

Draft Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 9th November at 7.30pm

In the chair: Mr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs J. Fennelly, S. Glen, G.Jefferson, D.Holmes, G.Massey, S.Metson, B.Newman, T.Pitts-Webster, P.Sarel, J.Skittrall, J Nicholson, L Parkin, Mr H Johnson (District Councillor), Mrs G McCoyd (Minute taker), and 12 members of the public.

Public Comment

There was criticism about the inability to see the recent agenda's and minutes on the web site. The Chair stated that this would be rectified when the new clerk starts in January.

The possibility of a community litter pick was discussed. The Cllr's viewed the idea favourably and could provide bags. The Chair would liaise after discussions with Tanners.

165 Apologies for Absence

J Beavis (District Councillor)

166 Election of Councillor to fill vacancy on Emergency Planning Advisory Group

Miss L Parkin

167 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

168 To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 12th October 2015

The minutes of 12th October having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

169 Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising

170 Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked Cllr's for a good turn out to the Remembrance Service

171 Youth Council Report

No report was given

172 County Councillor's Report

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

173 District Councillor's Reports

Mr H.Johnson reported on the following:

The missing man was a high priority.

There had been aggressive thefts around the village

Stansted airport was vying with Manchester and was attracting business to the area

It was good to see local business's employing local people

The footpaths had seen tremendous growth

174. To receive minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 9th and 30th October 2015

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

175 To receive minutes of Transport and Highways Committee meetings held 20th October and 3rd November 2015 and to review the future of the 333 bus

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

It was unanimously decided to keep the 333 bus running but to reduce the route by avoiding High St Green and Toppesfield

176 To receive the minutes of Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held 23rd October 2015

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

177 To ratify the decision made by the R&A Committee on 23rd October 2015 to rent a garage in Corder's Yard for £7 per week

The decision was ratified.

178 To authorise expenditure of up to £16,995 for new play equipment on the Recreation Ground and to arrange grant applications

The Chair had negotiated the amount to £16615 including goal posts. It was agreed to arrange grant applications

179 Update on the future of SH Post office

No further update

180 To approve the Risk Assessment for SHPC

Mr J Nicholson is attending a RA course in December

Mrs G Massey stated that the RA was a working document that could be adopted now and amended later. All Cllr's were in favour of adopting the RA

181 To consider guidelines for use of Social Media

The Chair stated that members should carefully scrutinise articles before posting a reply on social media

182 Report of completion of external audit

The chair read out the report of the external auditors and it was agreed with all in favour that the clerk would complete the bank reconciliation

183 To appoint new Bank signatories for Nat West

Mrs G Massey decided to no longer be a bank signatory.

Mrs G Jefferson, Mr S Metson, Mr J Fennelly and Mrs G McCoyd were appointed

184 To appoint new Bank signatories for Scottish Widows

Mr R Volkwyn, Mr J Fennelly, Mrs G Jefferson and Mrs G McCoyd were appointed

185 To arrange delivery of Welcome Packs

Mrs G Massey stated there needed to be a recording of who delivered and where, and to check if the clerk recorded this.

It was decided to keep an update at every other R&A Committee meeting

186 To highlight the importance of completing the Essex Rural Strategy Questionnaire

Mrs G Jefferson stated that as many individual responses as possible by both Cllr's and public were required by 4th December 2015

187 To arrange regular contributions of SHPC news to the Hedingham Parish Magazine

It was decided that Cllr's would contribute a page of news. Each Cllr to take a turn.

188 Correspondence and emails

The correspondence received and listed in Appendix 1 was referred to Cllr's for information

189 Accounts for payment

The accounts listed in Appendix 2 were presented for payment.

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

190 Any other business

Mrs G Jefferson reported that the salt bin had no lid and that Highways will not replace bins or fill one if replaced by the PC. It was decided to ask the clerk to ask John to make a lid.

Mr D Holmes had collected a £50 cheque from an anonymous donor

191 Private Session

It was proposed by Mr R Volkwyn and seconded by Mr D Holmes that Public and Press be excluded from the meeting and they are instructed to withdraw pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

11 in favour 2 against