

Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 11th September 2017

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs G Jefferson, P Sarel, B Newman, P Gammon, L Parkin, S Metson, L Heywood, District Cllr H Johnson, Mrs G McCoyd (clerk) and 3 members of public.

Public Comment

Cllr H Johnson raised the following points:

The fence at the footpath by Cobbs Fen is covered in barbed wire and the path is very slippery.

The cars that park in Summerfields opposite the Co-op cause an obstruction and a nuisance, ideally the double yellow lines should be extended.

The drains in School Road and Church Street were inadequate, the Clerk had reported these previously to Highways but was told they had been investigated and required no immediate action.

When will the transfer of the Riverside Walk take place? Cllr R Volkwyn replied that the licence for Bloor Homes carry out the work had just been received; it requires signing and was a 3 month licence.

There is a large hedge at the junction of Station Road/Yeldham Road that is overhanging and causes the children to step into the road

The state of the river at Castle Hedingham end was a mess.

He had been asked to give the Parish Council a vote of thanks for clearing the car park.

There are two five year old children who live in Sible Hedingham but were having to go to school in Yeldham and Maplestead. It was noted that De Vere Primary is being extended.

76. Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Skittrall (illness), Cllr D Finch, Cllr J Stopher (business), Cllr D Holmes non attendance.

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

There was no candidate

78. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of the new Councillor

There was no candidate

79. Members declarations

There were no declarations

80. To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 14th August 2017

The minutes of 14th August having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

81. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising.

82. Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn stated that an email of complaint regarding the condition of the car park had been received by the Parish Council but then it had immediately been posted on Facebook; however he was pleased to note that an email thanking the Parish Council for clearing the car park had since been received.

The graffiti on the brick shelter had been reported to the Police and had been painted over within 24 hours of notification. Both shelters have since been redecorated so that all graffiti on both has been covered.

The Parish Council has purchased bollards to put around the Poppy Park to prevent cars parking there.

The Parish Council is organising a mini bus trip to Bury St Edmunds Christmas Market on Thursday 23rd November, the cost will be £12.

83. County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Cllr Finch no report was given.

84. To receive minutes of the Recreation & Amenities meeting held 18th August 2017

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85. To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 18th August 2017

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86. To discuss and select a Contractor to install new play equipment in the Recreation Ground.

The ROSPA report had highlighted that some old equipment on the Recreation Ground needed replacing due to Health & Safety issues, the slide will be replaced by a new slide and the climbing frame by a zip wire, the bark is to be replaced by rubber

matting. The Parish Council had applied to BDC for a grant which will cover the cost of the replacements.

The Parish Council had received 3 quotes from Wicksteed, Playtime by Fawns and PPL for £25,000, £28,000 and £28,500 respectively.

It was proposed by Cllr S Metson and seconded by Cllr L Heywood that the quote from Wicksteed be accepted, the motion was passed unanimously.

87. To confirm the date and time of the village litter pick

The Recreation & Amenities Committee had recommended Sunday 15th October and this was confirmed with the time 10-12. Hedingham School and the Football Club were mentioned as possibly being willing to take part.

88. To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

Cllr S Metson proposed the accounts be approved and paid, Cllr B Newman seconded, and the motion was carried.

89. Any other business

Cllr S Metson said that the bushes opposite the Baptist Church along Yeldham Road were overhanging the path and causing an obstruction. He asked if the Poppy seeds could be planted. Cllr R Volkwyn replied that it still had not been transferred to the Parish Council. Cllr S Metson stated that the Shell Garage had not lost thousands of pounds worth of goods but a few power tools.

Cllr R Volkwyn stated that preparations for the Christmas Tree were under way; Darkins would again fund the electricity and provide the forecourt for events on the night. Cllr R Volkwyn is going to discuss with St Peters School their involvement on the night; he was hoping to make it a big event for the Community.

It was decided that once Christmas was over to discuss in January the ideas for a celebration for the centenary next year of the end of WW1.

The meeting closed.