

Upper Beeding Parish Council

**Minutes of the Upper Beeding Annual Council meeting held at
Beeding & Bramber Village Hall
on Tuesday 24th September 2024 commencing at 7pm**

JPYC – Introduction to Youth Service [presentation](#).

Present: Councillors: F Bull, J Cannon, F Heaver, T Kardos (UBPC Vice Chair), S Teatum and C Warren

Also present: Parish Clerk: Stephen Keogh
M Croker (District Council)
R Noel (District Council)
J Edwards (Co-Option Candidate)
V Heales (JPYC Youth Worker)

C: 0924: 01 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. S Birnstingl, P Bull, C Deadman, B Harber, County Councillor. P. Linehan.

C: 0924:02 Declaration of Councillors personal or prejudicial interest

The Chairman reminded councillors that previous declarations still stand (as defined under the Localism Act 2011).

No further declarations received on this occasion.

C: 0924:03 Minutes of the last meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on held on [23rd July 2024](#)

Proposed Cllr C Warren: seconded Cllr F Heaver and **AGREED**.

C: 0924:04 Public Adjournment

There were no questions from the public.

C: 0924:05 Co-Option of Councillor - To Consider [application](#) for co-option.

Councillors considered an application for co-option from Jessica Edwards.

Cllr Cannon proposed, seconded Cllr F Bull that Jessica Edwards be co-opted, all agreed.

i. Signing Declaration.

Cllr Edwards signed their declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

C: 0924:06 Update from County Councillor –

Cllr P Linehan was unavailable.

Cllr Noel reported on behalf of Cllr Linehan that the White Bridge improvements and replacement, will be delayed by the replacement of the gas supply by SGN. This will now not happen until 2025.

C: 0924:07 Update from District Councillor –

Mike Croker and Roger Noel HDC Councillors.

Cllr M Croker gave a [report](#).

Planning.

- The Creative solutions for the Water neutrality are being proposed and Natural England have been accepted.
- Specific Domestic requirements are being proposed, both local plan and
- Rainwater harvesting for non-domestic.
- Offsetting proposals are being accepted.
- Packaging Company changed to light industrial unit, selling the savings to developers.
- Rainwater harvesting and proposals for the water to be converted to drinking water.
- Boreholes are also being investigated, which have not been used before.
- NPPF have changed to number of dwellings to be built in the district, these figures are different from the emerging local plan and the old NPPF.
- The composition of the planning committees is being reviewed, this may include reducing the size of the different committees and there may be a proposal that local Members not sitting on the committees responsible for their area.
- SDNP to take on the administration of their planning applications. No Clarity on how this will be managed.
- Cllr Noel commented that the increase proposed of 41% will be tempered by the water neutrality issue.

Finance.

- Cabinet meeting, states that the financial year is now 50% of the year.
- Pressure on the Council to balance the budget.
- There is a proposal to increase fees, such as parking and garden waste collection.
- Medium term the future is uncertain. – New government and financial situation.
- The Wilder Horsham Project has been extended by 3 years.

Cllr Warren – Why is Parking charges increasing?

There are certain services which are an easy target for increase.

Cllr Kardos – NPPF states the removal of the First-time buyers and affordable housing.

This may be a change of name rather than a removal of these areas. The 35% social housing is still in place.

C: 0924:08

Neighbourhood Warden Report

Councillors received and **NOTED** the monthly report from [July](#) and [August](#) 2024 provided by the Neighbourhood Wardens.

Members discussed the issue of e-scooters and the way they can be managed, and the riders dealt with by police.

Cllr Cannon stated that there has been a lot of concerns about these vehicles and there has been a discussion with the Wardens regarding a by-law to stop the use on Council Land.

Cllr Bull commented that he feels that data regarding the e-scooters, e-bikes and other vehicles need to be treated differently.

NISA have had a few issues regarding shop lifting.

Problems with the DISC system

Arrests made were not prosecuted.

The Wardens are to visit and explain how DISC can be used to their benefit.

Cllr Heaver asked if there was any scope to ask other local councils, whether they have had any issues with the police.

C: 0924: 09 Budget 2025/26

The Clerk's [Budget for 2025/26](#) report circulated with the agenda, was **NOTED**.
Cllr Noel recommended that the Council could apply for the Peoples Budget grant at HDC.

C: 0924: 10 Facilities Committee minutes for adoption by Full Council –

The Minutes of the Facilities Committee Held on [10th September 2024](#), circulated with the Agenda were **ADOPTED**.
Proposed: Cllr F Heaver; seconded: Cllr C Warren - and agreed.

