence which were duly accepted by the Parish Council.

22. Declaration of Interests

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

The meeting was then suspended.

23. Reports from the County Councillor

An opportunity has arisen for ESCC to suggest improvements to railway stations. Berwick Station has been awarded £30000, following the disruption faced last summer. Full details can be found on www.passengerbenefitfund.co.uk Please contact County Councillor Nick Bennett on Cllr.Nick.Bennett@eastsussex.gov.uk with any suggestions.

24. Report from the District Councillor

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

25. Public Question Time

Lord Lloyd updated everyone on the Wealden Local Plan.

He said the Plan is currently being examined by the Planning Inspector, the Planning Inspector has been appointed by the Government and her role is to make sure the Plan is legally sound. The Planning Inspector's Public Examination was due to take place between 23rd and 28th May so on the 8th May he asked his solicitor to put an argument together that said the Plan is unsound on the grounds of Air Quality. Just before the 23rd May his Solicitor wrote and explained that there is nothing to be gained by him attending the hearing in person because it could exacerbate things but our objections have been submitted in writing. The Examination did not reach the Air Quality issue in May but it will be covered next week instead. Lord Lloyd plans to attend.

Mr Vine said there is a low lying field on his farm adjacent to the large layby on Wick Street which has a line of large oaks bordering it and he is planning to have an end of Summer party there on September 20th and 21st. There will be live music but only enclosed in 2 large tents and curfewed to 11pm. Wealden District Council granted him a TEN (within

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24 hours of receiving the event plan) and Sussex Police have also given it their blessing. He confirmed he is meticulously following all their guidelines, particularly on traffic management, safety and noise levels. He is working with a professional Event Management company who have their own noise management expert.

He would like to involve any local businesses that could be interested in the event (eg. taxis) and thought that the best place to start would be with the Parish Council. He is not certain how many people will attend yet (although he will be by end of August) but it will be mainly friends and colleagues.

In answer to Councillor's questions he said;

- There will be probably four hundred people there as it's partly to mark his 60th.
- There will be recorded music between 11am and 2pm.
- Noise levels will be managed – there will be a noise risk assessment and a noise level manager.
- The music is likely to start between 5pm and 6pm in the afternoons.
- There will be a charge for entry and lots of marshalls.

If anyone has any problems, business suggestions or concerns they are invited to contact Mr Vine on charles.vine@spafax.com

The meeting was then re-opened.

26. Minutes of the Parish Assembly and the Annual General Meeting both of which were held on 17th May 2019 (previously distributed).

The Minutes of the Parish Assembly and the Annual General Meeting both of which were held on 17th May 2019 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

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

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

28. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

29. Reports from Parish Councillors

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

ii: Highways and Transport Matters – Councillors;

- Noted the findings of the latest Speed Survey and agreed to keep them for reference. The average traffic speed is relatively unchanged although traffic volume in the 24 hr period seemed to have increased by approximately 10%. Councillor Robinson said the few instances where drivers were speeding took place outside peak hours and would therefore not be used as evidence by the other local authorities.
- The last in a series of exhibitions by Highways England, showing their plans for the cycle/pedestrian crossing at the top of The Street, is to be held in Berwick Village

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Hall on 26th July 2019. The exhibitions to date, which were for information rather than consultation, have raised some concerns. If any changes are to be made to the scheme as drawn, we need to give Highways England our views as rapidly as possible. Having taken some soundings, David Quysner, the Chairman of Selemston Parish Meeting, proposes trying to get together in late August. Details of this meeting are available from Mr Quysner at selestonparishmeeting@gmail.com. Responses by email are also invited.

30. Reports from Outside Bodies

- i. Village Hall Committee – The Parish Council noticed the trees overhanging the Village Hall are hitting the sky lights in the wind and asked Lady Lloyd if she can arrange for them to be cut back.
- ii. Cuckmere Community Bus – There was nothing new to report on this occasion.
- iii. Tree Warden – There was nothing new to report on this occasion.
- iv. Cuckmere Community Flood Forum – Councillors invited Councillor Rowlands to their September Meeting to tell us about the work of the South Downs National Park Authority. Councillor Rowlands is one of the East Sussex representatives.

31. Finance

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

		£
101083	Berwick Village Hall - Hall Hire	48.00
101084	ESCC - Speed Survey/Grass Cutting	840.00
101085	Cancelled	0.00
101086	Mass Media - Website Maintenance	189.00
101087	HMRC - PAYE	654.40
101088	A Stevens - Salary	327.05
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101090	ESCC - Pension	486.60

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

32. Questions from Parish Councillors

There were no further questions from the Parish Councillors.

There was no further business and this meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____

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