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Clerk: Steve Coberman

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SKATEPARK SUBCOMMITTEE

**Date:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016    **Time:** 7.00pm    **Place:** Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

<b>Present:</b>	Sandra Brooker (chairman), Cllrs S Birnstingl, R Harber, and C Warren; subcommittee members Jake Brooker, Rev'd John Challis, Leo Jago, Richard Mehmed, and Joyce Shaw.
<b>SK:0116:01</b> <i>Apologies</i>	Four original invitees, plus Nick Quincey, failed to appear.
<b>SK:0116:02</b> <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
<b>SK:0116:03</b> <i>Declarations of interest</i>	There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by Councillors on any of the agenda items below.
<b>SK:0116:04</b> <i>Minutes (added to agenda after publication)</i>	The minutes of the meeting dated 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by S Birnstingl; Seconded by R Harber.</i>
<b>SK:0116:05</b> <i>Short-term security and repair</i>	The quotation obtained by Mrs Brooker was considered; this recommended repair to the half-pipe and removal of the remainder of the timber at a cost below £1,000. There was general consensus that this was the best way forward in the short term due to both the very poor condition of the timber on the "arms" and the fact that their design was not well liked by users. Having viewed the site, Mr Mehmed demurred, feeling that the arms were still capable of repair. As agreed at the previous meeting, an offer of a loan of security fencing has been obtained from Mackleys; Mr Birnstingl and Mr Mehmed will erect the fencing on Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> January, and will again view the condition of the ramps. The Clerk suggested that if Mr Mehmed could then agree with the consensus that we should proceed immediately, but that otherwise an emergency meeting may be required. He also suggested that a quotation be obtained from the proposed contractor for ongoing maintenance, and Mrs Brooker agreed to approach them for this. Having been advised by Mrs Brooker that the ramps at Southwater were provided by the proposed contractor, she also offered to approach the Southwater clerk to ascertain if she was satisfied with the work.

<p><b>SK:0116:06</b> <i>Long-term replacement</i></p>	<p>It was agreed that long-term replacement, with better design, remained a possibility. Mrs Shaw suggested that the Clerk find out who erected the ramps at Ashington, as this may be an alternative supplier. Mr Warren felt that the parish council should not be expected to fund any substantial capital expenditure, and it was generally agreed that external sources of funding should be sought. Mr Warren also suggested that the District Councillors be approached on the issue of s106 funding from the Heatherdene development in Small Dole (Henfield parish), as the officer has indicated that these funds are no longer available; the Clerk agreed to pursue this.</p>
<p><b>SK:0116:07</b> <i>Next meeting</i></p>	<p>It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015, subject to confirmation of room availability.</p>
<p><b>SK:0116:08</b> <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 7.55pm. The next meeting of the subcommittee will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016, subject to confirmation.

**Minutes signed by:** ..... **Date:** .....