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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 18th May 2010 **Time:** 8.15pm **Place:** Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

Present:	Cllrs S Birnstingl, D Coldwell, R Harber, F Jones, P Kentell, J Peake, A Purches, and J Shaw. Mr D Rushmere (Beeding in Bloom) and Mrs J Steedman (tree warden) were present.
A:0510:01 <i>Election of Chairman</i>	Councillor S Birnstingl was nominated as Chairman, agreed to accept office, and was elected unanimously. <i>Proposed by D Coldwell; Seconded by J Peake.</i>
A:0510:02 <i>Election of Vice-Chairman</i>	Councillor R Harber was nominated as Vice-Chairman, agreed to accept office, and was elected unanimously. <i>Proposed by J Shaw; Seconded by D Coldwell.</i>
A:0510:03 <i>Apologies</i>	All committee members were present.
A:0510:04 <i>Questions from the public</i>	A discussion was held with Mr D Rushmere regarding the Beeding in Bloom financial situation. A decision on the donation will be made at the June meeting of the Council.
A:0510:05 <i>Declarations of interest</i>	There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by Councillors on any of the agenda items below
A:0510:06 <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i>	The minutes of the meeting dated 16 th March 2010 was approved by all present and were signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by D Coldwell; Seconded by J Shaw.</i>
A:0510:07 <i>Matters arising</i>	There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

<p>A:0510:08 <i>Tree Warden's report</i></p>	<p>The Tree Warden reported as follows:</p> <p>A large ash in Saltings Field was blown over in March, falling on a shed roof. At Cllr S Birnstingl's suggestion, specialist tree surgeons were called in to fell it. A good job was done, and the tree was logged and left as wildlife habitat.</p> <p>Remedial work has been done to the Centenary Oak.</p> <p>A small alder in Saltings Field, planted under Trees for Shade, was vandalised and broken. The break has been made straight and clean.</p> <p>The surrounds of the 70 Trees for Shade plantings over the last 4 years have been renovated, weeded, and composted.</p> <p>The memorial oak for Stuart Christie is not in leaf, and may be dead. It will be monitored.</p> <p>No news has been heard regarding the planning application for tree felling in Small Dole.</p> <p>The Clerk agreed to pursue HDC regarding the latter.</p>
<p>A:0510:09 <i>Allotment issues</i></p>	<p>Further to the Clerk's report on several issues relating to allotments, the following were decided:</p> <p><i>Microplots.</i> The consultation exercise on the possibility of creating microplots resulted in a mixed response. It was therefore agreed to keep the proposal in mind, but not to actively pursue it at this time.</p> <p><i>Bees.</i> Mrs Hunter of the beekeepers association, at our Annual Parish Meeting, suggested our terms and conditions include a clause requiring beekeepers to hold a "basic certificate". It was agreed that this clause be added to the relevant document.</p> <p><i>Anti-vandal paint.</i> There are mixed feelings amongst allotment holders regarding renewal of the paint. Following a split vote and a casting vote by the chairman, the idea of renewal of the paint was dropped.</p> <p><i>Annual inspection.</i> Cllr J Shaw indicated that there had formerly been an annual walk-round inspection of the allotments by the committee, and suggested its reinstatement. Following discussion, it was decided that current inspection processes were sufficient.</p> <p><i>Leaky tap.</i> Cllr S Birnstingl agreed to look at the leaky tap by Mr Dunstone's plot.</p>
<p>A:0510:10 <i>Trim trail project</i></p>	<p>Quotations for the project have been received. The Clerk was asked to arrange a special meeting of the Committee in early June specifically to make a decision on selection of supplier.</p> <p>As regards the renovations to equipment for which quotations had been obtained from Wicksteed, it was agreed to proceed with the work on the toddler equipment, but to not replace the climbing frame roof.</p>
<p>A:0510:11 <i>Forward strategy for playground renovation</i></p>	<p>The Clerk presented a letter and petition from local children requesting renovation, and his response, and email correspondence between Cllr S Birnstingl and a Small Dole resident. It was agreed that Small Dole takes first priority following completion of the trim trail. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the handyman to repaint the swings at Small Dole.</p>
<p>A:0510:12 <i>Bus shelters</i></p>	<p>It was agreed that Sele Gardens takes highest priority regarding renewal of bus shelters. No timetable was discussed. The Clerk agreed to obtain an up-to-date catalogue from Littlethorpes.</p>

<p>A:0510:13 <i>Village sign</i></p>	<p>Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr A Purches would arrange for the sign to be temporarily taken down, and a tracing taken as a base for the design of a new wrought-iron sign.</p>
<p>A:0510:14 <i>WSCC speed indicator device</i></p>	<p>It was resolved, with one vote against, that we indicate continued interest in the CUSID. <i>Proposed by A Purches; Seconded by D Coldwell.</i></p>
<p>A:0510:15 <i>Downs Link Way</i></p>	<p>County Cllr D Deedman's proposals regarding the Downs Link Way at Botolphs was considered. It was decided that the Council agreed with the proposal, but strongly suggested that the short stretch to continue the path to the Annington Road junction be included.</p>
<p>A:0510:16 <i>Verge cutting</i></p>	<p>The proposal by Grasstex to cut verges was considered. The Clerk was asked to write to them asking how much the work would cost, and how they propose to co-ordinate with WSCC.</p>
<p>A:0510:17 <i>Correspondence</i></p>	<p>No relevant correspondence had been received.</p>
<p>A:0510:18 <i>Items for information or next agenda</i></p>	<p>The Clerk was asked by Cllr P Kentell to distribute the neighbourhood watch report.</p>

The meeting closed at 9.40pm. The next meeting will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 20th July 2010.

Minutes signed by: **Date:**