

The Parish of Upper Beeding



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 23rd May 2024
at 7:00pm in the Beeding & Bramber Village Hall.**

Present:

Parish Councillors: Bob Harber (Chairman), Simon Birnstingl, Frank Bull, Jill Cannon, Chris Deadman, Fred Heaver, Tom Kardos, Sean Teatum, Chris Warren

Parish Clerk: Stephen Keogh (minutes)

Cemetery Clerk: Colette Harber

Residents and members of the public: approximately 11

Horsham District Councillors: Mike Croker and Roger Noel

2024:01 Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council

The Chair of the Parish Council welcomed all present and thanked everyone for attending especially to those presenting. He advised that questions could be asked at the end of each session.

2024:02 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from the following: West Sussex County Councillor – Paul Linehan.

Parish Councillors – Peter Bull

2024:03 Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2023 were **AGREED**

2024:04 Greening Steyning Project

The group started in 2010, as the Greening Steyning, Bramber Upper Beeding Project. A group of ecology enthusiasts trying to highlight global warming and the climate issue.

Initially it was to highlight to national concerns, but it became clear that there was a need to educate local people first.

Most of the events included Talks, having stalls at Fetes and Fairs giving away information and tips etc. Education on solar panels and ways to improve the carbon footprint.

This also included the election hustings to highlight the green concerns, but not aligning to any particular party.

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There was also a regular newsletter to raise the profile.

By 2020 there was to be a celebration of 10 years, but on reflection there appeared to be some concerns that although a lot had been achieved, nothing had changed.

There was a decision to raise the stakes and take a more active role.

This was on the back of the work by Greta Thunberg and the actions of Extinction Rebellion.

Unfortunately, the year was affected by the lockdowns and Covid, so all the proposed events were shelved. However, there was a lot of options opening up as the Internet and social media was being used and new software was available.

The residents were also enjoying the quiet and the fact that cars were less on the roads etc, so they were aware of the climate etc. This led to a decision to have an online survey to use the newfound enjoyment of the countryside and as people were also looking for something to get involved in the survey was a success.

Some of the ideas were well received but some of the controversial ones were less popular.

The main result of the survey was that Greening Steyning were on the right track.

There was also a number of people who volunteered once the lockdowns had ended.

The group were more organised and had 4 distinct areas of concern:

Transport, Biodiversity, Energy and Lifestyle.

The groups had their own ideas, projects to reach their preferred targets.

New ideas included.

Repair Café

Solar Panels and Farms

Climate Café

Recycling Collection Service

Community Fridge - to save waste food.

Life on the Verge

Green Day

Home energy Helpdesk.

LCWIP

Various other projects.

Now there is a better link with the schools, the local Parish Councils work together.

Questions

As the survey was taken some years ago is it possible that the baseline may have altered since the initial survey.

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There is a possibility that a future project will be a similar style of survey. This has been used as a baseline and will continue to do so until a new survey is carried out.

The Solar farm in Small Dole is a good idea in principle, but could the group help the Parish Council to make the correct points to the planning department as there are some concerns that the plans include the removal of historic hedge rows.

The Greening Steyning programme is set to support Solar Panel projects but needs to be sure that all the projects fulfil a range of criteria and are for the good of the climate and the community.

Can there be an update on the White Bridge?

The bridge is still out of use and will continue to be so until the bridge has been replaced.

This will include the removal of the old bridge.

This has been made more difficult, as there are utilities pipes which need to be re-routed and this may take time.

The WSCC update states that the proposed dates are for the 2024/25 financial year there are funds for the design and planning stage.

2025/26 the proposal is for the works to be completed.

The proposed new pathways will be for cycles as well as walkers, this will hopefully reduce the concerns of the users and reduce the need to cross busy roads.

2023:05 Cyber Crime – Daniel Sykes Sussex and Surry Cyber Crime team.

The average person does not have to have a technical computer knowledge to stay safe online.

Half of reported crime is Cyber Crime

£17billion is spent from the economy fighting cybercrime.

The impact of sa cybercrime can have far reaching issues as the victim never sees the perpetrator.

Part of the work is to stop it from happening by targeting the possible culprits at school.

Stopping hackers while it is just fun can stop them turning to a life of crime.

Change their approach so they take on a good job. Free training and advice.

Follow some suitable rules to spot scams.

Never assume that all computers can check the safety of a link.

Simple rules

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Have some security software loaded on the PC or device Windows have an inbuilt one which can help.

Delete malware:

Be aware of your online presence, there can be those who approach by knowing what you buy and companies you use.

This leads to some trust.

They pretend to be a company you have used.

Trojan

Appears harmless but can attach to other programmes for a scammer to take information.

Phishing

Sends out many e-mails and works on the assumption that someone may take the bait.

Spear Phishing

Targets people with e-mails by having knowledge of them so use the well known companies to cover their real reason for contacting a victim.

Ways to reduce the impact:

Backup the device

Keep up to date.

Do not use unknown sites or software.

Have an antivirus software installed.

Look at the quality of the phishing e-mails – spelling and grammar etc.

The message may not be personal, even if from a friend or company you use.

Report to report@phishing.gov.uk

Check for the padlock on the address.

Check for the – HTTPS which shows the safety of the site.

Look out for:

Quizzes – give indication of knowledge and pastimes.

Other tips

Use a third-party payment method, like PayPal or Revolut which will not give the same details each transaction

Phone scams – Never speak first, if you do not recognise the number wait for them as the person will be calling several people through the same route and wait for someone to answer.

Never assume – always verify the source.

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2024: 06 **Open Forum**

The floor was opened to residents for questions and comments.

With no other questions, the Chair thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.