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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Date:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016    **Time:** 7.30pm    **Place:** Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs C Warren (Chairman), S Birnstingl, A Chilver, R Harber, P Kentell, and J Rowland; Mrs J Steedman (tree warden).
<b>A:0716:01</b> <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllrs K Bowlan and V Cook (both personal commitments).
<b>A:0716:02</b> <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
<b>A:0716:03</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>A:0716:04</b> <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i>	The minutes of the meeting dated 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2016 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by S Birnstingl; Seconded by J Rowland.</i>
<b>A:0716:05</b> <i>Matters arising</i>	A:0316:06 The Clerk confirmed that the plaque in memory of Mr Mackley remains an outstanding action. A:0316:09 The Clerk tabled quotations from Wicksteed for the flying saucer equipment for the Bramley play area, giving separate quotations for new wetpour or repairing the existing surface. The meeting agreed to go for the former option.
<b>A:0716:06</b> <i>Tree warden's report</i>	The tree warden reported orally and in writing as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Following a request to Will Jones for a TPO on the lime and beech trees in Manor Road (by Towers Road), he had agreed that they are of sufficient amenity value, but notes that the land is owned and managed by WSCC, who are of the same opinion. He will not therefore serve the TPO. The nearby land, which had the recently destroyed horse chestnut, is not, in contrast, WSCC land, but would have been suitable for a TPO. [The Clerk was instructed to draft a firm letter to the offending householder, and pass it to Cllrs Warren and Birnstingl for approval].</li> <li>- Mr Wilburn has not been available to install tree guards.</li> <li>- A rowan in Newland Road is growing lopsided; Simon Zec suggests a formative prune in the autumn.</li> </ul>
<b>A:0716:07</b> <i>Small Dole playground</i>	The Clerk tabled quotations from Wicksteed for a rocking horse unit at Small Dole, which was approved by the meeting. He noted that the suggested climbing frame was too large for its area, and Wicksteed were considering alternatives. The Clerk was asked to put in a s106 claim for the rocking horse.

<p><b>A:0716:08</b> <i>Culvert maintenance</i></p>	<p>The Clerk tabled a response from WSCC noting that they had no routine schedule for clearing culverts. It was suggested that he contact PHB, who did the original clearance work on the culvert on Henfield Road, to ascertain a suitable schedule and obtain a quotation for the work.</p>
<p><b>A:0716:09</b> <i>Moveable speed indicator</i></p>	<p>The Clerk tabled correspondence on the nature of the device recommended by Bramber, and WSCC advice that we couldn't show "30mph" warning in a 40mph area. The meeting noted that the proposed device was therefore unacceptable, and asked the Clerk to pursue the matter with Bramber.</p>
<p><b>A:0716:10</b> <i>Annual playground inspection</i></p>	<p>The Clerk tabled the annual RoSPA playground inspection reports, noting that there were no high risk issues identified. He was asked to pursue other issues with the handyman.</p>
<p><b>A:0716:11</b> <i>Correspondence</i></p>	<p>The Clerk tabled an email from a resident on the High Street noting severe antisocial behaviour in the playground area at night. It was agreed that we should take back the hedge and obtain a quote for fencing. He also tabled an email from a Small Dole resident regarding footpath clearing and parking; it was agreed that this was not a Parish Council matter, and the resident should be advised to report on the Love West Sussex website.</p>
<p><b>A:0716:12</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 8.15pm. The next meeting of the committee will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

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