**Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held at The Beeding and Bramber Village Hall, High Street, Upper Beeding on Tuesday 9th July 2024 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** **Councillors:** F Bull, B. Harber (Chair), F Heaver.

**Also present:**  Parish Clerk: Stephen Keogh

Cemetery Clerk: Colette Harber

**CC:** **0724:01 Election of Chair.**

Cllr Harber was elected as Chair of the Community Committee for the 2024/25 municipal year, proposed by Cllr F Bull, seconded Cllr Heaver and **AGREED.**

**CC: 0724:02 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr S Teatum, Birnstingl and P Bull

**CC: 0724:03 Declaration of Councillors personal or prejudicial interest**

The Chairman reminded councillors that previous declarations still stand (as defined under the Localism Act 2011).

There were no new Declarations of Interest.

**CC: 0724: 04 Minutes of the last meeting**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on [Tuesday 7th May 2024](https://upperbeedingpc.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/UBPC/EXxqo7d3KtRMmW8XS2PaRIwBGjuLDahx3nnBkJna_IofRg) as a true and accurate record.

proposed by Cllr F Bull, seconded Cllr Heaver and **AGREED.**

**CC: 0723:05 Public Adjournment**

There were no public present.

**CC: 0724: 06 Litter Warden –**

The [Report](https://upperbeedingpc.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/UBPC/EZ3vVRwkcmVKjoJpQlSH5SUBPk5TThidRLVBR4JyrbIT3w) circulated with the agenda was **NOTED.**

It was **AGREED** to use the Horsham District Council service of litter collection twice a week through the summer months and once during the Winter months.

This would be a trial period and may be changed after six months.

proposed by Cllr F Bull, seconded Cllr Heaver and **AGREED.**

**CC: 0524:07 Projects and Priorities** - To discuss Community Committee priorities for the remainder of the municipal year. ([Report](https://upperbeedingpc.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/UBPC/EZ3vVRwkcmVKjoJpQlSH5SUBPk5TThidRLVBR4JyrbIT3w))

1. [**Crossings and speed restrictions**](https://upperbeedingpc.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/UBPC/EeDXOaRFH8BBiGhJD64GPsoB6T729sbgD6NFMMAIuIhi6w)

The Clerk’s report circulated with the agenda was **NOTED** – This was the latest update from WSCC.

The report was discussed regarding the proposals and the issues which have been raised. The Clerk gave a verbal update on the works recently completed including the camera which is to monitor the usage.

Cllr Bull asked if the vegetation at the side of the road, currently covering the speed signs, could be cut back.

**WSCC Speed Reduction**

The Clerk’s [Report](https://upperbeedingpc.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/UBPC/EZ3vVRwkcmVKjoJpQlSH5SUBPk5TThidRLVBR4JyrbIT3w) circulated with the agenda was **NOTED.**

The Councillors discussed the issues around the proposed speed reduction and the possible future similar speed reductions.

It was **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the Parish Council would fully support the application for a reduced speed limit of 50mph along the stretch of A283 road from The High Trees Roundabout to B2135 Horsham Road

1. **Dementia Friendly Village –**

The Clerk gave a verbal update from Cllr Teatum.

Little progress or enthusiasm from public.

Have support from Bramber and Ashington PCs and PPG.

Producing cards to hand out via Health Centre showing local organisations that may help and an invitation to a WhatsApp group if they wish. Depending on take up will decide on whether we set up WhatsApp group.

1. **Defibrillator in Recreation Ground.**

The Clerk’s report circulated with the agenda was **NOTED.**

Cllr F Bull reported that the cabinet was expected soon.

The next stage will be for the contractors installing the unit to visit the site to discuss the best location.

**CC: 0724:08 Saltings Field**

The Clerk’s [Report](https://upperbeedingpc.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/UBPC/EZ3vVRwkcmVKjoJpQlSH5SUBPk5TThidRLVBR4JyrbIT3w) circulated with the agenda was **NOTED.**

Members commented that the process seems a little more bureaucratic than had been expected. Had the lease ended there would be no need to fulfil any requirements.

It was **AGREED** that the advertisement should go in the most suitable local newspaper and some other locations to ensure that the lLocal Government Act 1972 was being complied with.

