

Draft Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm

In the chair: Mr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs J. Fennelly, G.Jefferson, D.Holmes, B.Newman, T.Pitts-Webster, P.Sarel, J.Skittrall, J Nicholson, L Parkin, District Cllr's H Johnson and J Beavis, Mrs G McCoyd (clerk), and 12 members of the public.

Public Comment

Vicky raised the following points:

1. Questioned why Cllr's do not use social media as she didn't know who the Cllr's were. Mr R Volkwyn responded that all Cllr's contact details were on the website and the Parish Council Office is open 5 days a week.
2. Did the Youth Club still exist? Mr P Sarel responded that it did and they met at Hedingham School.
3. She proposed that the village should have a Christmas tree. All Cllr's were in favour of this suggestion.
4. Crosspath was covered in chewing gum which looks unsightly. Mr P Sarel responded that he would speak to the Youth Club about tidying the area up.
5. What was happening re the old Citroen garage area? Mr R Volkwyn responded that planning permission had been given for 9 homes but the Parish Council had no control over when the development would happen.
6. Dog mess was a problem in the village. Mr R Volkwyn responded that the Cllr's would like to see the dog warden patrolling at different hours but this was subject to Braintree District Council.
7. Car parking problems. Mr R Volkwyn responded that this was managed by North Essex Parking Partnership who didn't prioritise Sible Hedingham. The clerk will contact them again re the parking issues, especially at the schools.
8. Youngsters speeding through the village. Mr P Sarel will investigate the cost of awareness courses and talk to the Youth Council.

Residents from Oxford Meadow (Linda Main, Nicola and Richard Thurman, James Thorndycroft, Marjorie and Don Barningham) raised the issue of parking problems in Oxford Meadow and stated that Highways parked on the greensward when carrying out maintenance, causing the ground to be churned up. Mr R Volkwyn responded that the clerk had received no response to her previous letter but she would contact Highways again re the issues raised.

Mrs P Volkwyn stated that rather than residents speculate on Facebook it would be better for them to call in the Parish Council Office and clarify details with the clerk

232 Apologies for Absence

Mr S Metson. Ms S Glen

233 Co-option of new Councillor to fill casual vacancy

No-one has expressed an interest

234 Declaration of Acceptance of Office of new Councillor

N/A

235 Members declarations

Mr J Nicholson declared a non-pecuniary interest in Molly's Wood.

236 To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016

The minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> January having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

237 Matters arising from those minutes

No matters arising

238 Chairman's Report

1. Work to install the new play equipment would start Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February
2. The pothole outside the Parish Office had been reported 4 weeks ago and the clerk had continued to report it weekly thereafter.
3. Highways had been contacted re the vegetation near the library and this had finally been cut back
4. He had attended a service to see 3 vicars sworn in.
5. He responded to the shooting incident saying the Police stated it was an isolated incident but they would recommend residents be more vigilant.
6. The 106 money to refurbish the old bank building would not be well spent on the dilapidated building, instead Cllr's were asking for the money to be spent on a pergola with a possible plaque/memorial. The bank would then be removed to the railway.
7. He stated that Cllr's were not paid but are volunteers.

8. Flowers had been sent to Gordon Wilson's daughter on behalf of Sible Hedingham.

#### 239 Youth Council Report

Mr P Sarel reported that the Youth Club were requesting events for example a dog show or garage sale. Mr R Volkwyn said he would contact the Insurer's regarding events held on Grays Hall Meadow.

#### 240 County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Mr D.Finch no report was given.

#### 241 District Councillor's Reports

Mrs J Beavis welcomed the new members on the Parish Council. She will report the Oxford Meadow parking problems to BDC. Personally she is a great believer in facebook and twitter. As a District Cllr she works with Fusion Lifestyle. She will report the Dog Warden issues back to BDC and email Cllr D Finch regarding the parking issues in the village. She stated that Economic development, health, building houses and the budget were of high importance to BDC. She stated that Hedingham School was performing at the top level and everyone should be proud of it.

Mr H Johnson welcomed comments by younger residents but urged caution with social media. Regarding crime he stated that it was important to hide car keys, ensure doors were locked and be vigilant. Dog mess was a problem and it seemed to occur either early or late but the Dog Warden could not be everywhere. He had been out with Officers to look at the parking issues but agreed it was a major problem that needed to be investigated again. He promoted joining the Parish Council saying older people have experience but younger ones would be welcome with new ideas.

#### 242 To receive minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016

The minutes having been circulated were accepted in lieu of a report

#### 243 To receive the minutes of Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016

The minutes having been circulated were accepted in lieu of a report.

#### 244 To consider application from Molly's Wood for financial assistance.

At the request of Mrs A Weatherley this was deferred to the next meeting.

#### 245 To receive Risk Assessment Report (LP & JN)

Mr J Nicholson reported that the working group had met once. He had checked 12 of 18 items that were on the Risk Assessment. Trees and dangerous plants were still to

be checked, he will make a recommendation about the pond at Grays Hall Meadow to the next meeting, the Parish Council was only responsible for 4 major footpaths and these were on Grays Hall Meadow and the Recreation Ground. The contractors for the Garden of Remembrance had manual handling training. He stated that in regard to social media members must abide by the code of conduct and be very careful in any response.

246 To approve the payment for toilets for St Peter's Summer Fete 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Mr D Holmes proposed the payment. Mr J Skittrall seconded. All in favour

247 Accounts for payment

The accounts listed in Appendix 1 were presented for payment.

It was proposed by Mr J Fennelly, seconded by Mr J Skittrall and carried that the accounts be paid.

248 Any other business

Mr P Sarel queried a missing photo; Mr R Volkwyn explained that it had been found in the cupboard containing the water meter.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm