

UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 1st December 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, J Shaw, and C Warren; County Cllr D Deedman; neighbourhood warden P Conroy; 3 members of the public.
C:1210:01 <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from PCSO L Tilley; District Cllrs A Fisher and F Grantham were absent.
C:1210:02 <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
C:1210:03 <i>Declarations of interest</i>	There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by Councillors on any of the agenda items below.
C:1210:04 <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i>	The minutes of the meeting dated 2 nd November 2010 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by A Purches; Seconded by S Birnstingl.</i>
C:1210:05 <i>Matters arising</i>	There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
C:1210:06 <i>PCSO & Neighbourhood Warden reports</i>	<p>Cllr D Coldwell noted that Mr Dan Robinson had been interviewed for the vacancy following the departure of Paul Sweeney, and has been appointed. Cllr R French asked for a patrol at the green at Downland road, where football is a nuisance.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Warden P Conroy reported as follows:</p> <p><u>Antisocial behaviour</u></p> <p>With the nights drawing in and the Weather inclement, reported incidents of anti-social behaviour have been low. There have been reports of nuisance driving by youths on mopeds in the Hyde Square area and patrols have been increased accordingly. There have been several instances of criminal damage to windows on the perimeter building of Upper Beeding Junior School, and a CCTV Camera and it is now in place. There have been reports from the Youth Club at The Sports Centre of members damaging property and regular visits there will be made to engage with the young club members.</p> <p><u>Vacant property</u></p> <p>At the beginning of the month a press release was issued by Horsham District Council highlighting the “Away from home scheme” giving residents reassurance that their properties are under our watchful eye when they are away on holidays or short breaks. There is also a list of vacant properties from the Community Safety Department to be noted on patrols.</p>

<p>C:1210:06 <i>PCSO & Neighbourhood Warden reports (cont)</i></p>	<p><u>Dog fouling</u></p> <p>Early morning and evening patrols of recreational areas and footpaths including the river paths are taking place to engage with dog walkers and encourage them to pass on information about Dog owners who do not clear up their fouling. A meeting has been held with the Head Teachers of St Andrews and Upper Beeding Primary School with a view to launching a campaign in January using dog fouling posters designed by the children and junior wardens.</p> <p><u>Junior wardens</u></p> <p>Junior Wardens will attend a talk given by Richard Poole from West Sussex Fire Department on keeping safe in the home. Future short term projects will involve them working with S.I.D. and taking part in an initiative to reduce car crime.</p>
<p>C:1210:07 <i>County Councillor's Report</i></p>	<p>County Cllr D Deedman reported as follows:</p> <p><u>Chanctonbury CLC</u></p> <p>The next meeting takes place on 8th December 2010 at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall, starting at 7pm. Items on the agenda include a presentation on current progress regarding the new South Downs National Park and reports on a 40 mph speed limit proposal for Horn Lane, Henfield and Traffic Regulation Orders to confirm 30 mph limits on Clays Hill and a road in Ashington, In addition there will be the usual Talk with Us Open Forum when residents can raise any issue of concern to them locally.</p> <p><u>Concessionary Fares Scheme</u></p> <p>The administration of this national scheme is to transfer from the District Councils to the County Councils on 1 April 2011. WSCC is currently considering the discretionary; non-government funded concessions and will announce a decision on this in February following consideration of the costs involved and consultations. Currently the scheme operates from 9.00am for Horsham residents rather than the grant-funded 9.30am. In view of the financial situation facing the County it is likely that it will become 9.30am throughout the County.</p> <p><u>Horton Landfill Site</u></p> <p>The County Planning Committee gave planning permission to Viridor to extend the tipping life of this landfill site to 1 August 2011, despite objections. The only comfort is that the Committee was strongly critical of the way Viridor had handled the matter, and members (all of whom are likely to remain on the Committee until at least 2013), made it clear that they would not look favourably on any further request to extend planning permission at the site beyond 1 August 2011.</p> <p><u>County Council</u></p> <p>The next full County Council meeting takes place on Friday, 17 December at County Hall, Chichester. It is most likely to be web cast, especially as all Cabinet Members will be reporting on their budget priorities for the next year or so, and will be open to questions on these from all members.</p> <p><u>Other matters</u></p> <p>Late night shopping takes place in Steyning on 8th December 2010, and there will be an ice rink in the High Street car park (partly funded by the Chanctonbury County Local Committee). The Upper Beeding Primary School Christmas Fair had to be deferred from last Friday due to the weather, but will now take place on 9th December from 5.30pm to 8pm at the School. The mobile library scheme is under review.</p>
<p>C:1210:08 <i>District Councillors' Reports</i></p>	<p>No report was received.</p>

