

# Berwick Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Berwick Parish Council held at the Berwick Village Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7:30pm

33. Present

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

District Councillor D Watts, Vanessa Rowlands (SDNPA) and Alison Stevens (Clerk) were also in attendance. There were no members of the public present.

34. Apologies for absence

Cllrs B Smith and V Burrough sent apologies for their absence which were duly accepted by the Parish Council.

35. Declaration of Interests

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

The meeting was then suspended.

36. Reports from the County Councillor

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

37. Report from the District Councillor

District Councillors Watts said;

- Biffa has now taken over the waste contract, and things are generally going well. He advised residents to call Wealden if any of their bins are missed.
- Residents who did not sign up for brown bin collection and are experiencing delays with their bins being taken away need to call Wealden.
- A decision on the A27 off line road bid is expected soon. Maria Caulfield MP has organised a public meeting about the A27 which is to be held at Berwick Village Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Residents who would like to attend are asked to call 01273 513509 to confirm their attendance.

38. Report from Councillor Vanessa Rowlands, South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA)

Councillor Rowlands said;

- She is a Parish Councillor at Cuckmere Valley Parish Council, which covers Litlington, Lullington and West Dean.
- She is also the Parish Council Representative on the South Downs National Parks Authority.
- The SDNPA is holding a series of workshops for Town and Parish Councils so Councillors can ask questions on any policies and provide clarification on policy matters in its Local Plan. The East Sussex Workshop is being held on 15<sup>th</sup> October at Lewes Town Hall between 18.30 and 21.30. Councillor Dexter will attend from Berwick Parish Council.

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- She is also a member of the Project Board for Seven Sisters Country Park which is currently negotiating to buy the park from ESCC.
- She will arrange for the Parish Council to receive regular newsletters from the SDNPA. Its website is also being redeveloped.
- Residents are invited to join the Citizen's Panel where they can give feedback on SDNPA issues, by either telephone or email. Anyone interested is asked to email [tanya.hibberd@southdowns.gov.uk](mailto:tanya.hibberd@southdowns.gov.uk).
- She will forward a document she has about the roads in the South Downs National Park.

The Chairman thanked Ms Rowlands for attending and Councillor Rowlands left the meeting,

## 39. Public Question Time

There were no questions from the public on this occasion.

The meeting was then re-opened.

## 40. Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (previously distributed).

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were read, confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

## 41. Clerk's Report on Matters' Arising from those Minutes

Ms Blackwood has offered to come and talk to the Parish Council about the Good Neighbour Scheme ahead of the next meeting. Councillors declined the offer but agreed to invite her to the next meeting to talk to everyone at the same time.

## 42. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered;

WD/2019/1801/F - Flat 4 (former Berwick Stores building), Station Road, Berwick BN26 6TA - Proposed division of existing two bedroom flat to provide x2 one bedroom flats – Berwick Parish Council objects to this application because there will be an increase in the number of cars and that will affect the neighbouring properties.

SDNP/19/04208/FUL – Saint Michael and All Angels Church, The Village, Berwick BN26 6SN – Erection of plant room and creation of no. 4 boreholes within paddock adjoining churchyard to facilitate ground source heat supply system. Formation of waste water treatment plant to serve the Church – Berwick Parish Council has no objections on any planning grounds to this application.

## 43. Reports from Parish Councillors

- i: Berwick Playing Field – There was nothing new to report on this occasion.
- ii: Highways and Transport Matters – Councillor Robinson said there were temporary signs at each end of Common Lane recently which obscured drivers' visibility at the junctions. The signs have now been removed but seem to appear on a regular basis. The Clerk said that if

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she knows in future what they were advertising she will ask the organisers to take them away.

Councillor Winter said;

- the fingerpost at the Common Lane/Station Road junction blocks drivers' visibility too. He will take photographs for the Clerk to action.
- The hedge at Common Lane on the opposite corner also needs cutting back. He will send a photograph of that for the Clerk to forward to Highways.

## 44. Reports from Outside Bodies

- i. Village Hall Committee – There was nothing new to report.
- ii. Cuckmere Community Bus – Councillors asked if the CCB would like to send a representative to talk about the service to see if there are any ways they can help increase usage.
- iii. Tree Warden – There was nothing new to report on this occasion.
- iv. Cuckmere Community Flood Forum – There was nothing new to report on this occasion.

## 45. Finance

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

		£
101092	Berwick Village Hall - Grant	500.00
101093	ESCC - Pension	50.00
101094	Firle Management	50.00
101095	L Hayward - Locks	18.80
101096	A Stevens - Salary	327.05
101097	A Stevens - Salary	327.45
101098	ESCC - Pension	162.20
101099	HMRC	654.40
101100	ESCC – Pension	162.20

ii: Approval of Accounts to date - Councillors resolved to approve the accounts to the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

iii: Sources of funding available from ESCC – Councillors discussed the funding opportunities which are available to Parish Councils from ESCC and agreed they would like to consider;

- Providing a defibrillator which could be fitted on an outside wall of the Village Hall.
- Updating the play equipment in the Recreation Ground.

These will be items on the next agenda. The Clerk will ask the Village Hall Committee for permission to site a defibrillator at the Village Hall in the meantime.

## 46. South Downs National Park – Boundary sign consultation

Councillors considered the proposal from the SDNPA to site two boundary signs by Drusillas and agreed they had no objections.

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47. Questions from Parish Councillors

There were no further questions from the Parish Councillors.

There was no further business and this meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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