

Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 10th September 2018 at 7.30pm

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs L Parkin, L Heywood, G Jefferson, P Sarel, B Gardener, District Cllr J Beavis, Mrs G McCoyd (clerk) and one member of public.

Public Comment

Cllr J Beavis said she was concerned over the lack of the local plan at Braintree District Council and budget time is approaching.

62. Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Skittrall (unwell), Cllr S Metson (business), Cllr D Finch (elsewhere), Cllr H Johnson (business), Cllr P Gammon (business), Cllr J Stopher (business).

63. Members declarations

There were no declarations.

64. To confirm the minutes of meeting held 13th August 2018

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

65. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising.

66. Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn said the Parish Council had been previously approached by a resident who was concerned that the plaque honouring the 8 Rippers employees who were killed in WW1 had been destroyed. Cllr R Volkwyn had been donated a piece of granite which had been inscribed and framed by local business's for free and this has been erected in Poppy Park, unfortunately the resident who raised this issue has passed away but he is inviting his son to be photographed with it.

The zip wire in the Recreation Ground has been tensioned and the Parish Council now have instructions for this.

67. County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Cllr Finch no report was given.

68. To receive an update on the Christmas Tree

Cllr Metson had circulated a report, the main points are:

About 14 residents have sponsored the project, Chris Jenkins will provide the stand and lights, the Co-op will provide the space and a few refreshments, there will be food on the forecourt of Darkins, the event is planned for Monday 3rd December, Robert and Jean Fuller of Brickwall Farm will donate a tree, and a sign will be made listing all the sponsors. After discussion it was decided that Cllr R Volkwyn will liaise with St Peters as it is hoped that a competition will be held, the winner of which will switch on the lights. It was also decided to provide make a wish baubles and glow sticks and ask participants to make a donation to charity.

69. To receive an update about the Commemorative Afternoon Tea

Cllr G Jefferson read out a report:

All the food is being donated by residents and village associations, the cost of a ticket is £3 with the aim of getting the maximum number attending (80), there will be a raffle organised by the Village Hall Committee, and a stall selling items on behalf of the Royal British Legion, poppies will be available as 27th October marks the start of Poppy Fortnight.

All money raised from the tickets and raffle will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

The Parish Council has booked and is paying for a band, the hall is to be decorated with bunting, and a small display of photographs of the village from the time of the end of The Great war is planned, so if any residents have such photos they would be gratefully received.

70. To remind everyone that press enquiries are to be referred to the Chairman

Cllr R Volkwyn reminded everyone that a vote was taken a few years ago to refer all press enquiries to the Chairman.

71. To consider the following planning application:

18/01455/FUL 28 Station Road. Erection of single storey extension. No objection.

72. To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

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

73. Any other business

Cllr P Sarel questioned the state of the Village Hall, Cllr L Parkin said that a bid to the Lottery Fund to replace the heating and deal with other issues had been put in; it was currently making its way through the process.

Cllr G Jefferson said the Parish Council had successfully put a bid into the Woodland Trust for a tree pack which is due to be delivered in November, volunteers to plant the trees will be required and also ideas for where to plant them. This item will be on the next Recreation & Amenities Committee Agenda for discussion.

The meeting closed.