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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 1st November 2016 **Time:** 7pm **Place:** Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

Present:	Cllrs P Kentell (Chairman), S Birnstingl, K Bowlan, A Chilver, R Harber, J Rowland, and C Warren; 3 members of the public.
P:1016:01 <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllr V Cook (personal commitments).
P:1016:02 <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
P:1016:03 <i>Declarations of interest</i>	There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by Councillors on any of the agenda items below.
P:1016:04 <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i>	The minutes of the meeting dated 18 th October 2016 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by A Chilver; Seconded by J Rowland.</i>
P:1016:05 <i>Matters arising</i>	There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
P:1016:06 <i>Planning applications</i>	The following planning application was considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SDNP/16/02453/FUL - single-storey building - Beeding Court, Shoreham Road, Upper Beeding. It was considered that there was insufficient information provided regarding both the structure and location of the proposed building, and the access to Shoreham Road, for the committee to arrive at an informed judgement on the application.

<p>P:1016:07 <i>Riverside caravan park</i></p>	<p>Mr R Paxman, the owner of the site, explained the background to the problem. Having made extensive improvements to the infrastructure, he applied for planning permission to replace the temporary holiday structures with permanent park homes. The Environment Agency refused the application, stating that a flood risk assessment was required. Mr Paxman commissioned the required assessment - which showed that there was no significant risk - and resubmitted the application. The Environment Agency again refused it on the ground of high risk of flooding, and subsequent telephone discussions indicated that they would under no circumstances ever permit development on the site. They also refused to visit the site. Cllr S Birnstingl noted that there had been no flooding on that site in at least 80 years, and that when we met with Environment Agency representatives on 13th January 2015 they indicated that the flood risk was very low. Following discussion, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Environment Agency noting our unhappiness at the contradictions in their policy, their treatment of Mr Paxman, and the impact on the village and the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
<p>P:1016:08 <i>Correspondence</i></p>	<p>No relevant correspondence was tabled.</p>
<p>P:1016:09 <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 7.30pm. The next meeting of the committee will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 15th November 2016.

Minutes signed by: **Date:**