**CC: 0724: 09 Cemetery Maintenance –**

The Clerk’s [Report](https://upperbeedingpc.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/UBPC/EZ3vVRwkcmVKjoJpQlSH5SUBPk5TThidRLVBR4JyrbIT3w) circulated with the agenda was **NOTED.**

It was **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council to ratify the decision by the Clerk to pay for the payment of £667.00 for a cut of the cemetery.

It was understood that the Parish Council are still responsible for the maintenance and should recommence regular cuts untilit has been handed to HDC for future maintenance.

**CC: 0724: 10 School Merger proposal. –**

The [School Consultation](https://upperbeedingpc.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/UBPC/EXiP5pwKroxMmojG0FhcFD8BiSevvn-NnnV1xGN2BolsxQ) circulated with theagenda was **NOTED.**

Members were encouraged to visit the event at the Towers Site on 18th July at 6.00pm.

The merger seems to be a good idea and explains why the school may not have been engaging with the community.

Cllr Heaver commented that the grounds are not being kept to a high standard which has meant that some vegetation is overgrown affecting surrounding roads.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should draft a response to the consultation.

The response should acknowledge that the Parish Council are supportive of the merger but would like to know more about the future of the Towers and to ensure that during the period between the application being agreed and the merger that the Towers site is still maintained to a higher standard than currently.

**CC: 0724: 11 Beeding in Bloom –**  ([AGM Minutes)](https://upperbeedingpc.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/UBPC/EVMHLgavWNBGnoPHuBJ6K0EBG-iX8GyBAOYvLkH9UesvUw)

The minutes of the Beeding in Bloom (BIB) AGM were **NOTED.**

The Cemetery Clerk’s verbal report was **NOTED.**

There are very few in the BIB group and they struggling to find new members.

The recent AGM had highlighted some issues, and the way forward appears to be a reduction in the number of events and physical work carried out by the group.

The Clerk also commented that this would include any new projects, unless the Beeding in Bloom group increase in numbers or feel well enough to do things.

The group would still empty the troughs at the end of the season and store the plants until a time when they can be replanted.

It was **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that due to the constraints on the Beeding in Bloom Group, that the terms of reference regarding the financial input be waived.

The Group would continue to raise funds through small events and basket sponsorship.

BIB would continue to manage and arrange the biannual ‘Open Gardens’ event.

Cllr Bull asked if there was any reason why the BIB couldn’t partner with a neighbouring Parish for the event.

The Cemetery Clerk explained that the others already have their own events which have succeeded on their own.

Cllr Harber also commented that the event may become too big and counterproductive. This could be revisited if the two events start to dwindle in numbers.

It was **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the Community Committee would manage the floral decorations, baskets and troughs, through the year.

The Clerk would investigate the possibility of a gardener to manage the flower beds in the Village.

The BIB funds and the recent donation from the defunct Horticultural Society may allow for the works to be done and the Council will need to budget for these new costs at the appropriate time.

Cllr Bull asked if there was a way that the Council could manage other areas of land which have been ignored or left.

The Clerk explained that the Parsh Council manages a number of areas of amenity land and that there are other areas which are managed by WSCC and HDC. These need to be maintained by the owners and not taken on by the Parish as there is not currently the funding in place.

**CC: 0724:12 Matters raised by Councillors** – to receive matters for information or discussion for future agendas.

**Cllr Heaver**

Recommended that the Councillors visit the skatepark prior to the next Council meeting, which is to be held in Small Dole.

The recent comments about the poor mobile phone service may lead to some of the streetlights being changed for masts. This is proposed as an idea in Steyning.

Why have the Public Space Protection Orders been allowed to lapse and now not be reinstated?

The Clerk explained that, at the recent Wardens Steering Group meeting, it was explained that the police now have powers which replace the Council orders.

**Cllr F Bull**

The website appears to be slow, can its performance be investigated as a project?

The Clerk said he would add that to a suitable agenda.

**Cllr Harber**

Has received an e-mail from District Councillor Croker, in which a resident has asked for some speed humps to be installed in Church Lane.

The Clerk will ask Cllr Linehan to investigate.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.40pm.

Signed: Date