

# UPPER BEEDING PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

**Date:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Place:** Beeding & Bramber Village Hall

<b>Present:</b>	Cllrs J Shaw (Chairman), C Bailey, S Birnstingl, R French, R Harber, F Jones, and A Purches; County Cllr D Deedman; District Cllrs A Fisher and F Grantham.
<b>C:0110:01</b> <i>Apologies</i>	Apologies were received from Cllrs P Kentell (sickness), D Coldwell (holiday), J Peake, and C Warren (personal commitments). Cllrs M Brown and B Davoudi were absent.
<b>C:0110:02</b> <i>Questions from the public</i>	There were no questions from the public.
<b>C:0110:03</b> <i>Declarations of interest</i>	There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by Councillors on any of the agenda items below.
<b>C:0110:04</b> <i>Minutes of previous meeting</i>	The minutes of the meeting dated 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2009 were approved by all present and signed by the Chairman. <i>Proposed by C Bailey; Seconded by S Birnstingl.</i>
<b>C:0110:05</b> <i>Matters arising</i>	<p>The Clerk reported as follows:</p> <p>C:0609:18 West Sussex CC highways department replied regarding the 20mph speed limit as follows: “I have passed the speed data over to our Traffic Calming Team for comment. The initial response from them is below in italics. They have promised a more detailed response in the next 2 or 3 weeks. <i>'our budget allows us to implement approximately 2 urban road safety schemes a year, including traffic calming schemes, over the whole of West Sussex. As speeding traffic is a concern for many communities through the county, it is not surprising that our list of requests currently exceeds 1000. Therefore we have to prioritise our resources in some way, and to align with Government targets of reducing the numbers of those killed and seriously injured on the road we concentrate our efforts at locations where the injury collision rate is poor.'</i>”</p> <p>C:0909:02 HDC replied re dog bins at Dawn Crescent and Smugglers Lane as follows: “Thanks for your letter. With regard to the dog bins The District Council is trying to move away their use so although I will discuss it with my Line Manager I do not I do not think the outcome would be favourable. Other Parish Councils have bought their own bins which we install and empty. Current approximate prices are £150 for the bin £50 for installation and £95/year for emptying”.</p> <p>C:1009:25 Problems regarding the third-party contribution towards the skatepark have now been resolved, and a cheque for £30,000 from Viridor Credits has been received.</p>

<p><b>C:0110:05</b> <i>Matters arising (cont)</i></p>	<p>C:1109:10 The Clerk of Steyning Parish Council has replied to our request for information on swimming pool accounts, which has now been distributed to councillors. Steyning made a request for “10p-20p per resident per annum”, and we pencilled £500 into the 2010-11 budget.</p> <p>C:1109:11 Beeding in Bloom have been requested for accounts. For information, they produce year-ending-December accounts, and last years were sent to in March 2009.</p> <p>C:1109:17 Horsham DC advise that dog bye laws have been replaced by Dog Control Orders. There is a fair amount of paperwork to wade through before finalising anything, but the position looks good.</p> <p>C:1209:06 West Sussex CC highways department replied regarding the Small Dole gateway as follows: “I am waiting for some plans to be drawn up but we have lost our Traffic Technician so it may take a while to get them done.”.</p>
<p><b>C:0110:06</b> <i>County Councillor's Report</i></p>	<p>County Cllr D Deedman reported as follows:</p> <p><u>CLC Reorganisation</u></p> <p>The planned reorganisation has been deferred for the time being.</p> <p><u>Highways</u></p> <p>The new puffin crossing at the Bramber Road/Goring Road junction in Steyning is now operational and working well. On-street car parking charges in Worthing are to be increased from July. This will be the first increase for some years, but range from 25% to 66% (inner zone 80p to £1.20, outer zones P &amp; D 60p to £1, and outer zone restricted hours 40p to 50p). There are no Upper Beeding Schemes in the draft Highways Infrastructure Works Programme for 2010/11 or the Forward Programme 2011/12. (Bridges, footways, major highway improvements, safe routes to school, carriageway reconstruction, resurfacing &amp; surface dressing, and drainage improvements.) There will, however, be major carriageway resurfacing work on the Steyning Bypass in 2010/11 and 2011/12. Whether this will involve closing the road as before is not yet known.</p> <p><u>Waste</u></p> <p>The Motion proposed at the October meeting of the County Council on commercial and industrial waste (reported to the November meeting of the Parish Council) was fully considered at the December County Council meeting. The Cabinet Member recommended that the Motion be rejected. In the event the Leader of the Council proposed that Motion be accepted with a minor wording amendment.</p> <p><u>Buses</u></p> <p>At the request of the Managing Director of Compass Travel an A4 size advert for the 106 bus timetable cases in Lancing and Sompting has been prepared, to hopefully attract people from that area to visit Bramber, Steyning and Upper Beeding using the 106 bus service. The Government’s Pre-Budget Report has confirmed that the administrative responsibility for Concessionary Bus fares will be transferred from the District Councils to County Councils from April 2011. In addition eligibility is to be aligned with the forthcoming changes in the state pension age for women. There will be an additional morning peak hour 2A bus from 29 March. The new service will leave Shooting Field in Steyning at approx 7am to be in Brighton by 8am. This is to meet a demand from people in this area to get to be able to use the bus to get to work in Brighton by 8am.</p>

