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Minutes of Meeting of the **Buildings and Land** held on **19th September 2025 in Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate, BN26 6AL at 10:00am.**

PRESENT: Councillors D Murray, D Dunbar, J Keen, S Shing, J Heward, M Piper, A Wood (7)

NOT PRESENT: Councillor D Watts, G Archer (2)

1 member of the public present

MINUTES

13905 Item 1: Opportunity for Public Comment for items on the agenda

The Chair of the Jubilee Nature Reserve (JNR) updated the Councillors on what is happening at the Nature Reserve. They spoke about how the land was overgrown and they have now cleared the front, and the hope is to make it a place where people can meet and that people can have their groups. There has been some new additions to the Jubilee Nature Reserve Group. There is plans to make it more accessible for wheelchair users and hopefully be clear by next April. The Chair of the JNR has had lots of groups interested in going down to the land and is very positive about all the changes that are happening down at the Nature Reserve, they have asked for patience during this time and hoping it will become a thriving Nature Reserve for the people of Polegate.

S Shing suggested they look at the Wealden Councillor Allowance as they'd be eligible for the allowances.

13906 Item 2: Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr D Watts and Cllr G Archer

13907 Item 3: Declarations of interest

All Councillors present have an interest in the Jubilee Nature Reserve Land - Item 5, 6, 7 – Non-prejudicial.

13908 Item 4: To approve and adopt the minutes of the Buildings and Land Committee Meetings of 4th June 2025 and 27th June 2025

It was resolved to approved and adopt the Buildings and Land Committee Meeting Minutes of 4th June 2025 and 27th June 2025. VOTE All in favour.

13909 Item 5: To add £2000 to the budget for the Jubilee Nature Reserve Maintenance

It was resolved add £2000 to the budget and cover the extra £3000 from General Reserves for the Jubilee Nature Reserve Maintenance. VOTE all in favour.

13910 Item 6: Motion to create a Jubilee Nature Reserve Working Group

It was resolved to create a Jubilee Nature Reserve Working Group. VOTE all in favour.

13911 Item 7: Jubilee Nature Reserve Update

Standing orders suspended.

The Chair of Friends of the Jubilee Nature Reserve provided an update on the progress of works at the site, noting that a significant area of land has now been cleared. They advised that meeting points have been established, including a designated fire assembly point. The group expressed enthusiasm for the next stages of the project and were pleased with the progress made to date.

It was noted that the aim is to ensure the land is safe before public access is permitted. The group is exploring grant opportunities and plans to improve accessibility to the site in line with the Council's objectives.

Cllr S Shing commented that the work completed so far represents a significant improvement and expressed satisfaction with the progress made.

Cllr M Piper suggested planting woodland daffodils at the entrance, so they flower after the existing snowdrops.

Standing orders reinstated.

The meeting closed at 10:42am

Signed Chair of Meeting _____ Date _____