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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Date: Tuesday 2nd March 2010

Time: 7.30pm

Place: Small Dole Village Hall

Present:	Cllrs D Coldwell (Chairman), S Birnstingl, R French, R Harber, F Jones, P Kentell, J Peake, J Shaw, and C Warren.
C:0310:01 <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllrs C Bailey and A Purches (both work commitments), County Cllr D Deedman (sickness), and the neighbourhood wardens (training). Cllr B Davoudi and District Cllrs A Fisher and F Grantham were absent.
C:0310:02 <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
C:0310:03 <i>Declarations of interest</i>	There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by Councillors on any of the agenda items below.
C:0310:04 <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i>	The minutes of the meeting dated 2 nd February 2010 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by J Shaw; Seconded by P Kentell.</i>
C:0310:05 <i>Matters arising</i>	The Clerk reported as follows: C:0909:14 David Meacher has been hired on an hourly rate as an odd-job man, to replace Keith Parsons. So far he has seemed effective and reliable. C:1009:07 HDC have now replied to our enquiry about the neighbourhood warden scheme (copy in councillor's packs). C:1109:02 The refund from HDC for overpayments for litter bin emptying amounted to £3,159.82. (The Clerk was thanked for his success on this front). C:0110:14 The SALC courses for 2010 are now posted on their website, and included in the councillor's packs. C:0210:09 Speaker invitations were sent out for the Annual Parish Meeting as suggested. Positive replies have been received from Ian Ivatt (Steyping Chamber of Trade), Pam Hunter (Central Sussex Beekeepers), and Geoff Barnard (10/10 campaign). Alun Amesbury (South Downs NPA) has declined due to previous commitments. Replies are still awaited from SALC and Viridor.
C:0310:06 <i>PCSO and neighbourhood wardens report</i>	No report was received. Cllr J Shaw issued a report on the Local Action Team, involving local parishes and the wardens. Particular attention is currently being given to the junior warden scheme and a group to look after skate park.

C:0310:07 <i>County Councillor's Report</i>	No report was received.																								
C:0310:08 <i>District Councillors' Reports</i>	A written report was circulated, indicating that there has been much activity on planning matters this month with a long agenda (over 20 items and lot of speakers at the last meeting). There has also been work on the detail of the budget and the medium term strategy. District Cllr A Fisher has also been busy with the Drainage and Flooding Working Group and hopes to have the opportunity of talking with the three parishes soon. A reminder was given of the WSCC Snow Summit.																								
C:0310:09 <i>Chairman's announcements</i>	Cllr D Coldwell noted the forthcoming meeting of the Chanctonbury Local Committee on 17 th March, and the Horsham DC Community Partnership Conference on 24 th March.																								
C:0310:10 <i>Size of council</i>	A paper from Cllr D Coldwell was tabled, setting out a justification case for reducing the size of the council from 15 to 10, effective from the elections at May 2011. A resolution to formally request that Horsham DC permit us to reduce the size of the Council from May 2011 from 15 councillors to 10 was approved unanimously. <i>Proposed by D Coldwell; Seconded by R Harber.</i>																								
C:0310:11 <i>WSCC street lighting PFI</i>	A resolution authorising the Clerk to sign the relevant documents relating to the PFI was approved unanimously. <i>Proposed by D Coldwell; Seconded by S Birnstingl.</i>																								
C:0310:12 <i>Amended standing orders</i>	Cllr D Coldwell explained the background to the amended model standing orders issued by NALC. It was agreed that he and the Clerk would meet to tailor the initial draft, as circulated, and table for approval at the May 2010 meeting of the council.																								
C:0310:13 <i>Authorisation of Payments</i>	A resolution to authorise the following payments was approved unanimously: <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">HDC</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Neighbourhood wardens</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">£9,186.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Harrison</td> <td>Sports hall repairs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wicksteed</td> <td>Swings (remaining balance)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6,182.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BT</td> <td>Office phone</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£85.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WSCC</td> <td>Salaries</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,889.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dutton</td> <td>Sports hall windows</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S Herbert</td> <td>Office rent</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£650.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D Meacher</td> <td>Odd jobs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£182.34</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Proposed by F Jones; Seconded by C Warren.</i></p>	HDC	Neighbourhood wardens	£9,186.00	J Harrison	Sports hall repairs	£25.00	Wicksteed	Swings (remaining balance)	£6,182.14	BT	Office phone	£85.56	WSCC	Salaries	£2,889.70	Dutton	Sports hall windows	£15.00	S Herbert	Office rent	£650.00	D Meacher	Odd jobs	£182.34
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C:0310:14 <i>Accounts: Feb-10</i>	These were presented and noted.																								
C:0310:15 <i>Bank statements: Jan-10</i>	These were presented and noted.																								
C:0310:16 <i>Correspondence</i>	The following items of correspondence (not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda) were notified to the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beeding in Bloom accounts • Brighton & Hove core strategy development plan • HALC minutes • CPRE "Sussex Review" magazine 																								

<p>C:0310:17 <i>Items for information or next agenda</i></p>	<p>It was agreed to take a stall at the village fete, and the Clerk was asked to send a completed booking form to the organisers. This is also to be added as an agenda item for the next meeting. Cllr R French noted sewage issues in the area, and will pass the relevant information to the Clerk to action. Cllr P Kentell noted the ongoing problems with dog fouling, and recent vandalism at the primary school. The Clerk reported that the March edition of the newsletter was complete and would be published later in the week. Cllr D Coldwell noted that the National Park Authority would not be fully operational until April 2011; there are SALC plans to hold twice-yearly meetings between the elected parish members of the Authority and local council representatives.</p>
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The meeting closed at 8.10pm. The next meeting will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 6th April 2010 at 7.30pm.

Minutes signed by: **Date:**