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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 19th January 2010 **Time:** 8.15pm **Place:** Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

Present:	Cllrs S Birnstingl (Chairman), D Coldwell, R Harber, F Jones, P Kentell, and J Shaw.
A:0110:01 <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllrs C Bailey (holiday) and A Purches (personal commitments). Cllr B Davoudi was absent.
A:0110:02 <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
A:0110:03 <i>Declarations of interest</i>	There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by Councillors on any of the agenda items below.
A:0110:04 <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i>	The minutes of the meetings dated 17 th November 2009 were approved by all present and were signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by J Shaw; Seconded by D Coldwell.</i>
A:0110:05 <i>Matters arising</i>	The Clerk reported as follows: A:0909:06 HDC have responded to the enquiry regarding tree planting at Hole in the Wall Cottages, indicating that whilst landscaping was a requirement of planning consent there was no specific requirement to plant trees. A:0909:11 A letter has been written to Springs Smoked Salmon, Edburton on 11-Dec-09 to ask if we can site a noticeboard on their property. No response has yet been received.
A:0110:06 <i>Tree Warden's report</i>	The Tree Warden reported in writing as follows: 8 trees were planted in December; 7 on highway verges and one (the memorial for Cecily Moorhouse) on convent ground.. A total of 64 trees have been planted in the last 4 years, though some mature trees have been lost. A meeting has been planned with Cllr C Warren to discuss tree planting in Small Dole. The council wish to publicise the ongoing success of the tree planting programme. Cllr S Birnstingl will draft a press release, and pass it on to the Clerk to distribute.

<p>A:0110:07 <i>Renewal of grass cutting contract</i></p>	<p>The Clerk reported that he had received quotations for the grass cutting contract for April 2010 to March 2013. Quotations, per annum, were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burleys - £10,642 • Longmeadows - £7,180 (with annual inflation increase) • Enterprise Services - £6,753 • Howards Garden and Leisure - £4,910 (with annual inflation increase) • Barcombe Landscapes - £4,160 <p>It was noted that the quotation from Enterprise (the current contractor) is lower than their previous contract price (£964 per month, compared to £1,006).</p> <p>The Clerk indicated that Enterprise know the work, and that he has a good working relationship with them.</p> <p>Given this, and given the inevitable costs and problems likely to be incurred in “breaking in” a new contractor, the meeting recommended renewal of the contract with them.</p>
<p>A:0110:08 <i>Notice board renovation programmed</i></p>	<p>The Clerk indicated that the notice boards at Saltings Way and Small Dole were in need of renovation, and that new boards had been suggested for the entrance to the playing field and at Edburton. He noted that various websites showed a good range of suitable boards at various sizes and prices, and that £2,500 has been earmarked in the 2010/11 budget for noticeboards. The Clerk was asked to proceed with the program in such a way as he deemed appropriate.</p>
<p>A:0110:09 <i>Emergency Committee</i></p>	<p>It was noted that Cllr J Peake was going to see Mr Nethercote-Bryant, and set the ball rolling for resuming the work of the committee. No further progress has been made.</p>
<p>A:0110:10 <i>Grit bins</i></p>	<p>The Clerk was asked to investigate the cost of proving grit bins (including provision by WSCC Highways), and Cllr D Coldwell agreed to pursue the question of grit bins at HALC. Preferred locations would be Hyde Square, Manor Road, High Street near the Post Office, and Henfield Road near Small Dole Post Office.</p>
<p>A:0110:11 <i>Correspondence</i></p>	<p>No relevant correspondence had been received.</p>
<p>A:0110:12 <i>Items for information or next agenda</i></p>	<p>There were no items suggested for discussion, or to be placed on a future agenda.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.45pm. The next meeting will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 16th March 2010.

Minutes signed by: **Date:**