

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING OF THE PARISH OF BERSTED
HELD AT BERSTED JUBILEE HALL, CHALCRAFT LANE, BERSTED
AT 19.00 ON FRIDAY 10th MARCH 2023**

- Present:** Cllr. J. Spencer, Chairman of Bersted Parish Council, in the Chair.
Bersted Parish Councillors: Greenway, Kapp, Lainchbury, Lury, Ralph, Spencer, and Van Koolbergen. and 14 members of the public. Along with Mrs. D. Holcombe, Clerk/RFO and Mrs S. O'Connell, Deputy Clerk.
Also, in attendance were County Cllr K. Greenway, District Cllrs M. Lury and G. Yeates.
- Minute 1** **Chairman's Welcome and Confirmation of the Meeting**
Cllr Spencer, the Chairman, welcomed the Electors and opened the Annual Meeting of Electors.
- Minute 2** **Minutes of the Annual meeting of 23rd March 2021**
The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors' 23rd March 2021 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- Minute 3** **Council Annual Report 2022-2023**
Chairman directed residents to the copies of the Annual Reports available and invited residents to the back page where there is the opportunity to leave feedback or request any further information, Clerk will collate and respond.
- Minute 4** **County & District Councillor Reports**
None were received by the deadline.
- Minute 5** **Motions received.**
None.
- Public session opened at 7.10.
- Minute 6** **Business Raised by Electors.**
Resident of Bersted Park, Mr Paul Wells raised his concerns over the lack of public consultation regarding the proposal for Bersted Park to be included with Bersted Brooks for Country Park status and the impact to Bersted Park residents. His concerns included the fact that Bersted Park was not designed as a Country Park and is unsuitable. In his opinion, increasing parking issues and lack of dog bins would be among the many potential issues. Chair invited County Cllr Greenway to give any further information on the subject, County Cllr Greenway confirmed that he is aware that following the Initial meeting for Internal Stakeholders scheduled at Arun District offices on Wednesday 15th March where further information will be made available, there will be public consultation and at this stage there is still much unknown, but he is happy to feedback after the 15th. Cllr Lainchbury confirmed he agreed with Mr Wells and will be attending the 15th of March meeting, but not as a Councillor, as a resident of Bersted Park and will certainly be raising residents' concerns along with the fact this was not part of the plan to their knowledge when they purchased their homes. Deputy Clerk (Planning Clerk) confirmed that she is awaiting a date for public consultation and will advise as soon as known. Councillor Kapp also raised concerns that if the meetings are scheduled at the district offices in Littlehampton rather than locally this will not make it easy for local residents to attend.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:25

SignedChairman of Council Date