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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Date: Thursday 27th April 2017

Time: 7.30pm

Place: Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

Introductory Items

Present	<p>Cllrs S Birnstingl (Chair), K Bowlan, A Chilver, V Cook, R Harber, J Rowland, and C Warren</p> <p>District Cllr D Coldwell</p> <p>Neighbourhood warden M Pearce</p> <p>Ms Sue Vincent and Mr Richard Carpenter (E-on)</p> <p>Mr Andrew Moffat (Chair, Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch)</p> <p>Mr Matthew Thomas (Project Manager, Steyning Downland Scheme)</p> <p>Mr J Teatum (chair, Neighbourhood Plan team)</p> <p>S Coberman (Clerk)</p> <p>Approx 25 members of the public.</p>
Background information	<p>In advance of the meeting, the Clerk distributed around the room copies of the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The meeting agenda;• Minutes of the meeting of 28th April 2016;• Summary accounts for financial year 2016/17. <p>Information and handouts prepared by the Neighbourhood Plan team and the various guest speakers was displayed around the hall.</p>
Welcome	<p>The Chairman welcomed everyone present, thanked them for their attendance, and introduced the councillors and guest speakers. He explained that any matter not already on the agenda may be raised by the public.</p>

Annual Parish Meeting

Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllr P Kentell, County Cllr D Barling, District Cllr B Staines, and neighbourhood warden P Conroy..
Minutes	The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 28 th April 2016, having been on the website for a year, were approved as a correct record. Cllr Birnstingl noted that the Post Office may be located in future in the Hub at the Baptist Church, though there were still administrative issues to resolve. He also noted that work on the skatepark was scheduled to be completed during the coming weekend, and was thanked by Mrs J Shaw for responding to the requests to restore the facility. Mr Birnstingl noted the sever shortage of councillors, and requested volunteers for co-option.
Presentation by E-on	Ms Vincent and Mr Carpenter of E-oN gave an update on the progress the Rampion wind farm project, covering both offshore works and cabling works between Brooklands and Bolney. They noted that 11 turbines had been erected so far, but that onshore cabling was rather behind schedule due to adverse weather conditions. They then replied to various questions raised by the public, and indicated that the onshore works should be completed in 2017. The total duration of the presentation and Q&A was approx 30 minutes.
Presentation by Neighbourhood Watch	Mr Andrew Moffat, Chair of Horsham District Neighbourhood Watch, gave a presentation on the work of the association. He then replied to various questions raised by the public. The total duration of the presentation and Q&A was approx 10 minutes.
Presentation by Steyning Downlands Scheme	Mr Matthew Thomas, Project Manager at the Steyning Downland Scheme, gave a presentation on the work of the association. He then replied to various questions raised by the public. The total duration of the presentation and Q&A was approx 10 minutes.
Presentation by neighbourhood wardens	Mr Mike Pearce, neighbourhood warden, gave a review of the various activities carried out by the wardens in the parish over the previous 12 months, and supplied statistics for crime and antisocial behaviour. The total duration of the presentation and Q&A was approx 10 minutes.
Twinning group	Cllr V Cook gave a report on progress made by the twinning group, following its formation as a result of the presentation at the 2016 APM by representatives of Livré-sur-Changeon. Progress has been limited to date, but the plan to undertake the twinning is nonetheless being actively pursued. She then replied to various questions raised by the public. The total duration of the presentation and Q&A was approx 15 minutes.
Neighbourhood Plan group	Mr Teatum gave a presentation on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, and took questions. He noted that further slippage had taken place, largely as a result of changes to the requirement laid down by Horsham DC, DCLG, and the courts. The latest delay is due to a probable need to undertake a new Housing Needs Survey, and a decision of the future course of the plan will need to be taken at text week's parish council meeting. Cllr Birnstingl thanked Mr Teatum and his team for all their work, presented him with 12 bottles of wine as a token of appreciation of his efforts. The total duration of the presentation and Q&A was approx 20 minutes.

<p>Current local issues & Open forum</p>	<p>The following matters were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>20mph speed limit zone.</i> Cllr Birnstingl noted that a decision on implementing the proposed 20mph zone would be taken at the Chanctonbury County Local Committee meeting in June. There was overwhelming public support for the proposal, which was likely to be approved, though some disquiet was expressed in the meeting that it will have little if any practical effect. - <i>Sign cleaning, vegetation clearance, and verge and footpath cutting.</i> Cllr Birnstingl noted that, as a result of the progressive reduction in service provided by WSCC, the parish council had taken the decision to use its precept to take on responsibility for providing certain services nominally provided by WSCC, in order to maintain the amenity of the villages for inhabitants and visitors. - <i>Interpretation boards.</i> Cllr Chilver, together with Mrs P Nightingale, prepared and circulated some initial ideas for interpretation boards to be placed around the village. Mrs J Shaw suggested a further board to deal with the old coach house wall. - <i>Bus shelters.</i> the poor condition of some of the bus shelters was noted, and Cllr Birnstingl agreed that the matter should be considered at the next meeting of the Amenities Committee.
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The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Minutes signed by: **Date:**