

Upper Beeding Parish Council

Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held at The Gladys Bevan Hall, Church Lane, Upper Beeding on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7pm

Present: Councillors: F Bull, A. Chilver, B. Harber, S Teatum,

Also, present: Parish Clerk: Stephen Keogh

CC: 1023:01 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr P Bull

CC: 1023:02 Declaration of Councillors personal or prejudicial interest

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

There were no Declarations of Interest.

CC: 1023: 03 Minutes of the last meeting

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on [4th July 2023](#) as a true and accurate record.

CC: 1023:04 Public Adjournment

There were no public present.

CC: 1023:05 Community Engagement Policy – To Review the [Policy](#)

The policy document circulated with the agenda was discussed.

Members felt that it was still an important policy but would need constant review and updating/alteration to keep up to date with Council activities.

It was **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the policy be adopted with some minor alterations.

A reference to the engagement with local groups and stakeholders should be added as many Members already do this through their membership of groups etc.

The inclusion of reference to Climate Change in the objectives of the Council.

Also, the removal of Fireworks Displays, due to their effect on the air quality.

The Annual Parish Meeting needs to be advertised better and the various groups and stakeholders invited to give a talk.

These groups can also be invited to Council meetings to speak to Members.

CC: 1023:06 Community Engagement –

- i. JPYC – To Consider the proposed [Business Plan](#) and Note the [JPYC Minutes](#).

The minutes of the recent JPYC meeting were received and **NOTED**.

The 'Business Plan' document circulated with the agenda was discussed.

Cllr Heaver felt that the school should be invited to future meeting to help advise on how to set up the service.

Colette Harber commented that following the Annual Parish Meeting, the students had helped with the preparation and planting of some of the flower beds.

The Church is also keen to be involved and may need to be invited.
It was **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the Business Plan was acceptable but needed some minor changes and some additional detail.

The Youth Provision would be a service rather than a 'business' and this needs to be reflected in the name of the document.

The Members were keen to support the project, but there were more details needed regarding the financial projections and the costs.

The Clerk explained that the costs being proposed were in line with the current funds allocated for Youth Services. This would remain the same until the service was up and running.

The costs would be reviewed each year.

ii. Winter Newsletter?

Members discussed the option of having a Newsletter for the Winter and Christmas period.

There are other publications which may be utilised to promote the Councils work and events in a similar way.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should investigate the 'Your Steyning, Bramber and Beeding' Magazine in the first instance.

Cllr Teatum would draft some articles for the publication.

iii. Events for the Coming Year?

The subject of possible events was discussed.

Members were aware that there is a limited input the Council can have to events in the Parish but could be able to support some activities.

The Members **AGREED** that the Clerk could investigate the costs for a Christmas tree for the Village including lights to be located in Hyde Street Green.

Remembrance Day is one occasion which can be supported by the Council and other groups. The school were helping as were the Air Cadets.

It was **AGREED** that the poppies and the soldiers would be put out on 28th October and removed in mid-November.

CC: 1023:07 Projects and Priorities -

i. [Crossings and speed restrictions](#)

The details of the crossings circulated with the agenda were discussed.

The works had started on 2nd October on the Shoreham Road crossing.

The second crossing may commence in the next three months.

The Clerk's report was **NOTED**.

ii. [Dementia Friendly Village](#) – to update on the work to date.

The Clerk's report circulated with the agenda was **NOTED**.

Cllr Teatum reminded the Clerk that the document which is included with the agenda was now quite old. The Clerk explained that it was just for reference.

The Alzheimer Society had taken up the mantle and were changing its focus, so were now involved in some activities in the Parish, at The Hub.

The Project is still ongoing and the Risin Sun pub have offered to help by hosting a Christmas Lunch afternoon.

The food and drink would be available at a reduced price on one day to encourage the carers to attend.

The location would also provide some respite from the usual location of meetings and groups.

It was **AGREED to RECOMMEND** to Full Council that a grant of £300.00 be awarded to the project.

CC: 1023:08 **Beeding in Bloom** – Review of the project this year and winter planting.

The rose bed has now been planted and some additional plants will be added, including the Kings Coronation Rose.

The Beeding in Bloom committee is still short of members but this year they raised £1055.00 from activities and plant sales.

More baskets may be required next year, and the Clerk would need to get permission for any new ones.

Thanks go to Cllr Heaver and Deadman who helped with the digging and weeding. The Summer planters and baskets will be removed soon, and the nurseries have stated that anything that can be reused can be taken from the tubs by the Beeding on Bloom group, to be reused next year in other locations.

The Clerk would find out the proposed date for this.

The bulbs have been received and so can start to be planted in the verges in Small Dole along the Henfield Road and Hyde Street Green verge.

A date for this to be arranged and all Members to be invited.

Cllr Heaver asked if the Queens Jubilee Tree needs to be investigated as it isn't looking very healthy. More water may be needed.

CC: 1023:09 **Matters raised by Councillors** – to receive matters for information or discussion for future agendas.

Cllr Teatum: Commented that the Scout Leader who had been a resident for some years had passed away.

Cllr Heaver: Commented that the Speedwatch needs to be in attendance at the High Street as there are concerns regarding the speed at which some vehicles are going.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed:

Date