<p><b>C:0110:06</b> <i>County Councillor's Report (cont)</i></p>	<p><u>Emergencies</u></p> <p>A meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the possibility of preparing a joint emergency plan for Bramber, Steyning &amp; Upper Beeding to cover such emergencies as the snowfall before Christmas.</p> <p><u>National Park</u></p> <p>A request to call-in of the Cabinet Member's decision not to delegate the Rights of Way and countryside management functions within the area of the new South Downs National Park to the new Authority (SDNPA) is under consideration. The West Sussex Countryside Access Forum and the South Downs Society opposed this Cabinet decision. The South Downs Conservation Board and the successor Joint Committee have carried out these functions since 1992 and if carried out by the SDNPA could save the County Council up to £250,000 pa.</p>						
<p><b>C:0110:07</b> <i>District Councillors' Reports</i></p>	<p>District Cllrs A Fisher and F Grantham reported that it been a quiet month for the Council with the budget preparation and discussions complete and the restructuring complete and settling in. Planning seemed non-controversial. The situation created after a modest fall of snow and some low temperatures created havoc especially in the rural area; this has led councillors to ask for a fundamental review of the existing arrangements and resources available and this is now underway. Councillor Deedman is working with an officer of the County Council who is working on a new approach. This will require input from the parish councils. In parallel with this there is a new working group on Flooding and Drainage.</p>						
<p><b>C:0110:08</b> <i>Traffic at Church Lane</i></p>	<p>The Clerk reported on a questionnaire regarding the suggestion that the one-way traffic flow in Church Lane be reversed, as follows:</p> <p>“There was a surprisingly high rate of response to the questionnaire about traffic at Church Lane, delivered to approx 170 local houses and included in the December newsletter. Voting was as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="500 1083 1205 1192"> <tr> <td>• Leave direction of one-way flow unchanged</td> <td>35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Reverse direction of flow</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Vote unclear</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </table> <p>Most of the responses were expressed in very strong terms, highlighting in particular the poor sight-lines at the exit from Church Lane to High Street. Recipients were also invited to make other suggestions. There was no consistency in these, and most were either too radical to consider (“create a new access road into the village”, “make the High Street one way”) or unenforceable (“make the children walk to school”, “stop people parking outside my house”).”</p> <p>Given this response, the Council agreed to abide by the wishes of residents, and to not pursue the matter any further. The Clerk agreed to put a notice to that effect on the parish noticeboards.</p>	• Leave direction of one-way flow unchanged	35	• Reverse direction of flow	4	• Vote unclear	2
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<p><b>C:0110:09</b> <i>Neighbourhood warden funding</i></p>	<p>The Clerk reported on a questionnaire regarding funding of the neighbourhood wardens, as follows:</p> <p>“There was a much lower response rate to the neighbourhood warden questionnaire, not surprisingly since this appeared only in the newsletter rather than by household consultation. The results, however, were equally clear:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="500 1743 1205 1852"> <tr> <td>• Keep the wardens</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Don't keep the wardens</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Vote unclear</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </table> <p>This aligns with the Councils own view, and increased provision has already been made in the 2010/11 budget in anticipation of a reduction in HDC and WSCC contributions.</p>	• Keep the wardens	11	• Don't keep the wardens	0	• Vote unclear	1
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<p><b>C:0110:14</b> <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"> <li>• Meeting schedule for 2010</li> <li>• LCR magazine</li> <li>• CPRE “Fieldwork” magazine</li> <li>• English Rural Housing Association annual report</li> <li>• Steyning health centre patient participation group magazine</li> <li>• English Rural Housing Association “Bulletin” magazine</li> </ul>																											
<p><b>C:0110:18</b> <i>Items for information or next agenda</i></p>	<p>The Clerk was asked to distribute the SALC 2010 course schedule. He reported that the originally proposed date of 21<sup>st</sup> April was not available for the Annual Parish Meeting as the hall was booked, and the 28<sup>th</sup> was agreed as the preferred alternative; the annual meeting is also to be added to the February agenda. The new proposals for the parents and childrens centre was noted with approval, and the Clerk was asked to write to the Baptist Church thanking them for providing a base. The Clerk was asked to email Howard Collins regarding possible funding for the changing room redevelopment. Cllr Harber reported that his wife had taken over as secretary of the Burial Board. Cllr French reported that the dog-litter vandal, active last summer, had returned, and his activities were being monitored. It was suggested that the provision of grit bins be added to the next Amenities Committee agenda.</p>																											

The meeting closed at 8.20pm. The next meeting will be held at Beeding & Bramber Village Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 at 7.30pm.

**Minutes signed by:** ..... **Date:** .....