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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 2nd November 2010

Time: 7.30pm

Place: Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

Present:	Cllrs D Coldwell (Chairman), C Bailey, S Birnstingl, R French, R Harber, F Jones, P Kentell, A Purches, and C Warren; County Cllr D Deedman. PC Anne Watson, PCSO Louisa Tilley, and neighbourhood warden Paul Conroy were present.
C:1110:01 <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllr J Shaw (long-term absence), County Cllr D Deedman and District Cllr A Fisher. Cllr B Davoudi was absent, as was District Cllr F Grantham. The Clerk advised that Cllr B Davoudi has been absent without apology for over 6 months' consecutive meetings, and thus automatically ceases to be a member of the Council under the terms of s85, Local Government Act 1972.
C:1110:02 <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
C:1110:03 <i>Declarations of interest</i>	There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by Councillors on any of the agenda items below.
C:1110:04 <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i>	The minutes of the meeting dated 5 th October 2010 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by S Birnstingl; Seconded by F Jones.</i>
C:1110:05 <i>Matters arising</i>	There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
C:1110:06 <i>PCSO & Neighbourhood Warden reports</i>	PCSO Louisa Tilley reported that a Neighbourhood Panel meeting was recently held, jointly with Steyning. The main issues highlighted concerned dog fouling, noisy mopeds, and antisocial behaviour and vandalism. She introduced Anne Watson, the new PC for the area, and Paul Conroy, the neighbourhood warden replacing Kylie Haskell. Cllr P Kentell reported that the proposal to merge Neighbourhood Panels and the LAT, opposed by the Council, would not now go ahead. Cllr D Coldwell asked the PC, PCSO, and warden to see if they could assist in finding youngsters willing to take part in a reconstituted Youth Council.

<p>C:1110:07 <i>County Councillor's Report</i></p>	<p>County Cllr D Deedman reported as follows:</p> <p><u>30 mph speed limit, Clays Hill, Bramber</u></p> <p>The Chanctonbury County Local Committee will consider the Traffic Regulation Order at the Committee meeting on Wednesday, 8 December. County Officers are recommending approval. The Committee will also be considering a report recommending no action on a speed limit of 40 mph requested along Horn Lane by local residents.</p> <p><u>Downs Link Improvements</u></p> <p>The Policy & Resources Select Committee meeting last month supported financing this scheme from Members Priority Fund. The Cabinet Member subsequently informed me that he would be releasing the monies from the Fund to enable the scheme to proceed.</p> <p><u>Horton Landfill Site</u></p> <p>The planning application to extend the life of the Site by ten months may be considered by the Planning Committee on 30 November. However the Small Dole Action Group are of the opinion that this does not allow enough time for Viridor to respond to further questions initiated by the County Council on behalf of the Group, nor for the Group to comment on those responses for consideration by the Planning Committee. The new Leader of the County Council, Interim Chief Executive and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services were unable to meet representatives of the Action Group to discuss general relations between the Council and the Group on 27 October due to some key members being ill. It is now hoped that the meeting will take place on 3 December.</p> <p><u>Mineral & Waste Strategy</u></p> <p>The County Council agreed to suspend the preparations for the County Strategy and to prepare a new timetable later this year/early next year. At the first meeting of the re-convened Task Force on 26 October it was agreed that the Strategy for Commercial & Industrial waste should be prepared on the presumption that there will be no need for any such waste to go to landfill.</p> <p><u>County Council finances</u></p> <p>As expected the Government Comprehensive Spending Review indicates that there will be a 28% reduction in Government Grant to local authorities over the next four years. The impact on grant to West Sussex County Council and Horsham District Council will not be known until early December. County Councillors will be meeting on 3 November to consider the budget and corporate priorities within a reduced level of government grant.</p> <p><u>Youth Service Review</u></p> <p>A meeting will be held at Horsham Youth Centre Main Hall on Wednesday 10 November to discuss moving towards more integrated services for young people. All Horsham District parish councillors have been invited to attend.</p> <p><u>Coast to Capital Local Economic Partnership (LEP)</u></p> <p>The bid by West Sussex County Council has been given the green light by Vince Cable, the Coalition Business Secretary. The LEP is expected to be a major economic driver for the area and it is anticipated that up to 100,000 new private sector jobs could be created as well as the skill base of the area being developed. The County Council is committed to partnership working with businesses to implement the plan.</p>
<p>C:1110:08 <i>District Councillors' Reports</i></p>	<p>No report was received.</p>

