

Draft Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 12th October 2015 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. Mrs J Beavis (District Councillor), Mr H Johnson (District Councillor), Mrs G McCoyd (Minute taker), and 7 members of the public.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

142. Apologies for Absence

Cllr L. Parkin (hospital appt) and J. Nicholson (illness)

143 Election of Councillor to fill vacancy on Finance and Funding Committee

Cllr Tarnia Pitts-Webster

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

Deferred

145 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

146 To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 14th September 2015

The minutes of 14th September 2015 having been circulated, were taken as read and subject to an amendment in para. 137(c) were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

147 Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising

148 To confirm minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 29th September 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th September, having been circulated, were taken as read, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

149 Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising

150 Chairman's Report

The Chairman had talked to Tanner's Dairy about the deposit of rubbish and they were co-operative about the situation. They also reported a possible interest in the buying of the land.

151 Youth Council Report

No report was given

152 County Councillor's Report

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

153 District Councillor's Reports

Mrs J Beavis reported on the following:

Parish Council to be aware of cuts as BDC had to find a saving of 2.5 million

Medical centre: She had attended a meeting with James Cleverly, M.P., which resulted in an email from the Essex Team stating the project was on the radar and had a project number. Possible timescale to re-locate the two practices was 2 years. Everyone at the meeting was very positive except for concerns over the parking space being large enough. The M.P., will write to A. Pike to keep up the momentum.

Mr H. Johnson reported on the following:

Devolution and budget cuts will affect everyone.

More industry to the area was to be encouraged.

Broadband reception was particularly bad.

Footpaths: tremendous growth suggested that work parties would be needed

He welcomed suggestions about projects.

154 To confirm appointment of Cllr J. Fennelly as SHPC permanent press officer

Discussion ensued as Mrs G. Massey stated she talks to the press and other Cllr's will have expertise in different areas. She asked if anything had changed in the last 3 months?

Mr J Fennelly responded to the comments that he would always seek guidance where required.

It was proposed by Mr J Skittrall and seconded by Mr S Metson that Mr J Fennelly carry on as the single point of contact. Carried by 7 in favour and 2 against.

155. Update on the new Medical Centre

Mrs J Beavis and the local MP were thanked for their hard work.

156 To consider request and funding for a second mirror at Parkfields

Mrs G Massey proposed, Ms S Glen seconded and carried that a second mirror be obtained.

157 Update on the future of SH Post office

Ms S Glen reported that it may eventually go into the co-op but there was no further update.

158 To approve the Risk Assessment for SHPC

Deferred to next month.

159 To consider future distribution of Welcome Packs

Mrs G Massey suggested the Parish Council could take over the distribution. A working party was needed to collate the packs. It was agreed 10am Friday 16th Oct in the PC office. It was also agreed that once collated all councillors would have some to hand out in their own area to new residents.

160 Report of EALC AGM

Mrs G Jefferson highlighted the following from her report:

Very small increase to fees for membership

Cllr D Finch spoke about the devolution of finances and that services would be stretched by additional budget cuts. Councils to be financially viable from their own precept and not to expect grants for supplementary funding.

Nick Alston Essex Police and Crime Commissioner spoke of £60 million cut over the next five years, the likely reduction in Police station premises, and asking Councils to support the Police by helping with opportunities for engagement.

Derek Benson Deputy Chief Constable reiterated that with the cuts they cannot shield services from being cut. On average 1200 incidents are reported a day in Essex and they only have the resources to attend to half that number.

161 To review 333 bus times

Mrs G Massey had spoken to Mr P Rawlinson who stated it had been agreed that they were “not publicised enough and were going to publicise more” Cllr R Van Dulken was not happy with this. Ms S Glen stated that on 20th Oct De Vere were attending the Transport Committee and it was agreed to defer this item till then.

162 Correspondence and emails

Mrs G Jefferson had responded to Mr Knight. The anti-social behaviour had been dealt with by the Police who were patrolling the estate regularly. There was no more contact from Mr Knight.

163 Accounts for payment

The accounts listed in appendix 2 were presented for payment. It was proposed, seconded and carried that the accounts are paid.

164 Any other business

Ms S Glen reported that footpath 33 was overgrown. Mr H Johnson would deal with it.

Ms S Glen reported that the tree at the bottom of the garden of the Baptist Church was overgrown with ivy causing visual problems. It needed cutting back but it was not safe for the Baptist Church to do this as there was no pavement. It was agreed that the clerk would report this to Highways.

Ms S Glen reported that she had seen the Flower Barrow was being reported damaged on Facebook. Mr J Fennelly agreed to check this.

Mr J Skittrall apologised for the lack of heating.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm

(Date)

(Chairman)