

# UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Date: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 Time: 7.30 Place: Beeding & Bramber Village Hall**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs C Warren (Chairman), V Cook, R Harber (from 8.20pm), I Ivatt, P Kentell, J Rowland, J Shaw, and C Verney; Mrs J Steedman (tree warden); one member of the public.
<b>A:0718:01</b> <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllrs S Birnstingl, A Chilver, and T Kardos (all personal commitments).
<b>A:0718:02</b> <i>Questions from the public</i>	Mrs Norvell-Baker raised the possibility of using the school for additional football facilities, as this was raised in the draft Neighbourhood Plan; it was suggested in response that the team approach the school direct. She also raised the possibility of an outdoor gym, and felt this might be located by the bandstand; the meeting felt that there was inadequate space there, but that it would be an ideal facility to add to our plans for the riverside linear park.
<b>A:0718:03</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:0718:04</b> <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i>	The minutes of the meeting dated 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by P Kentell; Seconded by J Shaw.</i>
<b>A:0718:05</b> <i>Matters arising</i>	There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
<b>A:0718:06</b> <i>Tree warden's report</i>	The tree warden reported orally and in writing as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A large tree was reported cut down by 54 Manor Road, which the residents were told by the contractors was done on the instruction of WSCC Highways because the roots were failing. An email to Karen Englefield of WSCC has failed to elicit a response. [The Clerk offered to contact Ms Englefield].</li><li>- A letter was sent to Will Jones of HDC regarding the request to place a TPO on the large lime by 57 Manor Road, and also possibly a large beech and lime in the central grass area of Manor Road. No response has been received. [The Clerk offered to contact Mr Jones].</li><li>- The rowan planted recently in Maines Farm Road is doing well, but other small trees in that road are struggling. Due to subsoil and location issues, the road is probably unsuitable for any more trees.</li></ul>
<b>A:0718:07</b> <i>Grass cutting and general parish maintenance</i>	The Clerk reported that the verge work he had requested the grass contractors to undertake had been completed.

<p><b>A:0718:08</b> <i>Beeding in Bloom</i></p>	<p>The Clerk tabled a request from Beeding in Bloom for funding assistance for renovations to the seating around the planter, costed by Will Bourne at £697.92. The meeting agreed that the council should meet the full cost.</p>
<p><b>A:0718:09</b> <i>MUGA</i></p>	<p>The Clerk noted that the net above the MUGA had again been holed as a result of vandalism, and this was a regular occurrence. Since the net is now a safety risk, the Clerk suggested that it be removed on a trial basis. The meeting was in agreement with this.</p>
<p><b>A:0718:09</b> <i>Small Dole playground</i></p>	<p>The Clerk tabled email correspondence with a Small Dole resident who requested bird deterrence at the top of the swings to remove a nuisance. Cllr C Warren agreed to research sources of bird deterrence spikes.</p>
<p><b>A:0718:11</b> <i>Correspondence</i></p>	<p>The Clerk noted the following correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Following agreement with Wicksteed that they would ring to arrange a visit to the playground to inspect the damaged swings, nothing had been heard for 6 weeks.. An email on Monday yielded an immediate response (and inadequate excuse), and pressure will be put on them to quote for repairs and, if commissioned, to carry them out quickly.</li> <li>- An email circulated by Cllr P Kentell noted barbed wire by footpath 2774. The Clerk agreed to report this to the WSCC rights of way officer.</li> <li>- A reply from County Cllr Barling to the council's request for more information the kissing gate for which he had requested funding assistance (see C:0718:07). It was agreed to deal with this at the next council meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>A:0718:12</b> <i>Matters for information and future agendas</i></p>	<p>Cllr R Harber noted that the path by the cement works was overgrown, and the Clerk agreed to raise this with the WSCC rights of way officer. He also noted the overgrown path from High Trees on the north side of Shoreham Road.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting of the committee will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

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