

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BERSTED COUNCIL
HELD AT 19:00 ON TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2020
AT BERSTED JUBILEE HALL, CHALCRAFT LANE**

Present: Cllrs K. Greenway, R. Headland, P. Hastings, S. Hearn, J. Heaton, W. Kapp, B.D. Knight (Chairman), R. Outen, J. Spencer, P. Woodall and Mrs G Yeates.

In attendance: 2 members of the public
Mrs D. Holcombe (Clerk/RFO) and Mrs S. O'Connell (Deputy Clerk)
Kevin Smith (Bognor Post). Tim Weeks (Park Vision 2020).

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Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Dear and Thompson
D. Cllrs Batley and Lury

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Declarations of Interests

None.

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Public Session started at 19:01

Residents from Babsham Lane spoke to members about the mud on the Chichester Road (A259) from the lorries exiting the recycling centre and the inadequate road cleaning. Cllr Knight informed them that the Parish Council has brought this to the attention WSCC Highways several times over the years but will do so again. They also referred to the problems with two sites at Babsham Business Centre, one has Arun DC enforcement looking into it and the other has a pending planning application (BE/98/19/PL) which has been granted an extension until the end of March. Cllr Mrs Yeates listened to their concerns and will be passing them on to Arun DC.

Public Session ended 19:12

Item 11 of the agenda – Cllr Knight asked that this was brought forward. Members agreed.

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Climate Change – Planting Trees – Park Vision 2020

Tim Weeks, from the Park Vision 2020 project, read out his statement to members about the aspirations of the project to encourage people to plant trees and they will be holding an event at Hotham Park on 23rd, 24th and 25th May. Professionals will be at the event to showcase what can be done and how people can become involved. If parishes or organisations have similar plans, then they can also come along and show what work they are doing and where. A copy his statement is appended to these minutes. Cllr Knight thanked him for coming.

19382

Minutes of the Council of 14th January 2020

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council of 14th January 2020, having been circulated in advance, be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

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Reports from County & District Councillors

a)

West Sussex County Council

C. Cllr D. Edwards did not attend or send a report.
C. Cllr F. Oppler did not attend or send a report.

b) **Arun District Council**

D. Cllr Batley had sent his apologies.

D. Cllr Lury had sent his apologies.

D. Cllr Mrs Yeates reported she had attended the Clinical Commissioning Group and Planning Meetings at Arun DC where they had declared a climate emergency. Arun DC had also agreed the Public Spaces Protection Order, which will be similar to that already in place and covers areas south of A259, Angmering and Bognor Regis and Littlehampton Town centres. Police will continue to have discretionary powers which allows for dispersal in the town centres. Cllr Yeates confirmed she had also attended the Police & Crime Panel which looked at the precept for policing.

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Committee Reportsa) **Infrastructure Committee 15th January.**

RESOLVED to adopt the report from the Infrastructure Committee of 15th January 2020

b) **Forward Plan Committee 15th January 2020**

RESOLVED to adopt the report from the Forward Plan Committee of 15th January 2020.

c) **Bersted Show Committee 21st January 2020**

RESOLVED to adopt the report from the Bersted Show Committee of 21st January 2020.

d) **Community Resources Committee 21st January 2020**

Cllr Hearn gave a brief verbal report.

RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the Community Resources Committee of 21st January 2020.

e) **Finance & General Purposes Committee 28th January 2020**

Cllr Heaton gave a brief verbal report.

RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes to the Finance & General Purposes Committee of 28th January 2020.

f) **Planning, Amenities and Environment Committee 4th February 2020**

Cllr Spencer gave a verbal report.

The Deputy Clerk asked members to consider the request by the Case Officer for BE/137/19/RES to change its decision on this application. The Case officer had asked that in view of an amended plan submitted by the applicant and more information, some of the listed objections were now not relevant. (a copy of the case officers' email had previously been circulated to members)

Members agreed that they would not change the decision to object on the application.

RESOLVED to not change the original comments for objection.

ACTION the Deputy Clerk to inform the Case Officer of the Committees decision.

19386

To approve the choice of designs from the Community Resource Committee (Deputy Clerk) With an overall total spend of £422.50, budget in total already approved by Council of up to £475.78.

a) 3 banners for future Fayres with a total of £105.

b) 2 feather flags for future Councillor Stands with a total of £237.50.

c) Smaller marquee for future Councillor Stands with a total of £80.

RESOLVED to approve the spend on 3 banners, 2 feather flags and a 2x2m gazebo at a cost of no more than £422.50.

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Financial Matters

To approve the Income and Expenditure report for January 2020

The January Income and Expenditure Report was circulated at the meeting to all members. The Clerk/RFO explained that income is up and expenditure is as expected.

RESOLVED to approve the Income and Expenditure for January 2020. A copy is appended to the signed copy of these Minutes.

19388 Council Representation – Barton School

Members were asked for a Councillor to represent the Parish Council on the board of governors at Barton School. Cllr Woodall volunteered to be the Parish Council representative and Cllr Outen agreed to be the substitute.

RESOLVED that the Council would have a representative on the board of governors at Barton School. Cllr Woodall to be the representative for the Parish Council at Barton School, with Cllr Outen as substitute.

ACTION the Clerk to inform Barton School of the representative for the Parish Council and make enquiries of what events they would like them to attend.

19389 Parish Plan

Members were asked to consider the recommendation of the Finance Committee for the future aspirations for the Parish Plan. Members agreed.

RESOLVED to agree the recommendation of the Finance Committee for the future aspirations of the Parish Plan.

19390 Reports**a) Chairman**

Cllr Knight's report was circulated at the meeting and is appended to these minutes.

b) Clerk/RFO

The Clerk/RFO presented her written report which is appended to these minutes.

c) Deputy Clerk/DPO

The Deputy Clerk presented her written report which is appended to these minutes.

d) Reports from outside bodies: -**The Novium Museum**

Cllr Miss Kapp read out her report that she had attended the launch on 23rd January. A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.

The Regis School

Cllr Outen gave a brief overview of the meeting which took place at The Regis School with Principal Mr Mike Garlick and Cllr Lury on the 29th January. The Principle showed them around the school and they then met with 10 pupils that live in Bersted and spoke to them about what activities they would like to see or take part in during school holidays. They were also asked if they would like to represent the youth of Bersted on the Community Resources Committee.

The 39 Club

Cllr Outen felt the club was a bigger project than first anticipated and they need to look at how to move forward as currently only 9 to 10 children are attending weekly. The club needs to consider working with other youth organisations.

Youth Provision Steering Group

Cllr Outen attended a meeting run by Sheila Hodgson at Bognor Town Council. The Town Council are looking at people to engage with the youth of Bognor Regis.

WSCC Partnerships and Community and Chichester University

The Clerk and Cllr Outen met with Jo Cook to look at funding opportunities to help the people of Bersted. The Clerk also informed Council that she and Cllr Outen will be meeting with Clare Deacon the Placements Officer for Chichester University on Wednesday 12th February to discuss the potential of their input into youth activities for Bersted.

