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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 23rd January 2018 Time: 8.00 Place: Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

Present:	Cllrs C Warren (Chairman), S Birnstingl, A Chilver, V Cook, R Harber, I Ivatt, T Kardos, P Kentell, J Rowland, and J Shaw; Mrs J Steedman (tree warden).
A:0118:01 <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllr C Verney (personal commitments).
A:0118:02 <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
A:0118:03 <i>Declarations of interest</i>	There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by Councillors on any of the agenda items below.
A:0118:04 <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i>	The minutes of the meeting dated 21 st November 2017 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by S Birnstingl; Seconded by T Kardos.</i>
A:0118:05 <i>Matters arising</i>	A:0917:07: The Clerk reported that a notice on the Hyde Square noticeboard indicating our wish to place a bench on the site had elicited no responses, and that as previously agreed the bench would be procured. He also noted that Mrs Nightingale had generously agreed to pay for the bench - to be a memorial to her late husband - and that she had therefore been invited to select a design. A:1117:07 Cllr S Birnstingl suggested that the best solution to the problem of nettles and brambles in the path between the school and the allotments was a long-lasting herbicide. The Clerk was asked to contact the school to see if they would like us to clear their side as well, and subsequently to contact Grasstex to instruct them to do the work (presuming they have the relevant licence).

<p>A:0118:06 <i>Tree warden's report</i></p>	<p>The tree warden reported orally and in writing as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No reply has been received from Mr Jones at HDC regarding the felling of the ash tree at Hobjoins, Hyde Street (DC/17/1115). - Simon Zec has cut back the north hedge at Hyde Street open space, and also the second field maple. - A tree on the verge outside a property in Maines Farm Road was damaged by the works on the gas pipe. [The meeting agreed that this could be replaced; Cllr S Birnstingl offered to provide the clerk with a contact address for the gas contractors, so they can be asked to refund the cost]. - Robert Wilburn has been cleared and weeded round the 3 young fruit trees in Hyde Street open space, and 3 in Priory Field. - A resident at Manor road has asked who is responsible for the overgrown large lime tree near his property. It is believed to belong to WSCC Highways, who have been asked to reduce the tree.
<p>A:0118:07 <i>Grass cutting and general parish maintenance</i></p>	<p>Cllr I Ivatt noted that remedial work following the burnout of a car in Tottington Drive last year remained incomplete.</p>
<p>A:0118:08 <i>Small Dole village green</i></p>	<p>The Clerk reported that the pits in the grass could be infilled by Grasstex when the weather improves, and that the handyman could undertake repairs to the bollard and fence. He was instructed to proceed on this basis.</p>
<p>A:0118:09 <i>Small Dole Playground</i></p>	<p>The meeting discussed the quotation provided by Sovereign, and Cllr J Shaw noted that a previous item of equipment purchased from Sovereign was substandard. The Clerk was asked to request reference sites from Sovereign, so councillors could view their equipment.</p>
<p>A:0118:10 <i>Playground surface cleaning</i></p>	<p>The Clerk tabled a proposal from a contractor concerning the cleaning of safety surfaces at playgrounds. It was agreed that this service was not needed.</p>
<p>A:0118:11 <i>Correspondence</i></p>	<p>No relevant correspondence was tabled.</p>
<p>A:0118:12 <i>Matters for information and future agendas</i></p>	<p>Cllr R Harber noted that there was still no fence by the riverside at the Bridge, and asked that this be put on the next agenda.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.50pm. The next meeting of the committee will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 20th March 2018.

Minutes signed by: **Date:**