



MINUTES

Confirmed minutes of Full Council Meeting of Binsted Parish Council (BPC) on Tuesday 16th April 2024

24/032	<p>Apologies: Cllr De Sousa, Cllr Melvin, Cllr Clarke, District Cllr Davies Present: Cllr Jones, Cllr Eldridge, Cllr Lock, Cllr Hearne, Mike Mordecai (Clerk), District Cllr Ashcroft</p>
24/033	<p>Declarations of Interests: Councillors were reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation is granted, they may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, any matter in which they have a pecuniary interest. They must withdraw from the room when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter. None Stated.</p>
24/034	<p>Approval of Minutes from 12th Mar 2024 Full Council Meeting: Proposed Cllr Eldridge, Seconded Cllr Locke. Unanimously Approved.</p>
24/035	<p>District Councillor Report: District Cllr Ashcroft reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EHDC Draft Local Plan consultation received over 2,500 comments, which are being assessed in advance of the next draft and further consultation later in the year. Once the plan is finalised it will be sent to the Planning Inspectorate. • There continue to be some issues around bin collections, but the picture has been improving in recent months. • There have been some issues in the District around councillors’ Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, so it would be advisable to review BPC’s forms and update them where required. Action: Clerk to review with councillors. • District Councillors have total grants of up to £3K (previously £5K) to spend in the new financial year. • His thanks to BPC councillors and wider team for their work over the course of the year. • EHDC offices have now moved from Penns Place to Bedford Road.
24/036	<p>Chair’s Announcements: None</p>
24/037	<p>Planning</p> <p>Andrew Kamm: Pre-Application presentation for Shepherd Huts at the Binsted Inn</p> <p>In the last 2+ years, the accommodation at the Binsted Inn has ensured its financial stability. The trend in local pubs closing continues, so the plans for new shepherd huts will increase the Inn’s long-term financial viability in a sustainable way. At least one of the huts will be used as staff accommodation- it is hoped that this will attract high-quality staff in a competitive marketplace. It is hoped that the planning application will be submitted in the next few weeks, with the plan being for the huts to be ready by the Spring of 2025. Andrew then invited questions from the councillors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the current average stay? The vast majority of stays are for 1-2 nights. • Will there be any changes to waste collection required? None anticipated.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will there be sufficient car parking? Yes, parking will be available next to each hut, so existing parking capacity will be unaffected. • How will waste water from the huts be managed? This has not yet been fully designed, but the huts will be plumbed into the mains water and sewerage system. • Noise and Light Pollution: The huts will be high quality single rooms so will attract singles/couples rather than large family groups or parties, so there are no plans currently for outdoor nighttime “curfews”. Outdoor lighting has not yet been fully designed- some lighting will be required for safety reasons. <p>Wyks Cross Farm: Cllr Hearne on behalf of BPC has requested that EHDC Planning Enforcement reviews whether the current building work conforms with the planning application granted. BPC understands that EHDC has requested the contractors stop work as it does not conform to the application granted, and that a new application would be required. District Cllr Ashcroft stated he would be willing to assist if BPC required any additional help and guidance in this area and for this particular case.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Hearne to liaise with district Cllr Ashcroft if required.</p> <p>Other Applications</p> <p>SDNP/24/00921/CND - Blacknest Golf Centre: Object</p> <p>SDNP/22/05710/FUL – Birdworld: No objections</p> <p>SDNP/24/01098/HOUS Calenzana, Frith End Road, GU35 0RA: No objections</p> <p>57951/003/FUL Land North of Dutch Barn, Isington Road: No objections</p>
<p>24/038</p>	<p>Finance and Governance</p> <p>Bank reconciliations for Mar: Proposed Cllr Eldridge, Seconded Cllr Locke. Unanimously Approved.</p>
<p>24/039</p>	<p>Projects and Working Group (WG) updates:</p> <p>Transport Working Group (TWG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The speed cameras purchased via an EHDC grant have been delivered. • The Jalsa Salana Liaison Panel has not met since the last meeting. • It was noted that there had been further delays to the SSEN work on the B3004. • The TWG have a formal meeting planned for next week. <p>Holt Pound Oval Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk reported that a date had been set later in the month for TGMS to perform the site survey for the feasibility study to return the site to multi-sports use. • Clerk also reported that we had not received a response from Jalsa Salana as yet to our email last month requesting additional information regarding traffic management plans for key routes through the parish, which BPC have requested before any further discussions could take place regarding the potential use of HPO as a Park and Ride for the festival. <p>Recreation Ground Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rowledge Cricket Club (RCC) have maintained that they see no need to change the existing contract and have not accepted BPC’s request to meet. BPC have sought advice through

	<p>Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) regarding contracts for use of the Recreation Ground.</p> <p>Communications Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BPC is progressing with plans to overhaul the website- initially via pruning pages no longer required, then amending content for the pages we need/wish to keep, and then look to a re-design to refresh the look and feel and make it easier to find useful information. <p>Blacknest Fields</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The planning application for a new wildlife pond has been submitted. Updated information has been submitted to the Charity Commission.
<p>24/040</p>	<p>Clerk's Notices, Matters Arising, Actions from Previous Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence from Parishioners: A resident has asked SSEN to review whether the overhead electricity lines meet current height above ground level standards. Action: Clerk to liaise with resident and SSEN as required. Clerk attended the Community Rail Partnership regional meeting. It was reported that there was no new news regarding the proposed new bridge at Bentley Station, and that picture frames were now available for community use in the waiting room. Action: Clerk to contact local schools re making use of the picture frames.
<p>24/041</p>	<p>Chair's Closing remarks: None</p> <p>The next full council meeting will take place on Tues 14th May at 7pm.</p>