

# UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Date:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010    **Time:** 8pm    **Place:** Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs S Birnstingl (Chairman), D Coldwell, R French, R Harber, P Kentell, and A Purches. Cllr C Bailey was co-opted onto the committee. Tree warden J Steedman was present.
<b>A:1110:01</b> <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllrs F Jones (personal commitments) and J Shaw (long-term absence).
<b>A:1110:02</b> <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
<b>A:1110:03</b> <i>Declarations of interest</i>	There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by Councillors on any of the agenda items below
<b>A:1110:04</b> <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i>	The minutes of the meeting dated 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2010 were approved by all present and were signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by R French; Seconded by C Bailey.</i>
<b>A:1110:05</b> <i>Matters arising</i>	There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
<b>A:1110:06</b> <i>Tree Warden's report</i>	The Tree Warden reported as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Jonathan Rodwell has quoted £490 for pruning the large cypresses in Hyde Street open space; and we await his estimate for pruning some ashes at 43 Saltings Way.</li><li>- Uridge have not yet pruned the oaks at the allotments, or the elder at Falcons, High Street. (The Clerk agreed to remind him of this).</li><li>- Simon Zec is scheduled to plant 6 highway trees on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.</li><li>- Mrs Steedman expressed her opposition to removing any hedges at Hyde Street open space, or at the Bramley play area.</li><li>- The two field maples at Hyde Street open space were pruned by Duncan Armstrong on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. He will also cut down a cherry growing from a protected rowan.</li><li>- A maple is growing into the Centenary Oak, and needs pruning this year or next. Two large birches, a sycamore, and two ashes are overhanging the allotments and may need pruning.</li><li>- There are suckers growing from some older trees, which may be suitable for pruning by Robert Wilburn.</li></ul>

<p><b>A:1110:06</b> <i>Tree Warden's report (cont)</i></p>	<p>Cllr S Birnstingl suggested replacing the trees at the allotments and Hyde Street open place with blackthorn hedge. Cllr D Coldwell suggested that we need a rolling 5-year programme for tree renewal. This was generally welcomed. Cllr S Birnstingl and the tree warden will prepare a draft proposal for discussion at the next meeting. The tree warden provided a display board for the village hall, and will prepare an article for the newsletter. Cllr A Purches noted an Environment Agency free offer of 50 small trees; it was thought initially that this would be of little use to us, but further consideration would be given to it.</p>
<p><b>A:1110:07</b> <i>Management of area between church and river</i></p>	<p>West Sussex CC recognise the problems in that area, though no work is scheduled until March 2011. County Cllr D Deedman is active in progressing the matter, and there is little more that the parish council can do.</p>
<p><b>A:1110:08</b> <i>Slide at Small Dole play area</i></p>	<p>The Clerk reported that only two quotations have so far been received, so no further progress can be made at this point.</p>
<p><b>A:1110:09</b> <i>Benches</i></p>	<p>It was suggested that 2 benches be provided at Hyde Street open space, and one under the bandstand. The Clerk agreed to email prices and specifications.</p>
<p><b>A:1110:10</b> <i>Bus shelters</i></p>	<p>It was agreed that the top priority for replacement was at Sele Gardens, followed by opposite the filling station, then Dacre Gardens. The Clerk agreed to email prices and specifications.</p>
<p><b>A:1110:11</b> <i>Items for inclusion in budget</i></p>	<p>No further items were considered, beyond those already identified.</p>
<p><b>A:1110:12</b> <i>Correspondence</i></p>	<p>No relevant correspondence had been received.</p>
<p><b>A:1110:13</b> <i>Items for information or next agenda</i></p>	<p>Cllr A Purches asked the position regarding the Saltings Field lease renewal; the Clerk reported that HDC were aware of the matter. Cllr Purches also reported that the Environment Agency were removing newts and other wildlife from the lower Adur to higher areas.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.45pm. The next meeting will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Minutes signed by: .....

Date: .....