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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 23rd October 2018 **Time:** 7.30pm **Place:** Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

Present:	Cllrs P Kentell (Chairman), S Birnstingl, A Chilver, V Cook, I Ivatt, J Rowland, J Shaw, C Verney, and C Warren; Mrs C Price (Clerk from 01-Nov-18); 1 member of the public.
C:0918:23 <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllrs R Harber and T Kardos (both personal commitments).
C:0918:24 <i>Questions from the public</i>	Mrs J Forrester of Hyde Lane addressed the meeting in connection with the MUGA. She explained that since the net over the MUGA had been removed she had had balls kicked into her garden, that youths had trespassed onto her property to retrieve them, and that this both frightened and upset her. She insisted that the net be replaced, or the MUGA permanently locked. The Clerk explained that the net had been removed as youths had regularly climbed onto it and made holes in it, and that there was a strong health and safety risk as a result which could not be accepted. It was suggested that cross-wires could be installed to prevent the risk of falling through, but Mrs Price explained that RoSPA advice was never to use wires on net roofs due to the risk of strangulation. Mrs Price therefore suggested that (a) we contact HDC for their advice, as they must have other ball courts where this is an issue, (b) that she write to neighbouring properties asking householders for their views, and (c) that the caretaker be reminded that the MUGA should be opened in the morning, and locked at dusk. Cllr S Birnstingl explained to Mrs Forrester that the council fully understands her upset and concerns, and that these measures go a considerable way towards reaching a satisfactory conclusion. The matter will be placed on the council agenda for November.
C:0918:25 <i>Declarations of interest</i>	There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by Councillors on any of the agenda items below.
C:0918:26 <i>Asset replacement strategy</i>	Following previous discussions on this asset replacement, it was agreed that a replacement strategy should be implemented by adding an annual sum to earmarked reserves for this purpose. The sum of £10,000pa was agreed.
C:0918:27 <i>Riverside park</i>	The proposed feasibility study was reviewed, following the Rampion community fund rejection of our grant application. It was agreed that a study was still required, and that in the absence of other sources of funding the council should fund it itself. It was agreed to provisionally add £5,000 for this purpose to the draft budget, but to review it when the budget is again discussed in December, as Cllr R Harber, who is leading on the proposal, was absent. Mrs C Price suggested we attempt to get contractors to fund the study, and meantime to write to affected landowners.

<p>C:0918:28 <i>Budget for 2019/20</i></p>	<p>The Clerk tabled a first-cut draft budget for 2019/20, along with budget data from the previous three years, a year-to-date income/expenditure schedule, a year-to-date income/expenditure summary, and a summary of cash holdings. There was a preliminary discussion on the documents. The overall budget showed a proposed deficit of approx £6,100, which the Clerk indicated was reasonable given the substantial (but not excessive) level of reserves. Apart for the sum mentioned in the previous agenda item, the only suggested change to the first draft was an expenditure of £1,500 to cover costs of implementing GDPR. The Clerk requested that councillors review the draft budget in detail over the next 6 weeks, and indicated that Mrs Price would present a second draft to the December council meeting. for further discussion.</p>
<p>C:0918:29 <i>Items for information or next agenda</i></p>	<p>Cllr A Chilver requested that the matter of Social Prescribing be added to the November agenda.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.25pm. The next meeting of the council will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 7.30pm.

Minutes signed by: **Date:**