<p>C:1210:09 <i>Chairman's announcements</i></p>	<p>Cllr D Coldwell reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The SALC AGM was uneventful. - Robert Nye (HDC) addressed the HALC AGM on the Local Development Framework, and a consultation paper is to follow. He also presented on budget savings of £1.2m, followed by a further £1m over the following three years.. - There has been a WSCC presentation of the “big society”. - No further developments have been reported on the future of the standards framework. 																								
<p>C:1210:10 <i>Budget 2011/12</i></p>	<p>The Clerk tabled a budget, based on previous deliberations of the Policy & Resources, Amenities, and Sports & Leisure committees. Following elucidation of the document by Cllr D Coldwell, a resolution to authorise the budget as presented was approved unanimously.</p> <p><i>Proposed by D Coldwell; Seconded by F Jones.</i></p>																								
<p>C:1210:11 <i>Precept 2011/12</i></p>	<p>Following discussions, where the possibility of adding the cost of elections to the precept were raised, a resolution to set a precept for 2011/12 of £117,500 - unchanged from 2010/11 - was approved unanimously.</p> <p><i>Proposed by D Coldwell; Seconded by J Shaw.</i></p>																								
<p>C:1210:12 <i>Hedge behind play area</i></p>	<p>Mrs E Batten of Holly Cottage - a property backing onto the Bramley play area - stated that the hedge at the back of the playground belonged wholly or in part to her property. She, and the other members of the public present, objected to the hedge being removed and/or replaced, as proposed by the Council. Councillors explained the reasons for the proposal: primarily to extend the playground area and prevent improper/illicit usage of the land behind the hedge, which could affect the health and safety of children using the playground. The Clerk noted that there was an outstanding action on him from a previous meeting to establish ownership of the land by way of Land Registry search. It was agreed to put the matter into abeyance pending final determination of ownership of this land and the “Dilly” path, and to advise the local householders when the matter is once more to be reviewed in a few months time.</p>																								
<p>C:1210:13 <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: 50%;">Enterprise Services</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Hedge cutting</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">£1,050.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WSCC</td> <td>Salaries - Oct-10, and admin fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3,215.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wicksteed</td> <td>Repairs to swing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£301.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RBS Software</td> <td>Accounts software maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£104.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Small Dole Social Group</td> <td>Contribution to Christmas dinner</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beeding & Bramber village hall</td> <td>Room hire</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swains Farm</td> <td>Trees</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£160.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Philip Clay</td> <td>Changing room tender docs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£796.00</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Proposed by D Coldwell; Seconded by S Birnstingl.</i></p> <p>Cllr D Coldwell noted that new regulations will shortly be tabled to allow electronic banking. It was also noted that Swains invoice did not show VAT, and the Clerk was asked to investigate why.</p>	Enterprise Services	Hedge cutting	£1,050.21	WSCC	Salaries - Oct-10, and admin fee	£3,215.67	Wicksteed	Repairs to swing	£301.74	RBS Software	Accounts software maintenance	£104.58	Small Dole Social Group	Contribution to Christmas dinner	£100.00	Beeding & Bramber village hall	Room hire	£60.75	Swains Farm	Trees	£160.00	Philip Clay	Changing room tender docs	£796.00
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<p>C:1210:14 <i>Accounts: Nov-10</i></p>	<p>These were presented and noted.</p>																								
<p>C:1210:15 <i>Bank statements: Oct-10</i></p>	<p>These were presented and noted.</p>																								

<p>C:1210:16 <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"> • District Councillors’ report for October 2010 (received after November meeting) • Email from PCSO re royal wedding • Letter from WSCC re flood survey • Letter from WSCC fingerpost restoration • Meeting schedule 2011 • Flyer for HDC mobile skate park • CPRE “Fieldwork” magazine • HALC minutes (9th November) • AiRS “Action” magazine • CPRE “Countryside Voice” magazines • Update on WSCC minerals and waste core strategy • CPRE “Sussex Review” magazine
<p>C:1210:17 <i>Items for information or next agenda</i></p>	<p>Cllr D Coldwell asked for a request for donation from Henfield Medical Centre be tabled for the next agenda.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.25pm. The next meeting will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 4th January 2011 at 7.30pm.

Minutes signed by: **Date:**