

MINUTES OF SIBLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, PARKFIELDS, SIBLE HEDINGHAM ON MONDAY 11th MARCH 2013 AT 7.30PM.

In the chair: Mrs. G. Massey
Present: Cllrs. J. Beavis, S. Glen, A. Law, S. Partridge, A. Prill and J. Skittrall.
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)
Mr. H. Johnson (District Councillor)
Together with 1 (one) member of the public

Public comment

There was no public comment.

259. **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs. R. Green (personal commitments), D. Holmes (work commitment), E. Jones (another meeting), F. Swallow (illness), L. Waller (illness), D. Finch and W. Scattergood

260. **Declarations of interest**

Mrs. J. Beavis declared a non pecuniary interest in connection with the items relating to (a) the proposed Localism Fund and (b) the application for affordable housing at Oxford Meadow as a member of the cabinet at BDC. Mr. S. Partridge declared a non pecuniary interest in connection with the latter item as Chairman of SHALGA.

There were no other declarations of interest.

261. **To confirm minutes of meeting held 11th February 2013**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2013, having been circulated, were taken as read, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

262. **Matters arising from those minutes**

a) **Site Allocations**

Mr. A. Prill enquired about site allocations. The Chairman reported that a meeting had been arranged with Planning Officers at BDC on 12th March to consider site allocations and in particular the former dairy site. There were no other matters arising.

263. **Chairman's report**

The Chairman reported that Miss. C. Cannell had resigned as a Councillor following 16 years service. It was agreed to send her a letter of thanks for her long and loyal service. Mrs. J. Beavis and other members expressed the wish that Miss. Cannell remains as a member of the Footpaths and PROW Advisory Group.

264. **Youth Council Report**

Mr. S. Partridge reported that work on the skate ramps had started and should be completed by the end of March 2013. The Easter Egg and Classic Car events had been arranged. The Youth Council may ask for the plans for the Youth Shelter to be changed. A grant application to ECC Braintree Youth Strategy Group for the Youth Shelter is pending. The Youth Council was concerned about ASB near Hedingham Place, which does not appear to be covered by CCTV.

265. **County Councillor's Report**

A written report from Mr. D. Finch was previously circulated to Councillors and accepted.

266. **District Councillor's Reports**

Mr. H. Johnson reported upon the following:

- a. The construction of social housing at Park Court, which was progressing well.
- b. The progress being made with the HRW crossing and it is hoped that good news can be reported at the forthcoming HRW AGM

- c. The application for new access at Tile Kiln Farm had been deferred for further information to be obtained from ECC Highways.
- d. Lorries using the Tile Kiln Farm site were the subject of a Stop Notice.
- e. The Police had been monitoring the Recreation Ground but there were no reports of ASB.
- f. The meeting with BDC Planners and Ward Members arranged for 12th March to particularly consider future planning for the former Tanner's Dairy site.
- g. The gypsies had vacated the former Premdor site, which had been secured against re-entry.
- h. A recent visit to a recycling plant at Great Blakenham, resulting in a request for bottles to be collected.
- i. CSW, which was working very well.
- j. National Grid proposals, which although may not directly affect SH, may result in some large vehicles passing through SH.
- k. The Wethersfield Road barrier is still in place and no indication has been given as to when it will be removed.

Mr. Johnson was thanked for his report.

267. **Planning Committee**

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 15th and 22nd February 2013, having been circulated were accepted in lieu of a report.

268. **Recreation and Amenities Committee**

The minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting held on 22nd February 2013, having been circulated, were accepted in lieu of a report.

269. **Public Transport, Highways and Speedwatch Committee**

The minutes of the Public Transport, Highways and Speedwatch Committee meeting held 20th February 2013, having been circulated, were accepted in lieu of a report.

270. **Report of Meeting to take forward the new Medical Centre and Doctor's Surgery**

Mrs. G. Massey reported upon a meeting held 8th March 2013 with a local Practice Manager, Mr. John Henry of NEE PCT NHS and Mr. I. Stidson of SEE PCT NHS. Mr. Stidson was generally supportive and sympathetic. Mr. F. Swallow had obtained a copy of the business plan for the proposed new surgery at Great Yeldham, which contains valuable information and will help with the business plan for SH. Following some discussion it was agreed that a business case needs to be prepared for SH a.s.a.p. and it was agreed to explore a single tender from E.C. Harris, who had already carried out significant background work for Great Yeldham, which will help with SH business plan. It was agreed to check the single tender procedure and agenda as appropriate for the next meeting.

(Mr. H. Johnson left the meeting)

271. **To consider making representations to BALC upon proposed Localism Fund**

Mr. S. Partridge enquired why there are discrepancies between the SH and Coggeshall figures in connection with both PSG and the new Council Tax Support Grant. Mrs. J. Beavis agreed to make enquiries and report back. As representations are required by 22nd March, it was agreed to inform BALC that SHPC has carefully considered the options and is content to accept BDCs recommendations.

272. **Land adjacent to Civil Defence Hut, Oxford Meadow**

Mr. S. Partridge circulated a draft letter to BDC for approval. It was proposed, seconded and carried that the draft is approved and the letter is sent to BDC.

273. **Correspondence**

The correspondence received and listed in appendix 1 was referred to relevant Councillors for information and action. Arising from the correspondence the following items were considered:

- a. Letter from National Grid inviting Councillors to a PC briefing on 14th March at Wickham St. Paul. Mrs. J. Beavis agreed to represent SHPC at this event.
- b. Letter from Essex Heritage Trust – The Clerk reported that Mrs. E. Jones is considering applying to EHT for a grant towards the blue plaques for SH.

c. Training courses arranged by EALC were considered.

274. **Accounts for payment**

The accounts listed in appendix 2 were presented for payment and it was proposed by Mrs. J. Beavis, seconded by Mr. A. Prill and carried that the accounts are paid and that the payment of the grant of £250 to Mrs. A. Weatherley for the Ripper History Exhibition is made under the provisions of S137 of the LGA 1972.

275. **Any other business/exchange of information/agenda for next meeting**

Mrs. J. Beavis reported that numbers of young people were starting to gather in SH during the evenings. Councillors considered that this was exceptional as it was at half term and that there were no known problems.

Mr. J. Skittrall reported that he had represented SHPC at the BDC Chairman's event at Witham, which had been a very enjoyable evening.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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