

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, AMENITIES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
OF BERSTED PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 19:00 ON TUESDAY 7 MAY 2024
AT BERSTED JUBILEE HALL, CHALCRAFT LANE.**

Present: Cllrs P. Ralph, J. Spencer (Committee Chair) and P. Wells, A. Van Koolbergen and G. Yeates. Mrs S. O’Connell (Deputy Clerk) and Ms J. Milson (Community Clerk)

In attendance: 2 members of the public

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Apologies for Absence

None

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Declarations of Interests

Cllr Spencer declared a personal interest in application BE/33/23/PL

Cllr Yeates declared an interest as Vice Chair of Arun DC Planning and Policy Committee.

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Public Session opened at 19:01

A member of the public raised concerns about the amount of road accidents in the parish, specifically Shripney Road and the B2259. They asked if there was information the Parish Council could find on how many accidents, where they were, what time of day and the severity and reason for the accident. This information could be useful in making recommendations for road safety. They asked the Deputy Clerk to contact WSCC to see what information they held.

A member of the public said there was information the public could access, and they would forward the website details to the Deputy Clerk. Members also thought that the location of bus stops along the Chichester Road from the Royal Oak PH to the garage should be looked at.

Another member of the public asked if the Parish Council would consider biodiversity for a strip of land behind the gardens at Ashbee Gardens, it has recently had the grass cut and brambles trimmed down. They felt that this could be left as a meadow for insects, bees, hedgehogs and nesting birds and possible bat boxes. They said the area was maintained by Arun DC. They also asked if the Parish Council had considered promoting Hedgehog highways especially at this time of year, as the hedgehog population is in decline, informing homeowners and schools what they can do. Brent lodge have information on this. The Deputy Clerk asked if email links could be sent to her with this information. A question was asked regarding Electric Charging Points as mentioned in Arun DC’s Direction of Travel Document Consultation. How will Arun deal with flats/homes that do not have driveways to accommodate EV charging points. Members replied that could be put to Arun in response to the consultation.

The session closed at 19:33

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Minutes of the Last Meeting 2 April 2024

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting 2 April 2024, 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

Minute 23485 – Cllr Wells asked if the questions posed by a member of the public regarding Nursery Fields had been answered by Barratt Homes at the infrastructure meeting. The Deputy Clerk informed him that the rep had sent apologies and no report.

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Planning Applications.

- a) App. No. BE/33/24/PL
Site: Lieves Lodge, 84 North Bersted Street

Application: Change of use of 2 existing outbuildings to be used as holiday lets (re submission following BE/117/23/PL). This application affects North Bersted Conservation Area and is in CIL Zone 5 (Zero rated) as other development.

RESOLVED to make the following comment: NO OBJECTION, but would ask for a voluntary biodiversity net gain, such as bat boxes, due to the proximity of the site to The Spinney.

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Planning Decisions

BE/18/24/PL – Garage compound, Holland Close – Refused

BE/23/24/TC - 89 North Bersted Street – No Objection

BE/21/24/PL - Unit G Arun Retail Park Shripney Road (Nando’s) – Approved conditionally.

BE/22/24/A - Unit G Arun Retail Park Shripney Road (Nando’s) – Approved conditionally.

BE/32/24/TC - Walnut Tree Cottage, Shripney Lane, Shripney- No Objection

BE/135/23/PL – 1 Plover Close, Bersted – approved subject to conditions

BE/30/24/HH – 15 Bedford Avenue – approved subject to conditions

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Arun Local Plan 2023-2041 – Direction of Travel Consultation

To consider the consultation and make comments, if any. Consultation runs until 5pm on 13 May 2024. Members discussed the consultation and agreed the following comments.

Climate Change

Page 25 Flooding & Sea Level Rises - para 4.8

Wording needs to be stronger regarding the comment “help minimise flood risk elsewhere” wording should be to prevent the increase of flood risk elsewhere for the benefit of existing and future houses.

Need to add a point – to maintain water courses.

Identify responsibility of watercourses, development should not be permitted where there are existing issues that have been identified and unresolved by the relevant stakeholder.

Economy, health and wellbeing and telecommunications and digital infrastructure

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NHS West Sussex Clinical Commission Group -Has provision been made to expand the capacity of St Richards Hospital with regards to the impact of development in Arun and Chichester Districts?

Page 52 Para 7.12

Transport links for active travel, position of bus stops should be carefully considered, not placed close to junctions.

Page 55 para 7.15

Telecommunications & digital infrastructure must be installed in the appropriate places so as not to impact on the visual character of communities.

Placemaking, Heritage and Culture

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Arun need a requirement to have consistency regarding carbon literacy ensuring homes are as sustainable as possible.

Infrastructure

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Phasing of future development must be done to protect the existing community. Infrastructure must come first.

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A29 improvements – more local solutions needed regarding the economic development at Salt Box using S106 monies. Risks to local people in Shripney & North Bersted should not be made worse by development.

Page 74 para 9.9

Electric charging points – what provisions are being made to accommodate existing flats and homes with no driveway and new builds to connect to EV charging points?

RESOLVED to agree the comments above are submitted regarding the Arun Local Plan 2023-2041 Direction of Travel Consultation.

23531 **Licence Area, Hungry the Jungle Ltd – 293 Chichester Road, Bersted.**
Application for opening hours and licence to sell alcohol 12:00- 23:00
RESOLVED to make **NO OBJECTION**.

23532 **Correspondence**
The Deputy Clerk informed members that Arun DC had sent a list of proposed road names from suggestions for Nursery Fields; Acer, Peony, Dahlia Waterlily, Gladioli, Freesia, Hydrangea, Hosta and Aster.

23533 **Matters Arising**
Cllr Spencer informed members that the drains in North Bersted Street had finally had CCTV inspection and had been cleared.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:38

Signed..... Committee Chair Date