C: 0924: 11 Clerk Report

The Clerk's [Report](#) circulated with the agenda, was **NOTED**.

The Clerk gave a verbal update that the three main projects would all be commencing in October.

The Clerk was asked to provide an update on the Speedwatch training.

Cllr Bull commented that although he understands that the Council need funds, he was concerned that the Council may miss out if the Clerk insists on maintenance funding for the Speed Indication Display unit.

C: 0924: 12 Saltings Field Loop Pathway Upgrade –

The Clerk's [Update](#) on the works, circulated with the agenda, was **NOTED**.
The Clerk confirmed that there would be no activity for the coming weeks as the EA provide the permit. Following the recent site visit there is an expectancy that the works will commence in the autumn.

C: 0924: 13 Skatepark Upgrade -

The Clerk's [Update](#) on the works, circulated with the agenda, was **NOTED**.
The Clerk confirmed that the frame is being created and will be galvanised, the expected start of the build will be mid-October.

C: 0924: 14 Parish Office –

The Clerk's [Update](#) on the works, circulated with the agenda, was **NOTED**.
The Clerk confirmed that the planning permission should be agreed in the next few weeks and once this has happened the contractors will be invited to quote again.

C: 0924: 16 JPYC Update–

The details of a [presentation](#) were **NOTED**.

C: 0924: 17 Financial Update - Income and expenditure Reports ([summary](#) and [detailed](#)) to date.

The report circulated with the agenda, was **NOTED**.

C: 0924: 18 Bank Reconciliation –

Councillors received and **NOTED** the Bank Reconciliations for [July](#) and [August](#) 2024.

C: 0923: 19 Payments List –

Councillors received and **NOTED** all payments made in [July](#) £32,104.39 and [August](#) £22, 055.08 2024 in accordance with Financial Regulations.

C: 0923: 20 **Climate Matters** – To Consider any Climate issues with regards to the agenda.
Cllr Cannon gave a verbal update on the Climate Action Plan which is being drafted for the Village. This has been sent to Horsham District Council and has been installed onto the 'One Planet' website.

A recent meeting discussed the actions of the Council.
There are several areas where the Council has met the requirements.

Greening Steyning - Eco House Day.

The people in attendance were not in the low-income bracket.

The items which were discussed were the heat pumps and solar panels.

This led to the discussion about how to reach out to the low-income families.

The Warden manager has spoken to the HDC officer who deals with identifying low-income families.

Cllr Bull is very keen to be able to work with the community on the climate change subject.

The one area which needs to be reinvestigated is the public transport issue of increasing the bus provision of one every 30 minutes rather than hourly.

C: 0923: 21 **Correspondence** –
Councillors received and **NOTED** to noted [correspondence](#) received during May and June 2024.

C: 0923: 22 **Chairman's Announcements** – to receive any announcements & matters from the Chairman.

Had attended the Cemex Consultation and commented that there wasn't much that wasn't already known, he reiterated that if the Environment Agency could find not environmental reason for the works at the Hales Tip, that the Parish Council should make this the basis of any response.

Also, this may be a good time to request a levy on the material which may affect the desire for the works if potential income is affected.

C: 0923: 23 **Matters raised by Councillors** - to receive matters for information or for discussion in future agendas.

Cllr Cannon

Had attended a meeting of the PPG. The practice manager has left the surgery and despite having a full quota of medical staff, there is some issues regarding appointments and administration.

The PPG still need some funding and will be sending out a letter asking all parishes for financial support.

The new screen at the Hyde Street Shops is not in the best position and may need to be moved.

Asked for an update on the proposed table tennis table for the recreation ground.

The Clerk will be seeking quotes through the summer.

Cllr Warren

Commented that grass area between the High Trees Roundabout and Dacre Gardens needs to be cut back.

WSSC will be asked when n they are doing this.

Cllr Cannon believes that there is a cut due.

Cllr F Bull

Commented that the speed from the Castletown through to Small Dole needs to be investigated as the drop from 60mph down to 30mph may be a cause for incidents. There have been several applications for speed reductions in the area, the Clerk would investigate the applications currently being looked at.

Cllr F Heaver

Was made aware that Peacehaven Town Council have had a few issues with the Police not attending to their reported incidents despite there being CCTV without any follow up or prosecutions.

He wondered if there was a chance that the Parish Council could contact neighbouring authorities have had similar issues.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed:

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