

UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 1st June 2010

Time: 7.30pm

Place: Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

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| Present: | Cllrs D Coldwell (Chairman), C Bailey, S Birnstingl, R French, P Kentell, J Peake, and J Shaw; District Cllrs A Fisher and F Grantham; Mr D Rushmere (Beeding in Bloom). |
| C:0610:01 <i>Apologies</i> | Apologies were received from Cllrs R Harber, F Jones, and A Purches (all holiday), and from County Cllr D Deedman. Cllrs B Davoudi and C Warren were absent. |
| C:0610:02 <i>Questions from the public</i> | There were no questions from the public. |
| C:0610:03 <i>Declarations of interest</i> | There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by Councillors on any of the agenda items below. |
| C:0610:04 <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i> | The minutes of the meeting dated 4 th May 2010 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by S Birnstingl; Seconded by P Kentell.</i> |
| C:0610:05 <i>Matters arising</i> | There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere in the agenda. |

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***County Councillor's
Report***

County Cllr D Deedman reported in writing as follows:

Emergency issues

No further progress has been made on the parish emergency plans meeting, and information is awaited from HDC. A decision on the inclusion of Bramber and Upper Beeding in these discussions has still yet to be made.

Chanctonbury CLC

The next meeting will be on 15th June when the Clays Hill proposed speed limit reduction to 30 mph will be on the agenda. Steyning Parish Council Highways & Lighting Committee confirmed its support for the speed limit reduction on 25 May. The speed reduction to 30 mph is included in the Bramber Parish Plan.

Downs Link improvement

Thanks to the Parish Council for its support and comments regarding a possible extension of the works along the South Downs Way to the Annington Road junction - the cost for this is currently being assessed by the Countryside Manager.

Buses

A meeting was held with Brighton & Hove Buses and the Steyning 10:10 Group to discuss improvements which might be made to the 2A service. The County Council Public Transport Team Manager has confirmed that the arrangements for the Explorer Ticket will now be reviewed.

WSSC

The new leader for WSSC is Councillor Louise Goldsmith who represents a Chichester City Division. She was previously the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources. Lionel Barnard (Henfield) remains as Deputy Leader with now responsibility for Highways & Transport. (Since this includes cycleways and the Downs Link, hopefully improvement works on the Link and accesses to adjacent villages in Horsham will have a higher priority than in the past). The next County Council meeting on 23 July will take place at County Hall North in Horsham.

Recycling

The recent fire at the Materials Recycling Facility at Ford will put it out of action for a while, but Viridor, who operate the facility on behalf of the County Council, have another facility in the London area which will now take the West Sussex waste for recycling until the Ford facility is repaired (at their insurance cost).

Shoreham skatepark

The new skate park at the Adur Civic Centre (on the 2A route) is now open and will, it is hoped, prove a big asset and a draw to local skateboarders from the Upper Beeding area keen to learn/show their advanced skills at a very challenging skate park.

