

## Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs J. Fennelly, G.Jefferson, D.Holmes, J.Skittrall, J Nicholson, S Metson, L Parkin, B Newman, Mrs G McCoyd (clerk), and 5 members of the public.

### Public Comment

Lesley Dziedzic gave thanks for the prompt action taken by the Parish Council for sorting the problem of noise and sightlines by youngsters using the new play equipment.

### 265 Apologies for Absence

Cllr's T Pitts-Webster (business), P Sarel (ill), District Cllr's H Johnson (BDC Meeting) and J Beavis (BDC Meeting) Cllr S Glen non attendee

### 266 Co-option of new Councillor to fill casual vacancy

No-one has expressed an interest

### 267 Declaration of Acceptance of Office of new Councillor

N/A

### 268 Members declarations

No declarations

### 269 To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016

The minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> March having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 270 Matters arising from those minutes

No matters arising

### 271 Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn stated that the last month had seen a rise in children's vandalism on the Recreation Ground, the toilets had been set alight, handles had been broken off the girls toilets, faeces had been found on a picnic table and it had been reported that older children, wearing Hedingham school uniform, were trying to break the new fort by jumping on the roof. Cllr R Volkwyn had spoken to the Deputy at Hedingham School who will be speaking to the pupils in Assembly and will also inform them that the CCTV cameras record all activities.

The burnt toilet seat will not be replaced.

Cllr R Volkwyn stated he would be attending a meeting of the Youth Council to highlight the problems with them.

Cllr R Volkwyn noted the Village Hall was hosting a dance on 16<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm; it would be nice if any Cllr's could attend.

#### 272 Youth Council Report

In the absence of Cllr P Sarel no report was given.

#### 273 County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Cllr D.Finch no report was given.

#### 274 District Councillor's Reports

Cllr H Johnson had sent a report stating he would like to raise the issue of a crossing on Yeldham Road opposite the football pitch as it was dangerous for youngsters to cross the road there. This issue is on the Agenda for the Recreations and Amenities Committee on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

#### 275 To receive minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016

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

#### 276 To receive the minutes of Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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

#### 277 To receive the minutes of the Personnel Committee held 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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

#### 278 To adopt the Revised Code of Conduct and once adopted to be signed by all Councillor's

Cllr D Holmes proposed the revised Code of Conduct be adopted and Cllr J Nicholson seconded. All in favour.

The Cllr's at the meeting then signed the Code of Conduct, absent Cllr's will have to sign at the next meeting.

#### 279 To pass the following resolution that the post of Clerk be admitted to membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme operated by Essex County Council, following the necessary 28 days public notice.

Cllr L Parkin proposed the resolution and Cllr G Jefferson seconded. All in favour.

280 To revise the toilet opening hours due to the occurrence of vandalism

Cllr John Skittrall proposed the toilets be closed at 5pm everyday Cllr B Newman seconded. All in favour.

It was decided the clerk would produce a notice stating that due to excessive vandalism the toilets would close at 5pm from 1<sup>st</sup> May.

281 To decide on anti vandal paint for the fort roofs and the necessary signage

Cllr S Metson proposed anti vandal paint be purchased and used on the roof of the fort and the ridge of the shelter, and the necessary signage be put in place, Cllr G Jefferson seconded. All in favour.

282 To receive the Accounts for payment.

The accounts listed in Appendix 1 were presented for payment.

It was proposed by Cllr D Holmes, seconded by Cllr J Skittrall they be paid.

283 Any other business

Cllr J Nicholson stated he had heard discussions about possible mergers between South Essex and North Kent. There was also a possibility of North Essex merging with Cambridge. He would seek clarification from Cllr D Finch.

Cllr S Metson stated the top car park had overhanging bushes which needed to be cut back.

Cllr R Volkwyn stated that when using social media Cllr's must state that it is their personnel opinion and that they are not acting as a representative of the Parish Council. This is stated in the revised Code of Conduct that all Cllr's have signed or will sign by the next meeting.

Cllr R Volkwyn stated that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May and not Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

The meeting closed at 8pm

