

Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 11th June 2018 at 7.30pm

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs P Sarel, S Metson, J Stopher, B Gardener, G Jefferson, B Newman, L Parkin, L Heywood, Mrs G McCoyd (clerk) and 10 members of public.

Public Comment

The question was asked why there had been no comment from Rev Liz Paxton regarding the state of the churchyard.

29. Apologies for Absence

Cllr H Johnson (business), Cllr J Skittrall (unwell) and Cllr D Finch (another meeting).

Cllr P Gammon non-attendance.

30. Members declarations

There were no declarations.

31. To confirm the minutes of meeting held 14th May 2018

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

32. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising.

33. Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn reported the sad news that Mrs Gill Massey had died, he said she had given good service to the Parish.

Regarding the grass cutting at the churchyard Cllr Volkwyn re-iterated the following advice that the Parish Council had received from the National Association of Local Councils solicitors "The powers in the 1894 Act prohibit councils' involvement in property relating to the affairs of the church e.g. the maintenance or improvement of buildings or land or contributing to the costs"

Cllr R Volkwyn stated that the grass cutting along Yeldham Road was the responsibility of Essex Highways but the response received from Essex Highways was "it has been investigated, risk assessed and recorded as not requiring immediate action at this time" so the Parish Council has arranged for some strimming to be undertaken.

There have been questions asked about the S106 money regarding the development next to the library, Cllr R Volkwyn read out the relevant passage from the agreement between BDC and the developers “Eleven Thousand Six Hundred and Eleven Pounds and Seventy One Pence is to be given for Public Open Space Contribution towards the provision and/or improvement and/or enhancement and/or maintenance of an area or areas of public open space and facilities thereon as specified in the Council’s Open Space Action Plan for the Braintree Heddingham & Maplestead Ward” the full document is available for perusal in the Parish Office.

34. County Councillor’s Report

In the absence of Cllr Finch no report was given.

35. To receive minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee held 18th May 2018

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37. To discuss ideas for the spending of the remaining S106 money (£4001) available for art work

Cllrs J Stopher and L Parkin suggested street murals in the Recreation Ground.

Cllr R Volkwyn suggested putting the money towards a Christmas Tree, as no-one had volunteered to donate one, and also to string lights across the street.

Cllr S Metson asked if the cart at Oxford Meadow could be replaced and possibly a replica of woodworking machinery could be installed in Poppy Park.

Cllr G Jefferson suggested decorating the telephone box.

Cllr P Sarel suggested some form of art work at the entrances to the village.

Cllr R Volkwyn said this item will be on the next Recreation & Amenities agenda where all the ideas could be discussed. The clerk will email Alison Turnbull to clarify the feasibility of the suggestions.

38. To approve the accounts for 2017-2018

It was proposed by Cllr L Parkin and seconded by Cllr B Newman that the accounts prepared by Mrs J Fletcher of Saffron Accounting Services for the Internal Audit are approved. The Accounts and Annual Return were then signed by the Chairman and the RFO and will be sent to PKF Littlejohn for the external audit.

39. To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

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

40. Any other business

There was no other business.

The meeting closed.