

Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 10th October 2016

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs L Heywood, J Skittrall, B Newman, S Metson, P Sarel, D Holmes, P Gammon, L Parkin, K Greeno, District Cllrs H Johnson, J Beavis and 4 members of the public

Public Comment

There were 2 public comments:

a. Friends of Alderford Mill had held a successful craft fair attended by 205 people last Sunday but they had issues with an enforcement officer who attempted to give parking tickets to drivers who were dropping off stall holders. The clerk will contact North Essex Parking Partnership.

b. CCTV on the Recreation Ground, this is on the agenda and will be discussed.

111. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs G Jefferson (hospital appointment) D Finch

112. Members declarations

Cllr S Metson the Christmas tree

113. To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 12th September 2016

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

114. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising.

115. Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn stated that there would be a memorial service for Fred Pawsey on Friday 14th October at 1.30pm in Cavendish Church. The skateboard park had been damaged by vandalism. The Remembrance Service will be on 13th November, the Parish Council will be laying a wreath, and it would be nice to see as many Cllrs as possible there. Due to personal issues Cllr P Sarel could no longer represent the Parish Council at the Youth Council. Any Cllr who was interested in volunteering to attend the Youth Council at Hedingham School on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm please inform the clerk.

116. Youth Council Report

There was no report

117. County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Cllr D Finch no report was given

118. District Councillor's Reports

Cllr J Beavis would welcome thoughts on the response from Cllr T Cunningham regarding the planning application for the proposed work hub; she understood the Parish Council is concerned about the variation of size for the medical site. The NHS is working with the surgeries on the way forward with the medical site.

Cllr H Johnson had attended a meeting with the flight director at Stansted airport concerning the new flight paths. He had been to the Mill last Sunday and discussed the parking issues, he stated the Mill was a great asset for the village and should be supported. With regard to the community funding he had been approached for new ropes for the bells at St Peter's and would welcome other ideas. Cllr R Volkwyn said that if the extra CCTV camera's was proposed and accepted that would be an idea for funding. Cllrs J Beavis and H Johnson agreed that would be an acceptable proposal.

119. To receive minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held 16th September and 7th October 2016

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

120. To receive the minutes of Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held 16th September 2016

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

121. To discuss the proposed Christmas tree

Cllr R Volkwyn stated that the Co-op had given permission to place the tree in the car park, a Christmas tree had been donated to the Parish Council, Darkins will fund the electricity for the lights, Mr Jenkins has a stand that is suitable and will loan it and the lights, and Bloor Homes will loan safety barriers. Cllr D Holmes proposed the Christmas tree be erected, Cllr J Skittrall seconded, the motion was unanimously accepted.

122. To discuss the need for an extra CCTV camera on the Recreation Ground

Cllr R Volkwyn stated that vandals had caused expensive damage to the skateboard park, kicking out panels and the strengthening support; he proposed another CCTV camera the other side of the MUGA to film the skateboard park and the new swings. The recording equipment on the Recreation Ground will accommodate up to 16

cameras and the picture is perfect. After discussion Cllr J Skittrall seconded this proposal and the motion was carried unanimously.

123. To discuss the invitation from Holmes and Hills to a seminar on property and planning issues on Wednesday 2nd November at Braintree Town Hall 6-7.30pm

Cllrs are to let the clerk know if they can attend

124. To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

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

125. Any other business

Cllr L Parkin stated that there was an idea circulating of a Christmas lunch for the older people in the village, would the Parish Council support this? Cllr R Volkwyn said the Thursday Club did do this but he would speak to Jayne Laken and ask her advice, possibly for next year as it was too late to arrange for this year.

Cllr D Holmes said Highways had made a good job of resurfacing Swan Street. The clerk had written to Highways thanking them. He also thanked Stuart Bingham for promptly coming out on a Sunday to attend to a fallen tree in the Recreation Ground.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm