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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Date:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016    **Time:** 7.30pm    **Place:** Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs C Warren (Chairman), S Birnstingl, K Bowlan, A Chilver, V Cook, P Kentell, and J Rowland; Mrs J Steedman (tree warden).
<b>A:1116:01</b> <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllr R Harber (personal commitments).
<b>A:1116:02</b> <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
<b>A:1116:03</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:1116:04</b> <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i>	The minutes of the meeting dated 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 were approved by all present, subject to a minor correction, and signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by S Birnstingl; Seconded by P Kentell.</i>
<b>A:1116:05</b> <i>Matters arising</i>	A:0916:10: Cllr S Birnstingl confirmed that he was still following up on the Downs Link routes through Streatham Farm.
<b>A:1116:06</b> <i>Tree warden's report</i>	The tree warden reported orally and in writing as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Contractors have been shown the work required in Hyde Street open space, and asked to provide quotes for larger and lesser reductions in height. The manager of Standen Court has requested that the work be expedited.</li><li>- The north hedge at Hyde Street open space was inspected along with Cllr C Warren. Various works were identified, and estimates have been sought. There is room for another three fruit trees, possibly a plum and two pears. [The meeting suggested instead a plum, a pear, and a black mulberry].</li><li>- The ground around our fruit trees, both in Hyde Street open space and in Priory Field, has been weeded.</li><li>- Further planting possibilities have been identified: two further trees on the large verge by 28 School Road, on the verge by 10 Maines Farm Road, and one or two trees in Windmill Close. The first two of these have been requested by residents. [The meeting agreed with all these proposals, and Cllr S Birnstingl suggested that guards should be placed around all verge trees to prevent damage from grass trimmers].</li></ul>

<b>A:1116:06</b> <i>Tree warden's report (cont)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The response from the occupier of 20 Towers Road regarding the felling of the horse chestnut is noted, and an oak might be a suitable replacement.</li> <li>- The response from Mr Stringer regarding the hedge at College Road is noted, and it appears we can now go ahead with the work.</li> </ul>
<b>A:1116:07</b> <i>Felled tree at Towers Road</i>	<p>The Clerk tabled a letter previously sent to the occupier of 20 Towers Road expressing concern at the felling of a large chestnut tree at her property, and the response from the occupier explaining her reasons. This was noted and it was agreed to take no further action.</p>
<b>A:1116:08</b> <i>Hedges at Smugglers Lane and College Road</i>	<p>The Clerk tabled a letter previously sent to Mr Stringer concerning a hedge at College Road, and his response. Resulting from this it was agreed that Mrs Steedman should arrange the trimming of the hedge, and Cllr S Birnstingl would notify WSCC of the problem of overgrowth at Smugglers Lane.</p>
<b>A:1116:09</b> <i>TPOs on trees in linear park</i>	<p>It was felt that some trees at the linear park might warrant a TPO, in view of the recent felling of a tree in the area. The Clerk was asked to raise the matter with Will Jones at HDC.</p>
<b>A:1116:10</b> <i>Vegetation on the riverbank</i>	<p>The Clerk noted that he had received a very reasonable quotation (under £300 a cut) from the grass contractors for trimming the riverbank path between Beeding Bridge and Dacre Gardens footbridge. This was accepted.</p>
<b>A:1116:11</b> <i>Interpretation boards</i>	<p>No further progress was reported on this matter, and it was agreed to put it on the agenda for the March 2017 meeting.</p>
<b>A:1116:12</b> <i>Correspondence</i>	<p>No relevant correspondence was tabled.</p>
<b>A:1116:13</b> <i>Matters for information and future agendas</i>	<p>It was suggested that verge cutting be placed on the agenda for the January 2017 meeting. It was suggested that the two white poplars in the playing field need pollarding, as do the ash trees by the allotments.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.15pm. The next meeting of the committee will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

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