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| <p>C:0610:07 <i>District Councillors' Reports</i></p> | <p>District Cllrs A Fisher and F Grantham reported as follows:</p> <p><u>General</u></p> <p>This has been a quieter month at Council apart from a General Election and two difficult planning applications that we are delegated to progress. The restructure is now in place and we are now in the process of refining the new structure.</p> <p><u>Parish involvement</u></p> <p>The intention is to involve Parish Councils more and the Leader is intending to visit each Parish by this autumn; we will be discussing this with each Council before the event in order to get the best value. It was strongly recommended that the Parish Council respond to the consultation questionnaire.</p> <p><u>Emergency issues</u></p> <p>The Flooding and Drainage Report is in preparation which is likely to recommend that Parish Councils have better defined role in reporting and monitoring faults and remedial action.</p> <p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>An application for a good sized extension on a listed building is under consideration, but the new conservation architect is being hard to convince. The application for the recycling plant (see above) has taken considerable time to research and report.</p> <p><u>Parish noticeboards</u></p> <p>It is not thought that any other parish has been asked to obtain an advertising licence for noticeboards. The Clerk was asked to forward the latest correspondence to District Cllr A Fisher, and to write to Rod Brown (Head of Planning).</p> |
| <p>C:0610:08 <i>Appointments to committees</i></p> | <p>Members were appointed to outstanding vacancies on Council Committees as follows:</p> <p><u>Planning Committee</u> Members: C Bailey; R French; one vacancy remaining.</p> <p><u>Sports & Leisure Committee</u> Members: C Bailey.</p> <p><u>Policy & Resources Committee</u> Members: S Birnstingl; D Coldwell; R French; R Harber; P Kentell; A Purches; J Shaw; one vacancy remaining.</p> |
| <p>C:0610:09 <i>Grant to Beeding in Bloom</i></p> | <p>The accounts of the group were considered, and Mr D Rushmere answered questions put to him. Following suggestions of grants varying between £2,000 and £2,500 a motion was carried by a majority to authorise a grant for 2010/11 of £2,250.</p> <p><i>Proposed by C Bailey; Seconded by J Peake.</i></p> |
| <p>C:0610:10 <i>Newsletter</i></p> | <p>Following the issues raised at the Annual Parish Meeting, the possibility of letterbox distribution of the newsletter was reconsidered. No final decision was made, and the Clerk was asked to investigate with Royal Mail the feasibility of them doing the distribution.</p> |
| <p>C:0610:11 <i>Adoption of accounts</i></p> | <p>A resolution to adopt the annual accounts for year ending 31st March 2010 was approved with one abstention.</p> <p><i>Proposed by C Bailey; Seconded by R French.</i></p> |

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| <p>C:0610:12 <i>Authorisation of Payments</i></p> | <p>A resolution to authorise the following payments was approved unanimously:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Victim Support</td> <td>Donation</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saltings Field Conservation Group</td> <td>Donation</td> <td>£1,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4sight</td> <td>Donation</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steyning Parish Council</td> <td>Donation</td> <td>£500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scouts</td> <td>Donation</td> <td>£100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Just Different</td> <td>Donation</td> <td>£100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beeding in Bloom</td> <td>Donation</td> <td>£2,250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BT</td> <td>Office phone</td> <td>£73.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Came & Co</td> <td>Insurance renewal</td> <td>£5,681.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WSCC</td> <td>Salaries and admin fee</td> <td>£3,274.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Wilburn</td> <td>Tree work</td> <td>£599.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Active Ground Maintenance</td> <td>Playing field renovation</td> <td>£3,747.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Enterprise Services</td> <td>Grass cutting</td> <td>£1,144.78</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Proposed by D Coldwell; Seconded by S Birnstingl.</i></p> | Victim Support | Donation | £50.00 | Saltings Field Conservation Group | Donation | £1,000.00 | 4sight | Donation | £50.00 | Steyning Parish Council | Donation | £500.00 | Scouts | Donation | £100.00 | Just Different | Donation | £100.00 | Beeding in Bloom | Donation | £2,250.00 | BT | Office phone | £73.75 | Came & Co | Insurance renewal | £5,681.50 | WSCC | Salaries and admin fee | £3,274.85 | R Wilburn | Tree work | £599.07 | Active Ground Maintenance | Playing field renovation | £3,747.08 | Enterprise Services | Grass cutting | £1,144.78 |
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| <p>C:0610:13 <i>Accounts: May-10</i></p> | <p>These were presented and noted.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>C:0610:14 <i>Bank statements: Apr-10</i></p> | <p>These were presented and noted.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>C:0610:15 <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 HDC re Senior Persons Council • Email correspondence (Deedman/Smith) re traffic at Manor Road. The Clerk was instructed to advise County Cllr D Deedman that the primary issue is visibility, not speeding. However, we will contribute to roundels, though would prefer a coloured surface. • Report of neighbourhood watch conference • HDC consultation paper re shopping trolleys | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>C:0610:16 <i>Items for information or next agenda</i></p> | <p>The questionnaire re parish consultation was discussed, and the following priorities agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog fouling - enforcement of regulations. • Vandalism and antisocial behaviour. • Litter - provision and timely emptying of sufficient numbers of both litter bins and dog waste bins. • Provision of affordable housing and of amenity land. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

The meeting closed at 8.25pm. The next meeting will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 6th July 2010 at 7.30pm.

Minutes signed by: **Date:**