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Clerk: Steve Coberman

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SKATEPARK SUBCOMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 8th March 2016 **Time:** 7.00pm **Place:** Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

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| Present: | Sandra Brooker (chairman); Cllr S Birnstingl; subcommittee members Jake Brooker and Joyce Shaw; 1 member of the public. |
| SK:0316:01 <i>Apologies</i> | Apologies were received from Cllrs R Harber and C Warren, and subcommittee members Rev'd Challis, Leo Jago, and Richard Mehmed. |
| SK:0316:02 <i>Questions from the public</i> | There were no questions from the public. |
| SK:0316:03 <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. |
| SK:0316:04 <i>Minutes</i> | The minutes of the meetings dated 8 th December 2015, 12 th January 2016, and 9 th February 2016 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by J Shaw; Seconded by S Birnstingl.</i> |
| SK:0316:05 <i>Matters arising</i> | There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere in the agenda. |
| SK:0316:06 <i>Short-term security and repair</i> | Mr Brooker reported that he had inspected the fencing earlier in the day, and it appeared in place, though it had had to be re-erected several times over the previous month. He noted that Raddi Ramps had phoned Tony Mackley as requested, and that Mr Mackley was unhappy that the installation of the fencing had caused the path to be churned up. It was apparent that there was an assumption that since the fencing had itself come from Mackleys that all parts of the organisation were aware of the proposals; however, the industrial estate and the property ownership were now wholly separate entities. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Mackley to apologise, to explain the latest situation, and to ask for the removal of the barrier at the entrance to the field so that the new contractor could bring in his truck. Mr Brooker noted that there had been over 200 responses to a facebook post he had made regarding the skatepark. |

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| <p>SK:0316:07 <i>Long-term needs</i></p> | <p>The Clerk noted that he had previously advised the subcommittee by email of the council's agreement to the subcommittee's recommendation for a full restoration at a cost of £9,995. At the suggestion of the Clerk, Mr Brooker agreed to create a permanent facebook presence for the skatepark, to act as a "users forum" whereby the users could take day-to-day "ownership" of the site, and possibly also raise funds for improvements. The Clerk requested that Mr Brooker give him a quarterly update from the users forum, for onward reporting to the parish council. Cllr S Birnstingl agreed to put an article in the 3Bs newsletter, and Mrs Brooker offered to prepare copy for the Clerk to pass to the local press announcing our progress. It was felt that there should be an "open day" when works are complete. It was suggested that the parish council might consider properly surfacing the path to the skatepark, and the Clerk was asked to put this on a future council agenda and to let Mr Mackley know. It was also suggested that we ask Mr Mackley to lower the height of the trees alongside the path to allow better air-flow and sunshine, thus limiting the problems caused by damp; the Clerk suggested this be left until the autumn.</p> |
| <p>SK:0316:08 <i>Next meeting</i></p> | <p>It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday 11th May 2016, subject to confirmation of room availability.</p> |
| <p>SK:0316:09 <i>Matters for information and future agendas</i></p> | <p>Mrs Brooker suggested improvements to Small Dole playground, including seating. The Clerk noted that this was already on the agenda for the Amenities Committee on 15th March.</p> |

The meeting closed at 7.45pm. The next meeting of the subcommittee will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Wednesday 11th May 2016, subject to confirmation.

Minutes signed by: **Date:**