

# Upper Beeding Parish Council

## Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held virtually using Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7pm

**Present: Councillors:** C. Verney (Chairman), A. Chilver, F. Heaver, L. Newton, J. Shaw, S. Teatum, D. Wood

**Also, present:** Clerk: Celia Price, Vice Chairman: B. Harber, Councillor: C. Warren

Members of the public: None

**CC:1020:01 Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**CC:1020:02 Declaration of Councillors personal or prejudicial interest**

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

**CC:1020:03 Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on [15<sup>th</sup> September 2020](#) were approved as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Teatum, seconded Cllr Shaw and agreed by all. The Chairman will sign the minutes as soon as is practical.

**CC:1020:04 Public Adjournment**

None present.

**CC:1020:05 Christmas Event**

The Clerk gave a verbal update and after discussion it was agreed that due to the current Covid-19 restrictions a Christmas Sing-Along is impossible to facilitate. However, all agreed to continue the investigation into suitable locations and costings for some Christmas lights. The Clerk was asked to collate the information.

**CC:1020:06 Hyde Street Open Space**

The Committee discussed at length the possibility of increasing the orchard at the open space in Hyde Street. The Clerk will work with Cllr Heaver to investigate the options and obtain information and advice from local organisations and individuals that have been involved with similar projects.

**CC:1020:07 Committee Priorities**

Recognising the difficulties and restrictions during the Covid crisis the Committee agreed the following:

Short term projects (to be completed within 6 months)

- 1) To provide a safe and suitable environment for youth club.
- 2) To enlarge the orchard at the Hyde Street Open Space
- 3) To become 'Dementia Friendly'

Medium term projects (to be completed within 18 months)

- 1) To investigate locations and funding for an accessible outdoor gym.
- 2) To investigate improvements along the Riverside Walk

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Long term projects (to be completed within 2 years)

- 1) To consult with residents and agree a long-term strategy for the Sports Hall and Recreational Facilities.

## **CC:1020:08 Community Engagement**

With the key priorities of consultation, communication and PR, all agreed that communication was the area to focus on with some creative thinking to overcome the difficulties due to the current government restrictions throughout the Covid-19 crisis. Face to face engagement is not possible and all agreed to focus on the following communication methods in the short term:

- 1) Website (a new website is under construction and this will be a focus with direct links to the Facebook page and a full review of content)
- 2) Newsletter (to be discussed fully by the working party group)
- 3) Facebook including Council, Committee and Councillor profiles (in a blog format that can also be shared on the website and in the newsletter)

It was also agreed to investigate the possibilities of 'virtual' meet and greet sessions and/or telephone surgeries.

## **CC:1020:09 Matters raised by Councillors**

Cllr Warren suggested reinstating the Elm Trees at the High Trees Roundabout could be a good community project and all agreed to add this to a future agenda.

Cllr Shaw reiterated concerns regarding pavements and accessibility around the village. The Facilities Committee have taken on this project but there may be an opportunity for some community consultation once the initial assessments have been done.

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 8:40pm

Minutes Signed By:

Date