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Sport and Physical Strategy document promoting additional facilities and asking for comments, it was agreed to write to Mr Chowen in support of reopening the very popular Lower Beeding swimming club.

(JW)

A date for a meeting with Scouts to discuss the use of the Scout Hut was still to be arranged.

(JW)

Mrs Wright had visited Church Walk but could not see a problem with overgrown vegetation.

Mrs Wright had asked the Safer Roads Committee to let the Parish Council know when a decision had been reached on whether to install a VAS or gates. In order to try to get more residents to vote it was suggested that a notice could be put on the website with a link to the Safer Roads Committee's website.

(JW)

With regard to the Neighbourhood Plan, the registration form had been completed and submitted to Horsham District Council.

An initial estimate had been received to purchase play bark for the main play area on the playing field. A cost of £1,200 excl. VAT was agreed.

(JW)

As Mrs Precious was not in attendance it was agreed to keep the Village Volunteers item on the Agenda to be discussed at the April meeting. It was suggested that a volunteer group could incorporate the emergency plan activities.

Mr Clark was still to find out the number of the overgrown footpath behind Little Brook in order that it can be reported to WSCC.

(SC/JW)

## **5. The Public**

Mr Hughes asked if anything was being done to improve the entrance to the Co-op car park and parking facilities. Mr Collins said that it was expected that the entrance would be widened to allow for vehicles entering and exiting at the same time and that there were plans to extend the car park to accommodate additional spaces.

Although the flooding problems in Picts Lane had been alleviated, there were still problems due to landowners not clearing their ditches and culverts. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the landowners asking them to carry out the work.

(JW)

Mr Berry said that the gutters on the A281 from Godmans Court to the Co-op were full of debris. Mrs Wright said that she would ask Horsham District Council to sweep the area. Mr Palling said that overgrown vegetation was blocking the very narrow path further down the A281. Mrs Wright said that she would contact West Sussex Highways to get it cleared.

(JW)

## 6. District Councillor Report

Nothing to report.

## 7. County Councillor Report

Mr Barnard reported on the following issues:

- Cathedral Networking Lunch
- Council Tax Increase
- New Chief Executive Recruitment
- Appointment of New Head of Highways
- Operation Watershed
- Devolution Delay

Mr Barnard advised that some arrangements should be made to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. It was agreed to contact some neighbouring parishes to find out if they had any plans. Mr Martin said that he would ask the school if they were intending to hold any events.

(JW/BM)

Mr Collins asked what was happening with regard to the possible cancellation of the 3 in 1 card and said how it would affect Cowfold schoolchildren. Mr Barnard said that the card had proved to be very expensive; however, a consultation process was currently being carried out. Mr Collins urged Members to visit the West Sussex website where the public are able to take part in the survey. The information will also go on the Parish Council website.

(JW)

## 8. Correspondence

*Bernard Baldwin* – Request for the Parish Council to support the annual firework event by including it under the Council's insurance. As the church was no longer organising this event and, therefore, no insurance cover would be in place, in order for it to be fully insured, it was agreed to set up a Parish Council Sub-Committee for the purpose. Mrs Martin volunteered to Chair the newly formed Sub Committee.

*Mrs Broucke* – Request for the Parish Council to write to the Southern Motor Group with regard to parking their vehicles on the roadside sometimes causing a problem with farm vehicles entering and exiting Eastlands Lane. It was agreed to write to SMG and the Bridge Garage asking them to be mindful of where they park vehicles so as not to cause an obstruction.

(JW)

*David Jessop* – Notification of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Riverside Walk on Saturday 16 July 2016 starting at Horsham Rugby Club, Hammerpond Road (RH13 6PJ) at 10.00am. Noted.

*St Catherine's Hospice* – Request for a grant. It was agreed that it should be up to individuals to contribute to this very worthwhile cause, however, it was also agreed to add the information to the website.

(JW)

*GACC* – Request to join the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign. It was agreed for various reasons not to join this campaign.

*HDC* – Diversion Order of part of Public Footpath No:1749 Land east of 14 and 15 Alley Groves. Noted.

## **9. Accounts**

Mrs Wright tabled an estimate of costs against budget for the year 2015/2016. There were no comments.

## **10. Neighbourhood Plan**

Mr Clark and Mr Clary had made some progress with the Neighbourhood Plan and were currently in the process of arranging a meeting with the Officer at HDC responsible for Neighbourhood Plans to determine the associated costs, timescales etc. Further information was expected to be available for the April Council meeting.

## **11. Skateboard Park**

Mr Chamberlin said that a budget was required to enable him to determine what equipment could be afforded. It was agreed to set a budget of around £1,000 for the purpose.

## **12. Emergency Plan**

Mr and Mrs Martin had circulated a progress report for comment. As there were no comments, Mr Martin said that they would continue with the next set of activities. He also said that he would provide the information published by Warnham Parish Council looking for volunteers for their plan and identifying vulnerable people.

(BM)

## **13. Village Volunteers**

To be discussed at the April Council meeting.

## **14. Pavilion**

Mr Palling said that all comments on the current hand drawn plans had been taken into consideration and the Architect was now in the process of producing CAD drawings. A meeting of the Committee will be arranged once the plans are available and before submitting them to Horsham District Council for approval.

It was agreed to put a copy of the current plans on the website and the Village Hall noticeboard.

(JW)

## **15. Representatives' Reports**

### **Planning**

Mr Collins read the March 2016 Planning Report.

### **Finance**

Approval of the tabled cheques for signature was requested and agreed by all.

### **Open Spaces**

It had been reported that the Recycling Bin sign needed to be replaced and the noticeboard at the car park had been left unlocked. Mrs Wright said that she would report these issues to Horsham District Council.

(JW)

It had also been reported that a bench located on the road side of the playing

field nearest to the Scout Hut had collapsed. Mr Collins said that he would look at it and recommend a course of action.

(CC)

**Pond Warden**

Nothing to report.

**Footpaths**

Nothing to report.

**Allotments**

Nothing to report.

**Roads & Transport**

Nothing to report.

**Streetlights**

Nothing to report.

**HALC**

Nothing to report.

**Village Hall**

Mrs Martin reported on the recent Village Hall Management Committee AGM.

**Website**

Nothing to report.

**CLC**

Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 11 April 2016**.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m