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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SKATEPARK SUBCOMMITTEE

**Date:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016    **Time:** 7.00pm    **Place:** Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

<b>Present:</b>	Sandra Brooker (chairman); subcommittee members Jake Brooker, Leo Jago, Richard Mehmed, and Joyce Shaw.
<b>SK:0216:01</b> <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllr S Birnstingl and Rev'd John Challis; Cllrs R Harber and C Warren did not attend; Nick Quincey has resigned from the subcommittee.
<b>SK:0216:02</b> <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
<b>SK:0216:03</b> <i>Declarations of interest</i>	There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by Councillors or subcommittee members on any of the agenda items below.
<b>SK:0216:04</b> <i>Short-term security and repair</i>	<p>The Clerk reported that he had visited the site in the previous week, and was surprised and disappointed to see that the security fencing had not been erected; he had therefore emailed Cllr S Birnstingl explaining the seriousness of the matter, and the risk to the finances of both the council and individual councillors arising from a negligence claim for personal injury. He explained that if it had not been erected within a week he would take the initiative himself and call in a contractor to erect fencing. Mr Mehmed agreed to contact Mackleys to ensure that the panels were still available, and to contact Cllr Birnstingl to arrange its erection later this week. Mrs Brooker reported on the quotation provided by Radii Ramps, which appeared to provide a way forward. Considerable discussion then took place on the best way forward, which resulted in an agreement (without dissent) on the following, subject to receipt of an acceptable quotation from Radii Ramps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The half-pipe to be repaired (little work is needed on this section) and retained.</li><li>• The eastern arm (nearest the wood), which appears to be capable of salvage, to be repaired and reprofiled to be made less steep, and subsequently retained.</li><li>• The western arm (nearest the football field) to be removed from the site, and replaced by one or more smaller units more suitable for a younger age group to use.</li></ul>

<p><b>SK:0216:04</b> <i>Short-term security and repair (cont)</i></p>	<p>Mrs Brooker agreed to contact Radian Ramps to obtain a quotation for this work, and report back to the subcommittee.</p> <p>There was some discussion of ongoing security; the Clerk noted the fire risk arising from people removing a side panel and lighting a fire inside the unit, and Mrs Shaw noted the possibility (as at Ashington) of leaving one end wholly open so it can be seen into. It was agreed to look into this further. Mrs Shaw also raised the matter of litter, noting that the neighbourhood wardens were originally meant to look after the site; the Clerk noted that the litter warden now visits the site once per week. It was agreed that the aim is to reopen the half-pipe by Easter, and the refurbished unit by early summer. Mr Mehmed agreed to ask Mackleys to trim the height of adjacent trees on their property to allow more light onto the unit.</p>
<p><b>SK:0216:05</b> <i>Long-term replacement</i></p>	<p>The solution described above is intended to be a semi-permanent one, and no replacement is therefore required if this proposal is implemented.</p>
<p><b>SK:0216:06</b> <i>Next meeting</i></p>	<p>It was agreed to hold the next meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015, subject to confirmation of room availability.</p>
<p><b>SK:0216:07</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 7.35pm. The next meeting of the subcommittee will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016, subject to confirmation.

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