

## UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Date:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017    **Time:** 7.30pm    **Place:** Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs C Warren (Chairman), S Birnstingl, V Cook, R Harber, P Kentell, and J Rowland; Mrs J Steedman (tree warden); Mrs S Brooker and Mr J Brooker (skateboard subcommittee).
<b>A:0717:01</b> <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllr A Chilver (personal commitments). Cllr K Bowlan was absent.
<b>A:0717:02</b> <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
<b>A:0717:03</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:0717:04</b> <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i>	The minutes of the meeting dated 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by S Birnstingl; Seconded by P Kentell.</i>
<b>A:0717:05</b> <i>Matters arising</i>	A:0517:10 The Clerk reported that all hanging basket poles were now erected and in use. A:0517:13 The Clerk reported that the PCC had replied to his letter regarding antisocial behaviour, and he had circulated this to councillors. Cllr S Birnstingl expressed unhappiness at the lack of effective police response to ASB.
<b>A:0717:06</b> <i>Tree warden's report</i>	The tree warden reported orally and in writing as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The walnut in Small Dole is now flourishing, thanks to Cllr C Warren regularly watering it.</li><li>- Simon Zec is yet to clear a dead branch in the playground, and will be asked to do this urgently. [The Clerk noted that there is also a dead branch in one of the trees in the Memorial Field at the edge of the allotments].</li><li>- A prunus in Manor Road was destroyed by a vehicle, and has been replaced with a malus.</li></ul>

<p><b>A:0717:06</b> <i>Tree warden's report (cont)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The owner of a property in Newland Road complained about overgrowth from trees in Hyde Street open space. She was visited, but nothing significant appeared wrong. However, Simon Zec will be asked to reduce the leylandii in that part of the open space.</li> <li>- The work of leylandii on Hyde Street open space which were specified in Simon Zec's quotation last autumn have still not been pruned, and he will be asked to do this urgently.</li> </ul> <p>The Clerk was asked to arrange for the height of the bushes at the rear of the Bramley play area to be reduced.</p>
<p><b>A:0717:07</b> <i>Small Dole skatepark</i></p>	<p>Cllr C Warren asked for the security fencing to be stacked in a neat area, and Mackleys then asked to remove it. Mrs and Mr Brooker agreed to arrange this. Following discussion, it was agreed to hold the official opening of the reopened facility during August bank holiday weekend, and that Mrs J Shaw should be invited to cut the ribbon. Fund raising will be carried out over that weekend, but on the advice of the Clerk no entrance fee will be charged, as this would carry licensing and insurance implications.</p>
<p><b>A:0717:08</b> <i>Cycling signage</i></p>	<p>The Clerk tabled a letter from a parishioner regarding the state of cycling notices of public footpaths. The meeting felt that this was not the responsibility of the parish council, and asked the Clerk to refer it to WSCC.</p>
<p><b>A:0717:09</b> <i>Correspondence</i></p>	<p>The Clerk tabled the following correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An email regarding blue heritage plaques. The meeting felt that the only possible site for a plaque would be at Beeding Bridge, to note the reputed crossing by Charles II when fleeing overseas. The Clerk was asked to forward the email to Pat Nightingale of the local history society, noting this possibility.</li> <li>- An email from HDC noting that there was £8,246 s106 funding available for Small Dole playground. The meeting delegated an action to order equipment to Cllr C Warren and the Clerk.</li> <li>- The RoSPA playground inspection reports recently received. These will be discussed at the next meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>A:0717:10</b> <i>Matters for information and future agendas</i></p>	<p>Cllr S Birnstingl reported back on his meeting at the school concerning improper parking. An action list was produced, mostly concerning enforcement. Action is in hand, but enforcement is likely to remain problematical.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.20pm. The next meeting of the committee will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

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