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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Date: Wednesday 28th April 2010

Time: 7.30pm

Place: Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

Introductory Items

Present	<p>Cllrs D Coldwell (Chair), C Bailey, S Birnstingl, B Davoudi, R French, R Harber, F Jones, P Kentell, J Peake, A Purches, J Shaw, C Warren;</p> <p>County Cllr D Deedman;</p> <p>S Coberman (Clerk);</p> <p>Approx 15 members of the public.</p>
Welcome	<p>The Chairman welcomed everyone present, thanked them for their attendance, and introduced the guest speakers.</p>
Guest speakers	<p>Mr Geoff Barnard gave a presentation on the Steyning 10:10 campaign, designed to lower the local carbon footprint, and invited Upper Beeding to participate. He answered questions from members of the public, and this was followed by an open discussion on bus usage.</p> <p>Ms Anna Giles, the Police Community Support Officer, reported on her activities and answered questions from members of the public. She indicated that she would shortly be taking a new career opportunity, and was thanked for her efforts by the Chairman.</p> <p>Mr Paul Sweeney, a neighbourhood warden, reported on the wardens' activities, and answered questions from members of the public. He noted that the Junior Warden scheme had been restarted.</p> <p>Mrs Pam Hunter, the Chairman of Central Sussex Beekeepers, gave a presentation on keeping bees, especially in relation to allotments, and answered questions from members of the public. She suggested that the conditions in our allotment terms and conditions for beekeeping include a requirement to hold the "basic certificate".</p> <p>Mr Ian Ivatt gave a presentation on the Chamber of Trade campaign to lower usage of plastic bags, and answered questions from members of the public.</p> <p>Mr David Geere, the Chairman of the Saltings Field Conservation Group, gave a presentation on the history of the field and the activities of the committee. He answered questions from members of the public, and invited new members to participate as the existing committee had operated largely unchanged for 15 years.</p>

Annual Parish Meeting

Introduction	<p>The Chairman thanked all committee chairmen and parish Councillors, County Councillor Derek Deedman, District Councillors Alan Fisher and Frank Grantham, the tree warden Judith Steedman, and the litter wardens for their support over the year.</p>
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Apologies	All council members were present, and no apologies had been received.
Minutes	The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 22 nd April 2009, having been circulated to all attendees, were approved as a correct record. <i>Proposed by Cllr D Coldwell, Seconded by Mrs M French.</i>
Matters to report	The Chairman invited the public to email the Clerk to request notification of newsletters when they are published. He reported on the opening of the skatepark in late summer 2009, noted the teething troubles, but felt that overall the project was a success. He also noted the opening of the new swings and the forthcoming plan to install a trim trail. Finally, he thanked Cllr J Shaw for her efforts in regard to the planting of a memorial tree for Stuart Christie in Small Dole. Draft annual accounts for the Parish Council were circulated to all attendees.
Agenda items proposed by parishioners	The only item specifically mentioned to the Clerk in advance of the meeting was the future of the sports hall. The person who requested this item was not present at the meeting, and the Chairman indicated that the position was unchanged from when the matter was raised at the 2009 meeting. Following a short discussion, it was agreed to consider redecorating the hall. The Chairman noted an offer by the Computer Shop to rent advertising space in the hall.
Open forum	Cllr J Shaw mentioned the Parish Council stall at the forthcoming village fete, and noted it as an opportunity to make suggestions to the council. Cllr J Peake noted with regret the absence of any representatives of the football and cricket clubs at the meeting. There was considerable discussion on the changed approach to distributing the newsletter, now primarily via the internet, and the meeting expressed its strong desire for the resumption of household deliveries. The Chairman indicated that, given the feeling of the meeting, the council would review its decision. He explained the problems associated with arranging delivery, and requested volunteers to advise the Clerk. Mr D Geere raised the matter of street cleaning. The Chairman noted that the position was unchanged since last year, in that it was the responsibility of Horsham District Council, who had a schedule to do it approximately once every 4 months. The Chairman noted that the Clerk had submitted his CiLCA portfolio, and that he therefore hoped that by the next meeting the council would have achieved Quality Council status. Cllr P Kentell congratulated the Saturday morning children's football club for its exemplary behaviour.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Minutes signed by: **Date:**