

UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15th October 2019 at 8pm in Beeding and Bramber Village Hall

Present: Councillors: C. Warren (Chairman), I. Allen, A. Chilver, B. Harber, I. Ivatt, T. Kardos, J. Shaw, C. Verney, C. Warren.

Also present: Clerk: Celia Price, Stephanie Shorey (Tree Warden)

A:1019:01 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Birnstingl, Cllr Cutts and Cllr Garrod.

A:1019:02 Declaration of Councillors personal or prejudicial interest

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

A:1019:03 Public Adjournment

None

A:1019:04 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting dated 16th July 2019 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

A:1019:05 Matters arising from the minutes

Cllr Harber reported that a water leak has been found and the supply switched off to the allotments for the winter giving time for the leak to be repaired without further water wastage.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Warren has been working on a new 'map' of the allotments, and that Green Gym has done a huge amount of clearing of the uncultivated plots and two skips have been filled. In addition, almost all plots have now been let and revenue will commence from these plots in the spring.

A:1019:06 Tree Warden

Stephanie Shorey reported a busy couple of months. A written report is available to councillors and Stephanie took the opportunity to highlight key points. There have been several dead rowan trees reported and it was suggested that these should be replaced with a different species to avoid further loss.

With opportunities to replace or plant 12 new trees it was resolved that Stephanie obtain permission from WSCC highways regarding positioning for the new trees and collate quotes for the purchase and planting of them.

A:1019:07 Play Area

The Clerk advised that HDC are reviewing our S106 application. Unfortunately, there has been a delay due to staff changes in the department; however we have been assured that the application will now receive urgent attention.

A:1019:08 Skate Park

The Clerk and Cllr Shaw attended a meeting at the skatepark in Small Dole and discussed both long- and short-term maintenance with Radium Ramps. The cost to replace the original half pipe will be in the region of £15 - £20k and it is fast approaching the end of its life. This

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is included in the 'wish list' for budget discussion. Annual maintenance will remain approximately £500 per annum for the next 3 years.

A:1019:09 Hyde Street Fencing

Three quotes were reviewed and discussed. It was resolved to replace 18 posts and 4 rails using Grasstex as this was the best value for money.

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

A:1019:10 Budget and Strategic Plan

Prior to the meeting, Councillors received a spreadsheet with the first draft of the budget for 2020/21 pertinent to the Amenities Committee along with budget figures for the subsequent 3 years. This was discussed and it was agreed that the proposed amounts including 'wish list' items be accepted as an initial budget and be presented to full council for discussion as part of the full budget process.

A:1019:11 High Street (Coaching Wall)

The Clerk proposed this item to be added to the long-term strategic list for review and updates. All agreed.

A:1019:12 Matters raised by councillors

The Chairman is aware of the request for a further dog waste bin in Small Dole to be located at the top of Tottington Drive. Cllr Ivatt will investigate a suitable location with the appropriate landowners and the item will be added to a future Amenities Committee agenda.

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 9:15 pm

The next meeting of the Amenities Committee will be on Tuesday 17th December, 2019 at 8pm in Beeding and Bramber Village Hall.

Minutes signed by:

Date: