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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SKATEPARK SUBCOMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 8th December 2015 Time: 7.00pm Place: Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

Present:	Cllrs S Birnstingl and C Warren (chairman); subcommittee members Jake Brooker, Sandra Brooker, Leo Jago, Richard Mehmed, Nick Quincey, and Joyce Shaw; one member of the public.
SK:1215:01 <i>Chairman</i>	Mrs S Brooker was nominated as Chairman, agreed to accept office, and was elected unanimously. <i>Proposed by R Mehmed; Seconded by L Jago.</i>
SK:1215:02 <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Mr L Jago was nominated as Vice-Chairman, agreed to accept office, and was elected unanimously. <i>Proposed by S Birnstingl; Seconded by R Mehmed.</i>
SK:1215:03 <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllr R Harber and Rev'd J Challis. Four invitees failed to appear.
SK:1215:04 <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
SK:1215:05 <i>Declarations of interest</i>	There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by Councillors on any of the agenda items below.
SK:1215:06 <i>Short-term security measures</i>	The Clerk noted the need for insurance and health & safety reasons to make the site safe in the short term, pending any longer-term decisions on its future. On request, he agreed to circulate the RoSPA report on the site. Mr Quincey felt that specialist advice was not needed as it was a routine carpentry task to make the ramps safe, whereas several other members of the subcommittee disagreed, feeling that skate ramps are specialised products requiring specialised expertise. A suggestion was made that the site be fenced off pending a decision, using temporary arris fencing units, and Mr Quincy offered to obtain quotations for this and pass them to the Clerk. The clerk noted that the council lacked storage facilities, and the fencing would therefore need to be hired rather than purchased.
SK:1215:07 <i>Consultation to establish demand</i>	It was agreed to not pursue this until the subcommittee had agreed to or discarded the possibility of repair rather than replacement of the ramps.
SK:1215:08 <i>Expert advice and co-options</i>	In order to guide further discussions, it was agreed to obtain quotations from various suppliers, including 9C Ramps (a local firm known to M Brooker). Mrs Brooker agreed to co-ordinate this. The Clerk expressed concern that he lacked the technical expertise to devise a specification for the required works; to assist in devising a specification, Messrs Brooker, Mehmed, and Quincey agreed to inspect the site on Sunday 13 th December at 8.30am.

<p>SK:1215:09 <i>Co-operation with neighbouring parishes</i></p>	<p>Cllr S Birnstingl noted that a Steyning resident had suggested that Steyning and Upper Beeding PCs cooperate in this matter. Cllr Birnstingl believes that such cooperation would not be forthcoming, but agreed to pursue the matter.</p>
<p>SK:1215:10 <i>Issues raised by Small Dole Focus Group</i></p>	<p>Mr Jago noted his email to the subcommittee, and was happy that all skatepark-related matters were being addressed. He will deal with football-related issues raised in the email with Mr Mehmed outside the meeting.</p>
<p>SK:1215:11 <i>Funding options</i></p>	<p>It was agreed to not pursue this until the subcommittee had agreed to or discarded the possibility of repair rather than replacement of the ramps.</p>
<p>SK:1215:12 <i>Next meeting</i></p>	<p>It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 12th January 2015, subject to confirmation of room availability.</p>
<p>SK:1215:13 <i>Matters for information and future agendas</i></p>	<p>There were no items suggested for discussion, or to be placed on a future agenda.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.00pm. The next meeting of the subcommittee will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 12th January 2016, subject to confirmation.

Minutes signed by: **Date:**