

Upper Beeding Parish Council

Minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held at The Gladys Bevan Hall on Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: C. Warren (Chair), S Birnstingl, J Cannon, F Bull, F. Heaver, T Kardos

Also, present: Steve Keogh (Parish Clerk)
John Young (Maintenance Manager)

F: 0224: 01 Apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from:
Cllrs Deadman, Harber and Stephie Shorey (Tree Warden)

F: 0224: 02 Declaration of Councillors personal or prejudicial interest – to receive any declarations of interest as defined under the Localism Act 2011.
There were no additional Declarations of Interest.

F: 0224: 03 Minutes of the last meeting –

The minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on [7th November 2023](#) were approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed Cllr Heaver seconded Cllr Birnstingl and **AGREED**.

F: 0224 :04 Public Adjournment – to receive questions & comments from members of the public.
No Public were present.

F: 0224:05 Skatepark – [Update](#) on the fundraising.

The Clerk's reports circulated with the agenda was **NOTED**.

Members discussed the options available to use the funds. with an emphasis on the possibility of the ramps being replaced, rather than large scale repairs.

The grants both have dates by which they need to be used by.

The Maintenance Manager highlighted that there are areas of the ramps which are in a worse condition than others. This may alter the options.

The Clerk commented that there are a number of issues which need to be considered.

- To spend the Awards for All Fund this year, may be false economy. Clerk to investigate an extension to the sue by date.
- To use some reserves in addition to the £30,000 available and get a large amount of works done.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should invite Radium Ramps to a site meeting, to discuss the options.

F: 0224:06 Facilities – to receive a [report](#) from John Young, Maintenance Manager

The report circulated with the agenda was **NOTED**.

The maintenance manager reported that there had been a water leak in the away changing room, and this has caused damage to the ceiling.

Quotes are being sought and the cost may be claimed back from the insurance policy.

Options are being investigated regarding the stainless steel slide in the Upper Beeding play area, these are not encouraged any more due to the possibility of the metal injuring the users.

Cllr Warren also mentioned that the whole outside of the changing rooms could benefit from decoration, this has been included the list of works for the coming year.

F: 0224:07 Sports Hall – [Update](#) on the Hall

The report circulated with the agenda was **NOTED**.

i. Usage.

The use of the Hall was **NOTED**.

ii. Office Upgrade

Cllr F Bull mentioned that the good insulation should be included in the works.

Quotes are being sought, the JPYC Have also agreed that thy support of the development of the office as it is to be shared by the Clerk and the proposed youth staff.

F: 0224: 08 Street Light – [Update](#) on the proposed street light column in Henfield Road.

The report circulated with the agenda was **NOTED**.

The new WSCC/Enerveo officer has not returned any e-mails, the Clerk may now copy in Cllr Linehan for some intervention.

F: 0224:09 Allotments

The [Update](#) circulated with the agenda was **NOTED**

F: 0224: 10 Riverside Pathway – [Update](#)

The report circulated with the agenda was **NOTED**.

The Clerk explained the way the project may be funded and the possibilities available for funds to be saved along the way.

The Parish Council needs to b able to show that 50% of the costs can be covered by the Parish funds.

This would include the SDNP grant and up to £23,000 from reserve funds.

Depending on the other funding, the cost could be reduced as the project contingency has been included, the first fund used would be those from the grant and possibly from the White Bridge Link award as this was to cover some of the pathway.

The Clerk read a note from WSCC Cllr Paul Linehan highlighting that the white Bridge may be installed in 2025, the budget for the design has been agreed for 2024-25 Budget.

F: 0224: 11 Matters raised by Councillors – to receive matters for information or discussion for future agendas.

Cllr Cannon: Reported that the PPG (Patient Participation Group) were in the process of negotiating an information VDU screen to be installed at the Hyde Square hairdressers.

The grant request would be reported to the next Finance Committee and Full Council.

The Greening Steyning group would like to carry out an energy survey of the Sports Hall. Potential dates for the survey would be forwarded to the Clerk.

Reported that the tree warden has been absent from the meetings as there has been less to report regarding the trees in the village and tree work has been undertaken by the maintenance manager.

Cllrs asked that she be assured that her knowledge is required, and she will be used more for tree works in the future.

Cllr Birnstingl: Has again been informed by residents that when the weather is poor, the power is cut which is in turn affecting the mobile phone and Wi Fi coverage. This leaves residents having no way to stay in contact with their relatives and the local services.

The Clerk would report this to the resilience team and Cllr Linehan.

Cllr Heaver: Continuing the work on the Dementia Friendly Village [project, he feels that the proposed screen would be very useful with this work.

The recent sad disappearance of a resident of the area has shown that more joined up thinking is needed and if the screens could show details of a missing person, it can only help.

Is concerned that the new crossing points are not suitable for horse riders as they have to straddle the central refuge.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

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