



MINUTES

Unconfirmed minutes of Extraordinary/Annual General Meeting of Binsted Parish Council (BPC) on Tuesday 28th May 2024

24/057	<p>Apologies: Cllr Eldridge Present: Cllr Jones, Cllr Melvin, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Hearne, Cllr Lock, Cllr De Sousa, Mike Mordecai (Clerk)</p>
24/058	<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>
24/059	<p>Election of Chair: Cllr Melvin proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded Cllr Jones, unanimously approved.</p>
24/060	<p>Election of Vice Chair: Cllr Hearne proposed by Cllr Melvin, seconded by Cllr Lock, unanimously approved.</p>
24/061	<p>Jalsa Salana Travel Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Adeel Shah • Liaison Group operations and issues in 2023 (including rail strike and problems with traffic management company) were summarised. • The full traffic management plan would not be made public due to the festival organisers' concerns regarding security, but a summary would be provided. • 2024- Planned improvements and engagement include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaison Group Working with SSEN- Only Mill Lane closed during festival. Working with Hampshire Highways, the AA, and a new (i.e. different from 2023, but previously used) traffic management company. Additional gates (through golf-club), better signage and traffic lights, continued subsidised train tickets. Social media and text alerts to festival attendees Increased volunteer numbers at key identified junctions to encourage traffic away from single-track roads Proposal to use Holt Pound Oval as Park & Ride • Summary of BPC Questions, Comments and further debate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BPC did not believe that the Liaison Group was effective, and that it was an information giving forum from Jalsa rather than an opportunity for addressing concerns based on the experience in 2023 in 2023, and that BPC were not alone in this view, with other Parish Councils having similar concerns. Adeel did not agree with this view. - That Hampshire Highways and the Safety Advisory Group was yet to receive a Traffic Management Plan. - That the proposals for volunteers at certain junctions were insufficient to stop festival attendees using inappropriate local single-track roads, and that junctions should be manned by the traffic management company rather than volunteers. Action: BPC to make additional suggestions for further junctions that should be avoided/manned. - That there were no contingency plans should there be another train strike.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That there should be a single point of contact should issues arise during the festival. Adeel stated that this would be him. - That SSEN closure of Mill Lane has been underestimated in terms of potential traffic issues. - That BPC were unhappy that a Park and Ride at Holt Pound Oval was part of the current Traffic Management Plan without any agreement from BPC, and that the number of suggested vehicles appeared to us to be unrealistic. There was disagreement between BPC and Adeel re why this option had not been progressed.
24/062	<p>Jalsa Salana Travel Plan Decisions/Actions/Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whilst BPC are not adverse to Holt Pound Oval being used as a Park and Ride for future events, there is insufficient time to make arrangements for 2024, including gaining agreement with the Ball and Wicket pub (an essential element of the plan), footpath access/temporary closure, residents' liaison, wet weather contingency, safe road access, and gaining professional advice on appropriate numbers of vehicles the site could cope with. - Continue to liaise with Jalsa, other stakeholders (including HCC, our County Councillor and local Parish Councils) and local volunteers/Transport Working Group to assist in minimising issues during the 2024 event, and future years.