

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
OF BERSTED PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 19:00 ON TUESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2017
AT BERSTED JUBILEE HALL, CHALCRAFT LANE**

Present: Cllrs C. Barratt, H. Carey, K. Greenway, J. Heaton, Miss W. Kapp, B.D. Knight (Chairman), M. Lury, T. Marshall, D. Meagher, P. Ralph, J.R.W. Spencer (Vice Chairman) and Mrs G. Yeates.

In attendance: 0 members of the public.

Mrs D. Holcombe (Clerk) and Mrs S. O'Connell (Deputy Clerk).

D. Cllrs Mrs S Bence, Mrs J Pendleton and Mrs A Rapnik

C. Cllr F. Oppler

17156 Apologies for Absence
Cllrs C. Heaton and D. Lainchbury
C. Cllr D. Edwards

17157 Declarations of Interests
None

17158 Public Session
None

Cllr Knight asked if item 9 of the agenda could be brought forward as D. Cllr Mrs J Pendleton needed to attend another meeting. Members agreed.

17159 Reports from County & District Councillors

a) West Sussex County Council

C. Cllr D Edwards could not attend but had informed the Clerk he had nothing to report and members could contact him if needed.

C. Cllr F Oppler reported that most of his activities had centred around Bognor Regis. He informed members he was surprised that Arun's Development Control Committee had refused the application for 300 houses at Climping when it was part of their strategic housing sites in the Arun Local Plan.

b) Arun District Council

D. Cllr Mrs Rapnik informed members that she had attended a Housing and CS Group meeting at Arun DC, tenants housing was being inspected to agree any works that may be required. She had also attended a session regarding the proposed A27 Arundel bypass.

D. Cllr Mrs Pendleton had nothing specific to report. She informed members that she doesn't sit on any other Committees at Arun now that she is Chairman of Arun DC for the year. She asked if Councillors had any other issues apart from housing she could help with.

Cllr Knight asked that Arun DC and WSCC get together now to discuss the infrastructure of the road network in the area and how to improve it to accommodate the extra housing and business that will be coming.

D. Cllr Mrs Bence reported it had been a quiet month and that development control's decision to refuse on the Climping application had been taken because of the infrastructure issues Highways had.

17160 Minutes of the Council of 8 August 2017

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Council of 8th August 2017, having been circulated in advance, be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

17161 Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

17162 Committee Reports

a) Planning, Amenities and Environment Committee 5th September 2017

Cllr Mrs Yeates gave a brief verbal report from the meeting.

RESOLVED to adopt the Minutes of the Planning, Amenities & Environment Committee of 5th September 2017.

17163 Financial Matters

a) To approve the Income and Expenditure report for August 2017

The August Income and Expenditure Report was circulated at the meeting to all members. The Clerk explained that there were no unusual variances.

RESOLVED to approve the Income and Expenditure for August 2017. A signed copy of the Statement of Receipts and Payments is appended to the signed copy of these Minutes.

b) To receive and if agreed, approve the initial purchase of a defibrillator at a cost of £1366.25, which will be reimbursed.

Members agreed.

RESOLVED to approve the initial purchase of a defibrillator at a cost of £1366.25.

17164 Reports

a) Chairman

Cllr Knights report was circulated at the meeting and is appended to these minutes

b) Clerk

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

c) Deputy Clerk

The Deputy Clerk reported it had been a quiet month, she deputised for the Clerk while she was on leave, the football season was now in full swing and she was still receiving enquires for regular and casual bookings at the hall.

d) Reports from outside bodies

Cllr J Heaton informed members that the play scheme at the Trees Estate had been well attended.

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Correspondence

The Clerk reported that she had received the following correspondence: -
Thank you letters from CAB, Victim Support and Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance following their recent grant awards. Also, a thank you from Carpet Bowls for the free use of the hall for their charity event, which raised £250 for Dementia Care.
An email from WSCC Highways and Transport regarding West Sussex Cycle Summit on 9th October to discuss a programme of improved cycle networks in the county.
The event is at County Hall North, Parkside, Horsham.
A newsletter from West Sussex Police highlighting their problem with fraud against vulnerable and elderly people within the district.
An email from the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner regarding a video enabled justice initiative in Sussex, London and the south east. The scheme will enable witnesses to provide evidence via a video link. Saving police and witnesses time waiting for court appearances.

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Urgent Matters

None

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:42

SignedChairman Date