

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

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs G Jefferson, L Heywood, S Metson, N Pachent, P Gammon, Mrs G McCoyd (clerk) and 4 members of public.

Public Comment

Next year will commemorate the ending of WW1, Castle Hedingham Parish Council has planted 35 trees in memory of 35 residents who lost their life in WW1 and the British Legion would like Sible Hedingham Parish Council to mark the occasion. It was decided to put this on the agenda of the Recreation & Amenities Committee for discussion.

When will the Poppy Park be transferred? There is no date because Bloor Homes still have outstanding work to be finished.

Is there any update on the surgery? There is no update available.

46. Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Stopher (business), Cllr L Parkin (business), Cllr D Holmes (business), Cllr H Johnson (business), Cllr J Skittrall (illness), Cllr P Sarel (illness), Cllr B Newman (business), Cllr D Finch (elsewhere)

47. Co-option of one new Councillor to fill the casual vacancy

There was no candidate

48. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of the new Councillor

There was no candidate

49. Members declarations

Cllr G Jefferson declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 11 on the agenda

50. To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 12th June 2017

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

51. Matters arising from those minutes

It was noted that the trip to Brighton had been cancelled due to lack of support.

52. Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn stated it was very sad that the coach trip planned to Brighton had not received support.

53. Youth Council Report

Cllr N Pachent had contacted the school and had been informed that there had been no Youth Council for the past two years. It was decided that this item would be removed from future agendas.

54. County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Cllr D Finch no report was given

55. To consider moving a picnic table on the Recreation Ground.

Residents of Gibson Road had requested this picnic table to be removed as the Youth were congregating and causing problems. There was a discussion about where to move it, would the Youth move with it, the daylight hours were probably exacerbating the situation, and moving it would involve a digger because of the way it was bolted into the ground.

It was proposed by Cllr R Volkwyn and seconded by Cllr G Jefferson that the situation be monitored.

56. To consider a request from Cllr G Jefferson and Mr A Jefferson to access the rear of their property from the Recreation Ground and the allowance of a delivery to be made in the Recreation Ground at the boundary with Colne Road and Jubilee Court which would be cleared within a morning between the dates of 18th to 21st July.

Cllr G Jefferson left the meeting while this item was discussed. Mr A Jefferson explained the requirements for this request. The Cllrs had no objection to the request.

57. To consider the Rospa report for the Recreation Ground.

Cllr R Volkwyn explained that the Rospa Report recommended that the slide and trim trail be replaced, the matting under the carousel needs repair and that all bark tiles are replaced. The Parish Council has approached BDC with a request for funding towards refurbishing the play equipment: purchasing a new slide, installing a zip wire and replacing the bark with ecotumble matting.

58. To consider the Braintree District Local Plan

Cllr R Volkwyn stated that no new sites had been identified for development and the village would not be majorly affected. Tanners had been identified as a site without planning permission; it was currently being marketed for disposal for development with a prediction of 25 homes 2022/23 and 25 homes 2023/24.

59. To decide on a date for the next village litter pick.

A date mid-September was decided with the actual date to be determined later. The Parish Council had purchased Hi-Vis jackets, gloves and some litter pickers. It was hoped the schools would get involved.

60. To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

Cllr S Metson proposed the accounts be approved and paid, Cllr L Heywood seconded, the motion was carried

61. Any other business

Cllr N Pachent said she was involved in the planning of the Sible Hedingham music festival which will be held on 30th June 2018 at the football ground. She would keep the Parish Council informed of its progress.

Cllr G Jefferson had been asked by a resident if the District Council would consider a kerbside bottle collection since the bottle bank had closed. Cllr R Volkwyn said the Parish Council was still awaiting a response to the two sites which had been proposed as possibly holding a bottle bank.

The meeting closed.