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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 21st November 2017 **Time:** 7.30pm **Place:** Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

Present:	Cllrs C Warren (Chairman), S Birnstingl, V Cook, T Kardos, P Kentell, J Rowland, J Shaw, and C Verney; Mrs J Steedman (tree warden).
A:1117:01 <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllrs A Chilver and R Harber (both personal commitments).
A:1117:02 <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
A:1117:03 <i>Declarations of interest</i>	There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by Councillors on any of the agenda items below.
A:1117:04 <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i>	The minutes of the meeting dated 19 th September 2017 were approved by all present, subject to a minor amendment, and signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by J Rowland; Seconded by P Kentell.</i>
A:1117:05 <i>Matters arising</i>	A:0917:07: Cllr J Shaw suggested a bench be placed in Hyde Square. Cllr S Birnstingl explained that this proposal was already under active consideration, but that whilst the site owner had been established by Land Registry search, nobody in practice had claimed ownership of it. It was agreed that a notice be placed on the noticeboard in Hyde Square indicating our proposal to erect a bench on the grassed area, and inviting objections. A:0917:10 Cllr P Kentell requested an update on repairs to the planter by the Saltings Way noticeboard; the Clerk replied that he had visited the site with Will Bourne, the handyman, who had indicated that it may prove difficult to repair, but that he would make the attempt.

<p>A:1117:06 <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"> - The ash tree at Hobjoins, Hyde Street, was cut down on 30th September, notwithstanding the parish council objection to DC/17/1115 in support of Mrs Stedman's report. She is greatly distressed at the removal of this amenity, and has since written to Will Jones at HDC for justification. The Clerk agreed to follow the matter up on her behalf. - Simon Zec has removed cut back one of the field maples in Hyde Street open space, and the other is scheduled for 27th November, over a year since the order was made. - Mr Zec has been asked to renew the stakes at 24 Undermill Road and 14 Maines Farm Road. - Robert Wilburn has been asked to clear and weed round the 3 young fruit trees in Hyde Street open space, and 3 in Priory Field.
<p>A:1117:07 <i>Grass cutting and general parish maintenance</i></p>	<p>Cllr S Birnstingl reported that he was obtaining contact information for Balfour Beatty, who will cut verges for us at the same rates as for WSCC. The Clerk was asked to see if the nettles have been cleared from the path between the allotments and the school.</p>
<p>A:1117:08 <i>Small Dole Playground</i></p>	<p>The Clerk reported that he had met a representative of Sovereign Playgrounds, and agreed on a suitable unit in line with the preferences expressed by the committee at previous meetings. He noted that they had agreed to provide a quotation in time for this meeting to consider, but that it had not in fact yet been received. The meeting approved the suggested unit, but asked the Clerk to inform Sovereign that we will not now be able to consider any quotation until January.</p>
<p>A:1117:09 <i>Correspondence</i></p>	<p>No relevant correspondence was tabled.</p>
<p>A:1117:10 <i>Matters for information and future agendas</i></p>	<p>Cllr S Birnstingl reported that the gutters on the sports hall were leaking on both sides, and asked the Clerk to follow this up with the handyman.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.00pm. The next meeting of the committee will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 23rd January 2018.

Minutes signed by: **Date:**