

UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16th July 2019 at 8pm in Beeding and Bramber Village Hall

Present: Councillors: C. Warren (Chairman), I. Allen, S. Birnstingl, A. Chilver, D. Cutts, S. Garrod, B. Harber, I. Ivatt, T. Kardos, P. Kentell, J. Shaw, C. Verney, C. Warren.

Also present: Clerk: Celia Price

A:0719:01 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accept from S. Shorey (Tree Warden)

A:0719:02 Declaration of Councillors personal or prejudicial interest

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

A:0719:03 Public Adjournment

None present

A:0719:04 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting dated 21st May 2019 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr Allen, seconded Cllr Ivatt and agreed by all.

A:0719:05 Matters arising from the minutes

None.

A:0719:06 Terms of Reference

Draft terms of reference were circulated prior to the meeting. These were reviewed and discussed. It was requested that some street lighting be added otherwise these were agreed.

Proposed Cllr Birnstingl, seconded Cllr Kentell and agreed by all.

A:0719:07 Tree Warden

Having sent her apologies, the Tree Warden sent a written report which was read out by the Chairman. It was resolved to note the contents.

A:0719:08 Tree Policy

Cllr Birnstingl distributed the revised tree policy to all prior to the meeting. He was thanked for his thorough and comprehensive policy and it was agreed this should be adopted.

Proposed Cllr Allen, seconded Cllr Verney and agreed by all.

A:0719:09 Tree Charter

The tree charter was distributed prior to the meeting. It was resolved that the Council sign up and commit to the Charter. The Clerk was instructed to take the appropriate action to facilitate this.

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A:0719:10 Small Dole Play Area

A supporting paper was distributed prior to the meeting. Cllr Warren presented the quotes received, suggesting that Creative Play's proposal was the most suitable and best value the cost of which is £16,293.00 (less 5% discount £813.15 = £15,479.85). The proposals from a total of four suppliers were reviewed.

The Clerk reported that the next planning obligation meeting at HDC will be in October with all S106 applications submitted by 6th September.

Cllr Harber proposed the acceptance of the proposal from Creative play with a £3000 contribution from the Parish Council capital expenditure budget. Seconded Cllr Birnstingl and agreed by all.

A:0719:11 Annual Playground Safety Inspections

The annual inspection reports were distributed prior to the meeting. These were reviewed and the Clerk was asked to make a summary of findings. Cllr Shaw asked for clarification regarding the skatepark report and the Clerk advised this has already been sent to RADii ramps for comment.

A:0719:12 Allotments

There are a number of allotments unlet and in a very poor state. It was hoped that the Green Gym would be able to help clear these ready for letting but this has not been possible to date.

A:0719:13 High Street (Coaching Wall)

This item will be carried forward to a future meeting once further information has been collated.

A:0719:14 Matters raised by councillors

Cllr Cutts noted the movement of a footpath from Pound Lane to The Brooks. Cllr Harber agreed to investigate.

Cllr Birnstingl reported to WSCC and the Tree Warden that there has been a lot of damage to trees from strimmers used by WSCC contractors; there has been no response to date.

Cllr Shaw advised the date of the Skatepark Fun Day (17th August), reported that the Village Hall committee have agreed to update the Wi-Fi, and produced some information on grass verges / flower meadows; it was agreed to discuss this at a future agenda.

Cllr Ivatt reported that more flowers have been donated for Small Dole in Bloom and lots of lovely comments have been received. He also reported that he is awaiting an update from property owners regarding possible locations for a defib near the Post Office.

Cllr Harber reported issues with footpaths with particular reference to those being overgrown. The footpath near the allotments and school needs urgent attention due to stinging nettles.

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 9:25 pm

The next meeting of the Amenities Committee will be on Tuesday 15th October, 2019 at 8pm in Beeding and Bramber Village Hall.

Minutes signed by:

Date: