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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 5th October 2010

Time: 7.30pm

Place: Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

Present:	Cllrs D Coldwell (Chairman), S Birnstingl, R French, R Harber, F Jones, P Kentell, A Purches, J Shaw, and C Warren; County Cllr D Deedman.
C:1010:01 <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllr C Bailey (personal commitments). Cllr B Davoudi was absent, as were District Cllrs A Fisher and F Grantham. The Clerk advised that Cllr J Peake has resigned from the council for personal reasons.
C:1010:02 <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
C:1010:03 <i>Declarations of interest</i>	There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by Councillors on any of the agenda items below.
C:1010:04 <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i>	The minutes of the meeting dated 31 st August 2010 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by J Shaw; Seconded by R French.</i>
C:1010:05 <i>Matters arising</i>	There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
C:1010:06 <i>PCSO & Neighbourhood Warden reports</i>	PCSO Louisa Tilley sent her apologies, and provided a written report to the Council. As usual, the main issues highlighted concerned antisocial behaviour by adolescents, and problems with improper parking. Cllr P Kentell reported on the recent meeting of the LAT, and noted that the PCSO has suggested that this body be merged with the Neighbourhood Panel. Barry New, the chairman of the LAT, has asked parishes their opinion on this. After discussion, it was agreed that the council objected to this proposal, and the Clerk was asked to pass this information on to Mr New. There was no Neighbourhood Warden's report.

<p>C:1010:07 <i>County Councillor's Report</i></p>	<p>County Cllr D Deedman reported as follows: <u>30 mph speed limit, Clays Hill, Bramber</u> The work on preparing the draft Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for this scheme for public consultation is currently being progressed at County Hall. The informal statutory consultation with the Police, District Councillors and Parish Councils is currently taking place. Steyning Parish Council recently confirmed support for the scheme, but both District Councillors for Steyning, and a former Chairman of Steyning Parish Council, have made known their objections to the proposed new speed limit. The final TRO for the scheme will, therefore, almost certainly, have to return to the Chanctonbury County Local Committee in due course (probably March) for confirmation or otherwise.</p> <p><u>Downs Link Improvements</u> The scheme for improvements near St Botolphs is still awaiting funding approval from the County Members Priority Fund. The Scheme is included in a report is being made to the Policy & Resources Select Committee on 21 October and hopefully the Committee will support the use of the Priority Fund to fund the proposal.</p> <p><u>Horton Landfill Site</u> Viridor have now submitted a planning application to extend the life of the Site by ten months to 1 August 2011. The County Planners have rejected a call from the Small Dole Action Group to place a <i>stop</i> notice on the operators, which would have required Viridor stop operations as the existing planning consent ended on 1 October.</p> <p><u>Draft Local Transport Plan</u> The period of public consultation has now ended.</p> <p><u>Mineral & Waste Strategy</u> The County Council has been reviewing the situation on the preparation of this Strategy due to the uncertainties around the Coalition Government's intentions regarding regional planning and the national waste strategy. It has now been decided that the preparations for the County Strategy should be suspended and a new timetable be prepared later this year/early next year. This is to be recommended to the full County Council meeting on 15 October. In the meantime the Task Force will be meeting on 26 October to consider the technical work that is continuing on the evidence for the future preparation.</p> <p><u>County Council finances</u> It is expected that the Government Public Expenditure review will lead to a reduction in West Sussex County Council spending in excess of 25% over the next four years. The Council is continuing to investigate performance and efficiency improvements to reduce costs, but it is likely that savings of over 25% will only be achieved by cutting out whole services. County Councillors will be meeting on 3 November to consider the budget and corporate priorities.</p> <p><u>Chanctonbury Local Committee</u> The CLC has rejected a request from Steyning for a grant towards Christmas lights; however, an ice fair in February is a possibility.</p>
<p>C:1010:08 <i>District Councillors' Reports</i></p>	<p>District Cllrs A Fisher and F Grantham reported as follows: A busy month at Council with a lot of involvement in budget review with the possibility of cuts in grants, increased costs and low interest rates and a total review of the core plan ,LDF and Housing strategy. The applicant has withdrawn his application for a recycling plant at Small Dole but it may be resubmitted.</p>

<p>C:1010:09 <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"> - The Standards Board will be abolished. Originally its functions were to be transferred to the Audit Commission, but with that too being abolished it appears there will be no standards regime in place from end-2011. - Council taxes will not be increased, and there will be a power of veto by local referendum. It is not clear if parish precepts are included in this. - It will be a requirement that expenses over £500 should be published. This can be accomplished by posting accounts on the website. - SEERA/SEEDA have been abolished. <p>He also noted that the HDC/HALC annual meeting will be held on 9th November.</p>																																							
<p>C:1010:10 <i>Committee vacancies</i></p>	<p>Cllr A Purches was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Sports & Leisure Committee, and Cllr R French was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Amenities Committee.</p>																																							
<p>C:1010:11 <i>Cemetery committee</i></p>	<p>Members of the Cemetery Committee were appointed as follows: Cllrs S Birstingl, D Coldwell, R Harber, A Purches, and J Shaw. It was agreed that the committee would draw up its own terms of reference for approval at a future council meeting. The Clerk was asked, in liaison with Cllr R Harber, to arrange a meeting and draw up an agenda.</p>																																							
<p>C:1010:12 <i>Reduction in council size</i></p>	<p>Cllr D Coldwell reported on progress on this matter, following discussions with Mr Higgins of Electoral Services at HDC. They are unlikely to approve the reduction in time for May 2011, as requested, but will discuss next year in connection with all parishes.</p>																																							
<p>C:1010:13 <i>Youth Council</i></p>	<p>Attempts so far to reconstitute the Youth Council have failed. The Clerk was asked to liaise with the PCSO and neighbourhood wardens in a final attempt to get it moving, with a deadline of 31st March 2011. Meantime, councillors may attempt to see how other parishes approach this issue.</p>																																							
<p>C:1010:14 <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: 40%;">Ferring Nurseries</td> <td style="width: 40%;">On behalf of Beeding in Bloom</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">£675.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Southern Counties Janitorial</td> <td>Cleaning materials</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£156.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>George Rose</td> <td>Stationery</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£157.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Meacher</td> <td>Odd job man</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£41.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wicksteed</td> <td>Trim Trail</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20,707.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Enterprise Services</td> <td>Grass - Sep-10</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,144.78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WSCC</td> <td>Salaries - Aug-10</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3,172.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HDC</td> <td>Bin emptying - Oct-10 - Mar-11</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£436.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S R Coberman</td> <td>Sundries</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£172.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ferring Nurseries</td> <td>On behalf of Beeding in Bloom</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£886.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Upper Beeding Village Hall</td> <td>Room Hire</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£36.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EDF</td> <td>Sports hall electricity</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£761.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Southern Water</td> <td>Sports Hall / allotments water</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£376.13</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Proposed by D Coldwell; Seconded by F Jones.</i></p>	Ferring Nurseries	On behalf of Beeding in Bloom	£675.45	Southern Counties Janitorial	Cleaning materials	£156.72	George Rose	Stationery	£157.49	David Meacher	Odd job man	£41.32	Wicksteed	Trim Trail	£20,707.03	Enterprise Services	Grass - Sep-10	£1,144.78	WSCC	Salaries - Aug-10	£3,172.30	HDC	Bin emptying - Oct-10 - Mar-11	£436.34	S R Coberman	Sundries	£172.13	Ferring Nurseries	On behalf of Beeding in Bloom	£886.95	Upper Beeding Village Hall	Room Hire	£36.00	EDF	Sports hall electricity	£761.38	Southern Water	Sports Hall / allotments water	£376.13
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<p>C:1010:15 <i>Accounts: Sep-10</i></p>	<p>These were presented and noted.</p>																																							
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<p>C:1010:17 <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"> • SALC annual report and accounts • English Rural Housing Association magazine • AiRS AGM notice (3rd November) • CPRE Countryside Voice magazine • CPRE Fieldwork magazine • WSCC consultation document on day services • HDC health profile bulletin • AiRS Action magazine • WSCC Fire & Rescue Service action plan consultation document • Beeding in Bloom minutes
<p>C:1010:18 <i>Personal statement from Cllr J Shaw</i></p>	<p>Cllr J Shaw reported that there will be no fete in 2011 unless a new chairman and committee can be found. £20 has been received from the 2010 organising committee towards the cost of clearing up litter. Cllr P Kentell will take over her role on the Steyning Partnership.</p> <p>She then advised that she would be in Australia for the next 9 months, and formally resigned the vice-chairmanship. She thanked the councillors for their cooperation over the years.</p> <p>Cllr D Coldwell then presented her with a bouquet of flowers paid for by the councillors as Clerk.</p>
<p>C:1010:19 <i>Items for information or next agenda</i></p>	<p>Cllr A Purches suggested that affordable housing be added to the next agenda. Cllr R French noted thanks to the litter warden for helping to catch a loose dog and trace its owner.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.35pm. The next meeting will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd November 2010 at 7.30pm.

Minutes signed by: **Date:**