

Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 10th April 2017 at 7.30pm

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs G Jefferson, N Pachent, S Metson, L Parkin, L Heywood, D Holmes, J Skittrall, B Newman, H Johnson, Mrs G McCoyd (clerk) and 2 members of public.

Public Comment

Cllr H Johnson said there was a litter bin in a bad state of repair on Gray's Hall Meadow. Cllr R Volkwyn replied that a new one had been delivered and was due to be installed.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs K Greeno (sick), P Sarel (business), P Gammon (business), J Stopher (business), D Finch (meeting elsewhere), J Beavis (canvassing)

2. Members declarations

Cllrs J Skittrall and R Volkwyn declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11 as they are both involved in the Twinning Society.

3. To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 13th March

The minutes of 13th March having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn stated that the Annual Assembly would be held on Tuesday 23rd May and the hall would be available from 2.30pm for people to set up displays. Refreshments would be available in the evening. He reminded everyone that it was the 25th Anniversary of the Twinning Society and a dance was being held in the village hall on 29th May to celebrate.

Cllr R Volkwyn praised Cllr L Heywood who is taking part in an eleven day Himalayan Trek in support of Age UK Essex. Cllr L Heywood has a Just Giving Page where donations can be made.

6. Youth Council Report

Cllr N Pachent had been in touch with the Youth Council and would be in contact again after the Easter Break.

7. County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Cllr Finch no report was given

8. To receive minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 24th March

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

9. To receive minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee meeting held 17th March

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

10. To receive minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 24th March

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

11. To receive and discuss a request from Cllr J Skittrall for a grant towards the Twinning Society celebrating 25 years.

Cllr J Skittrall explained that the Twinning Society had asked him to approach the Parish Council for funding towards the 25th Anniversary Celebration. The Twinning Society funds were low because their fundraising efforts last year had not been as successful as before.

Cllrs asked questions regarding who could attend the event and were tickets available? Cllr J Skittrall explained that tickets were being circulated by members of the Twinning Society and that only non-members were being charged.

The Cllrs felt that Cllr J Skittrall had been placed in an awkward position by the Twinning Society who should have approached the Council themselves.

Cllrs made the point that the Parish Council had been unable to support Molly's Wood and the Thursday Club.

Cllr R Volkwyn asked if any Cllr wished to move a vote in support of funding for the Twinning Society, no-one did.

12. To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

Cllr J Skittrall proposed the accounts be approved and paid, Cllr D Holmes seconded, the motion was carried

13. Any other business

There was no other business.

The meeting closed.