

# UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**Date: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010    Time: 7.30pm    Place: Beeding & Bramber Village Hall**

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs R Harber (Chairman), D Coldwell, F Jones, P Kentell, and J Shaw. Mrs J Steedman (tree warden) was present.
<b>A:0910:01</b> <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllr A Purches (personal commitments). Cllrs S Birnstingl and J Peake were absent.
<b>A:0910:02</b> <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
<b>A:0910:03</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:0910:04</b> <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i>	The minutes of the meeting dated 18 <sup>th</sup> May and 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2010 were approved by all present and were signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by J Shaw; Seconded by P Kentell.</i>
<b>A:0910:05</b> <i>Matters arising</i>	The Clerk reported as follows: A:0909:10 Pricing for benches is given in the Wybone and Glasden brochures. Prices range from £198 to £1,310. A:0110:10 The issue of grit bins has not been pursued, since The HDC emergencies coordinator, Tony Skelding, has advised that the current approved approach is to drop hippo bags rather than fill bins A:0510:08 Planning permission for DC/10/0503 (Tree felling; 9 Beechwood) was granted on 05-Jul-10. A:0510:10 The renovation on the seesaw and toddler's equipment in the Bramley play area is now complete. A:0510:12 The latest catalogue and price list from Littlethorpes is now held. A:0510:15 County Cllr Deedman was emailed on 19-May-10 about the Downs Link Way proposal, in the terms suggested. A:0510:16 Grasstex replied to our enquiry as follows: "As we already cut the grass for WSCC any additional cutting would be between the cycle already set with them, if you do not have these dates WSCC should supply you with the details. At present for instance there aren't any cuts scheduled for August, this for instance may be when a cut might be required. Our price for additional cutting is as follows:- £591.80 per cut"

<p><b>A:0910:06</b> <i>Tree Warden's report</i></p>	<p>The Tree Warden reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Problematical or dead trees have been reported on Small Dole green, Newland Road, and Towers Road.</li> <li>- The horse chestnut and beech at the development site in Church Lane are being monitored. The Clerk was asked to remind the developers of the TPO on these.</li> <li>- Estimates have been received from Uridge and Armstrong re the protected trees as Hyde Street open space. Uridge have also quoted for the overhanging oak at the allotments and the elder at the High Street. The Clerk then reported that an order has been placed with Armstrong re Hyde Street and the planning process is underway (see P:0810:15), and Uridge's quotes accepted for the other work.</li> <li>- Two dead trees need replacing (Stuart Christie's oak, and a whitebeam at Manor Road). Following consultation, 9 further vergeside trees have been requested by residents in the parish. This is allowed for in the budget, and the meeting authorised Mrs Steedman to proceed.</li> <li>- Notices have been placed requesting volunteers to water trees.</li> <li>- Will Jones (HDC) has volunteered to talk to the Council. The meeting felt that the Annual Parish Meeting in April would be an appropriate occasion for this..</li> </ul>
<p><b>A:0910:07</b> <i>Allotment issues</i></p>	<p>The Clerk reported a request from Mr &amp; Mrs Cowan to extend their holding into an adjacent plot by the size of half a plot. Normally this would not be countenanced whilst there is a waiting list. However, the Cowans are conscientious ploholders, their plot suffers considerably from the overhanging large oak tree, and the adjacent plot is believed soon to be relinquished by the existing occupier. There is someone on the waiting list, albeit at the bottom of the list, who specifically wants a half-sized plot. Under the circumstances, the Clerk recommended splitting the vacated plot when it is released, giving half to the Cowans and half to Mrs Moyle (who wants the half-sized plot). The meeting approved this proposal.</p>
<p><b>A:0910:08</b> <i>Play areas</i></p>	<p>Cllr S Birnstingl's proposal for a slide at Small Dole similar to the one in Shoreham Beach Green was approved in principle. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the next meeting.</p>
<p><b>A:0910:09</b> <i>Village sign</i></p>	<p>The village sign has been taken down, and is currently stored in the office. The Clerk reported that he asked Arun Signs if they can make up a new sign to the existing design. The response was that they need to start with a digital image, and the existing paintwork is in too poor a condition to provide a good photo. They suggest that we start with a digital photograph of the scene, which they can then process in a way to make it look like artwork rather than a photo. The cost would be in the order of £150. The meeting authorised the Clerk to proceed with this.</p>
<p><b>A:0910:10</b> <i>Dog bin at Dacre Gardens</i></p>	<p>Cllr F Jones suggested a dog bin be placed at Dacre Gardens, at the start of the footpath. The meeting agreed with this proposal and instructed the Clerk to arrange it with HDC.</p>
<p><b>A:0910:11</b> <i>Items for inclusion in budget</i></p>	<p>The following items were put forward for consideration to be included in the 2011/12 budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fence replacement at Bramley play area;</li> <li>- Grub hedge and replace fence at rear of Bramley play area;</li> <li>- Ongoing play area renovation;</li> <li>- Railing between churchyard and river.</li> </ul>

<b>A:0910:12</b> <i>Correspondence</i>	No relevant correspondence had been received.
<b>A:0910:13</b> <i>Items for information or next agenda</i>	There were no items suggested for discussion, or to be placed on a future agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm. The next meeting will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

**Minutes signed by:** ..... **Date:** .....