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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Date: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017    Time: 8.00pm    Place: Beeding & Bramber Village Hall**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs S Birnstingl, A Chilver, P Kentell, J Rowland, and C Warren; Mrs J Steedman (tree warden); Mrs S Brooker (skateboard subcommittee).
<b>A:0517:01</b> <i>Election of Chairman</i>	Cllr C Warren was nominated as Chairman, agreed to accept office, and was elected unanimously. <i>Proposed by S Birnstingl; Seconded by J Rowland.</i>
<b>A:0517:02</b> <i>Election of Vice-Chairman</i>	Cllr R Harber was nominated as Vice-Chairman, and having agreed in advance to accept office was elected unanimously. <i>Proposed by P Kentell; Seconded by A Chilver.</i>
<b>A:0517:03</b> <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllrs K Bowlan (personal commitments), V Cook (illness), and R Harber (personal commitments).
<b>A:0517:04</b> <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
<b>A:0517:05</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:0517:06</b> <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i>	The minutes of the meeting dated 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2017 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by A Chilver; Seconded by P Kentell.</i>
<b>A:0517:07</b> <i>Matters arising</i>	There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
<b>A:0517:08</b> <i>Tree warden's report</i>	The tree warden reported orally and in writing as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A flagpole cherry was planted on the verge in Priors Close following a request from a resident.</li> <li>- All outstanding work in Hyde Street open space has now been completed, with the exception of pruning the two large field maples. A planning application for this work was submitted in February, but approval has not yet been received.</li> <li>- The work on the hedge in College Road has now been completed..</li> <li>- The walnut recently planted in Small Dole open space is in a poor condition through lack of water. Heavy watering is required to save the tree. [Cllr C Warren agreed to deal with this].</li> </ul> <p>The Clerk alerted Mrs Steedman to a recent report from a resident that there are dangerous branches hanging from trees in the Bramley play area.</p>

<p><b>A:0517:09</b> <i>Small Dole skatepark</i></p>	<p>The Clerk reported that all works on renewing the skatepark were now complete, and final payment had been handed over. to the contractor. He offered the opinion that the work was to a very high standard, with better materials than before, and providing a more varied skating experience. The amount of work supplied appeared to have been greatly in excess of that quoted for - largely due to damage caused both purposely and inadvertently during construction - and this largely offset the year's delay in completion of the works.</p> <p>The meeting discussed fundraising by users, and agreed that the official opening event should be combined with a fundraising initiative to help pay for ongoing maintenance, and that the event should be held during the school summer holiday period. Final details would be confirmed at the July meeting of the Amenities Committee, and Mrs Brooker offered to approach the contractor to suggest (a) he attends, and (b) he provides prizes. The Clerk was asked to get a second litter bin for the area. Cllr C Warren emphasised the need for users to provide ongoing fundraising support.</p> <p>The Clerk reminded Cllr C Warren that he had agreed to approach the Mackley family regarding improvement to the path between the car park and the skatepark; Cllr Warren indicated that he was reluctant to do this at present, due to the recent deaths in the family. He would, however, raise with them the possibility of lowering the trees along the southern border.</p> <p>The Clerk asked whether the separate subcommittee was still needed, and the meeting agreed that with the reconstruction project now complete that the subcommittee be disbanded and skatepark issues would continue to be dealt with in the Amenities Committee.</p>
<p><b>A:0517:10</b> <i>Bus shelters</i></p>	<p>It was noted that the plastic panels at the bus shelters at Small Dole, Sele Gardens, and Dacre Gardens were all in poor condition, and the Clerk was asked to get the handyman to look at them and see if they could be improved or replaced. The brick shelter by the Rising Sun would be less murky if a solar lighting unit were installed, and the Clerk was asked to pursue this; it was also suggested that an HDC litter bin be added at this site, and the Clerk was asked to follow this up.</p>
<p><b>A:0517:10</b> <i>Beeding in Bloom</i></p>	<p>Cllr P Kentell provided minutes of the Beeding in Bloom AGM, which were circulated ahead of the meeting, and noted. The Clerk gave an update on the progress of sourcing the replacement hanging basket poles, which was under urgent current investigation.</p>
<p><b>A:0517:12</b> <i>Correspondence</i></p>	<p>No relevant correspondence was tabled.</p>
<p><b>A:0517:13</b> <i>Matters for information and future agendas</i></p>	<p>It was noted that there were continuing problems with youths in the Bramley play area at night, causing disturbance to residents (especially at Holly Cottage), and that this should be placed on the next agenda. The Clerk was asked to write on the matter to the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner (Katie Bourne) indicating that we are now being asked to remove public amenities as a result of the disturbances, that there is much public disquiet, and that police patrols must be stepped up.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.50pm. The next meeting of the committee will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

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