**Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held at The Gladys Bevan Hall, Church Lane, Upper Beeding on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at 7pm**

**Present:** **Councillors:** A. Chilver, C Deadman, B. Harber, F Heaver, T Kardos.

**Also, present:**  Parish Clerk: Stephen Keogh

 Cemetery Clerk - Colette Harber – Beeding in Bloom

**CC:** **0523:01 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Allen and Teatum

Cllr Harber was arriving late it was **AGREED** that Cllr Kardos would Chair the Meeting.

**CC: 0523:02 Declaration of Councillors personal or prejudicial interest**

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

Cllr Heaver declared a non-pecuniary interest in item C0523: 05 as a resident of the Street close to the Green.

**CC: 0523:03 Minutes of the last meeting**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 7th March 2023 as a true and accurate record.

Proposed Cllr Chilver seconded Cllr Heaver.

**CC: 0523:04 Public Adjournment**

 There were no public present.

**CC: 0323:05 Hyde Street Green – To Consider the Following:**

1. Proposed Bench Installation – Best location

Prior to the Meeting the Clerk had circulated photographs of potential locations for the bench.

Cllr Cannon had also discussed the sites with the donor of the bench.

As she was not satisfied with the location, she decided to rescind the offer of the memorial bench.

Members **NOTED** the verbal report.

The Clerk also commented that there are some UBPC rules regarding memorial benches, trees etc. These would need to be reviewed. The Clerk also felt that the Council needed to decide on location in future.

A thank you letter would be drafted and sent to the resident.

**CC: 0323:06** [**Dementia Friendly Village**](https://upperbeedingpc.sharepoint.com/%3Ab%3A/s/UBPC/ERv05vH8FO9Dl10IHjOWRDIBauXYGPOwANADpur8Dr3yIQ)

The verbal report wea **NOTED**.

Cllr Teatum had also circulated an update – There was to be another event at The Hub on 16th May, during Dementia awareness week, and there was also good progress being made working with the Steyning Medical Centre and some people who were currently affected by Alzheimer’s and Dementia.

Cllr Heaver thanked Cllr Teatum for his work and hoped that the Council would also be involved if other conditions affecting residents.

He also commented that a pathways survey had been discussed but had not been completed.

Cllr Kardos asked the Clerk to investigate the details of the survey.

Cllr Chilver was pleased that the work by Cllr Teatum was raising awareness of the condition.

**CC: 0323:07 Community Engagement –** Update on Community Groups in the Parish

The Cemetery Clerk, Mrs Harber, commented that she was now secretary of the Bleeding in Bloom Committee.

The Clerk would continue as Treasurer.

The main issue at the current time was the low number of volunteers in the group

It was hoped that the community committee could help with the promotion of the events and give some support as well as raise the need for volunteers.

Mrs Harber would also like to raise the issue of the major projects:

Dawn Close bank which needs to be revamped

Pepperscoombe Way central reservation tidy up. The trees at this location need attention but as it owned by WSCC this would need to be carried out by them.

The bank by NISA also needs complete replanting.

The Open Gardens event is taking place on 9th July 2023.

So far there are some people who are normally involved, who are not keen to be included as they are more elderly and unable to tend to their gardens and look after any visitors on the day.

This year the street baskets will be installed in June and removed in October.

The Beeding in Bloom team need help at the end of the season with removal of the perennial plants, which can be used in future years.

Also, the watering of the baskets and possibly fewer baskets may highlight the problem and show the residents that their help is needed.

Additionally, the allotment holders may be asked for some help.

The Clerk asked for an article to go into the newsletter, which may highlight the issues and ask for volunteers.

The Clerk has spoken to the litter volunteers and the Scouts/Beavers to see if they could help with the bulb planting in Small Dole.

Mrs Harber would pass on to the Clerk the details of a bulb supplier.

**Upper Beeding Football Club** - completed their season on 30th April.

Dave Rowlands, the secretary, is standing down and a new secretary will be installed at their AGM.

**Cricket Club** start in May but are likely to struggle to play in a league and may only plat friendlies. Player numbers are down this year.

**Litter volunteers** - continue to carry out regular litter picks. The organiser of the litter volunteers is having a medical procedure and a new person will be the main contact for the summer.

**Saltings Field Conservation Group** – Having their AGM very soon.

**CC: 0523:08 Spring Newsletter –** To consider content for the spring [newsletter.](https://upperbeedingpc.sharepoint.com/%3Aw%3A/s/UBPC/EXMnv5miiWFCndUzqYmdN_sBwy2fsTR7VqPRqg9dmvHgMg)

The proposed newsletter for 2023, circulated with the agenda, was discussed.

The newsletter would be provided at the Annual Parish Meeting, put on Facebook and the website.

Cllr Kardos would provide a statement for the Parish Plan item.

The TRO and crossings in Shoreham Road, will also be included.

**CC: 0523:09 Projects and Priorities**

The proposed [speed limit](https://upperbeedingpc.sharepoint.com/%3Ab%3A/s/UBPC/ES0Zq-4eGnRNpADvRVcTcpQB5HY5hLjMhM_0sy2_jtwUbw) restriction application and [crossings](https://upperbeedingpc.sharepoint.com/%3Ab%3A/s/UBPC/EWsmO-PIaY1Djddaow1mxE0BGLpAZeBWdp-COo0lzPEY2A) were discussed.

WSCC had carried out a risk assessment on the crossings. The one in Shoreham Road, opposite the business park, was a concern as there is a sign which may need to be moved by the landlord.

Cllr Heaver asked about Speedwatch. The Clerk stated that there are no Councillors on the Speedwatch team at the current time.

The Clerk was also asked to investigate the costs for a Speed Indicator Device which could be moved to locations in the Parish.

**CC: 0523:10 Climate Change–** To consider climate change for the Parish Council.

1. [Single Use Plastics Policy](https://upperbeedingpc.sharepoint.com/%3Aw%3A/s/UBPC/EYiiHt0o4eJNrqE2xdJqfdABPScMJQrfKfxL1hv7UKF90w)

 It was **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the Parish Council adopt the proposed Single Use Plastic Policy.

This would also be highlighted in the Newsletter.

Cllr Chilver thanked the Clerk for starting the process.

**CC: 0523:11 Matters raised by Councillors**

 **Cllr Heaver –** had been approached by a resident who asked if there was any chance for public toilets on the recreation ground as the users of the play area and the allotments may appreciate them.

The Clerk commented that here had been some information regarding a group who help fund and supply accessible facilities for councils.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed: Date