<p>C:1110:09 <i>Chairman's announcements</i></p>	<p>Cllr D Coldwell reported on probable developments in local government administration as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council Tax capping does not apply to Parish Councils, but they are asked to exercise restraint. - After announcing that the Standards regime would be dismantled, the government are now reviewing the decision. Standard for England will still disappear, but the regime will remain in place, though it is not yet known how it will operate. - The SALC AGM will be held on 3rd November, and the HALC meeting on 9th November. - Risk Assessment training would be held at East Grinstead on 17th November. - A flooding emergency committee exercise will take place in March 2011. 																														
<p>C:1110:10 <i>Election of Vice-Chairman</i></p>	<p>Councillor A Purches was nominated as Vice-Chairman, agreed to accept office, and was elected unanimously. <i>Proposed by D Coldwell; Seconded by F Jones.</i></p>																														
<p>C:1110:11 <i>Committee vacancies</i></p>	<p>There were no committee vacancies to fill. Cllr A Purches agreed to act as the Parish Council representative on the village hall committee.</p>																														
<p>C:1110:12 <i>Affordable housing</i></p>	<p>A meeting of the subcommittee will be held later in the month; the Clerk was asked to advise members of the date and time. The Clerk advised that there was no progress on the Pound Lane site, and he had alerted Tom Warder (AiRS) of Mr Stringer's proposal (see P:1010:02).</p>																														
<p>C:1110:13 <i>Village sign</i></p>	<p>The Clerk reported on progress with obtaining photographs for use as the basis of a sign. Cllr A Purches argued that something of a higher quality would be preferable. Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to reinstate the open competition placed in the newsletter two years earlier, to place the same notice on the sign pole itself, and to specifically invite local schools to design a sign.</p>																														
<p>C:1110:14 <i>Botolphs Cemetery</i></p>	<p>Cllr R Harber explained the need for a long term strategy, including the purchase of land for expansion, and hence the need for financial planning. The primary options are for the Joint Parishes Burial Board to rely on reserves, or to ask the parish council to contribute as-and-when required. The feeling of the meeting was that this is primarily a decision for the Board, who should present plans to the councils, but that the need for long term planning was accepted.</p>																														
<p>C:1110:15 <i>Authorisation of Payments</i></p>	<p>A resolution to authorise the following payments was approved unanimously:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">RBS Software</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Annual data backup fee</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">£70.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>George Rose</td> <td>Copier toner</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£81.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WSCC</td> <td>Salaries - Sep-10</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3,282.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brighton Fire alarms</td> <td>Sports hall alarm maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£141.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Meacher</td> <td>Odd job man</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£23.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aspen Tree Care</td> <td>Tree pruning in Hyde Street open space</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£411.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ferring Nurseries</td> <td>On behalf of Beeding in Bloom</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SLCC</td> <td>CiLCA resit fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£70.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Enterprise Services</td> <td>Grass cutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,144.78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AM Fire & Security</td> <td>Sports hall intruder alarm maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£81.03</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Proposed by D Coldwell; Seconded by F Jones.</i></p>	RBS Software	Annual data backup fee	£70.50	George Rose	Copier toner	£81.96	WSCC	Salaries - Sep-10	£3,282.27	Brighton Fire alarms	Sports hall alarm maintenance	£141.00	David Meacher	Odd job man	£23.30	Aspen Tree Care	Tree pruning in Hyde Street open space	£411.25	Ferring Nurseries	On behalf of Beeding in Bloom	£60.30	SLCC	CiLCA resit fee	£70.00	Enterprise Services	Grass cutting	£1,144.78	AM Fire & Security	Sports hall intruder alarm maintenance	£81.03
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<p>C:1110:16 <i>Accounts: Oct-10</i></p>	<p>These were presented and noted.</p>																														

<p>C:1110:17 <i>Bank statements: Sep-10</i></p>	<p>These were presented and noted.</p>
<p>C:1110:18 <i>Correspondence</i></p>	<p>The following items of correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda) were notified to the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Viridor Credits re grant refusal • Email from Steyning Clerk requesting grant towards Citizens Advice • Email from HDC re size of Council • Letter from Burial Board re long term strategy • Letter from Village Hall committee requesting representative, and enclosing minutes • Beeding in Bloom minutes • Request for contribution to Small Dole Christmas evening • South East Community Empowerment Award application pack • AiRS AGM notice (3rd November) • AiRS Report and accounts • HDC email re spending cuts • WSCC letter re youth services review • HDC licensing application re Costcutters • English Rural Housing Assoc Annual Report • Community Minibus Assoc Annual Report <p>It was agreed to grant £300 towards the Citizens Advice Bureau, and £100 towards the Small Dole Christmas evening. <i>Proposed by C Bailey; Seconded by R French.</i></p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to write to District Cllr A Fisher noting the council's objection to increasing the licensing hours at Costcutters, and establishing whether it is a new or a replacement licence.</p>
<p>C:1110:19 <i>Items for information or next agenda</i></p>	<p>Cllr A Purches noted the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012. Cllr P Kentell reported that residents have requested that the brambles around Hyde Street Open Space be grubbed out to limit "hiding places" for youths, and the Clerk was asked to refer this to the tree warden. Cllr R French noted that the Steyning Chamber of Trade was seeking to extend to Beeding; Mr Leigh-Pollitt has offered to address the Annual Parish Meeting in April.</p>

The meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 7th December 2010 at 7.30pm.

Minutes signed by: Date: