

Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 12th February 2018 at 7.30pm

In the chair: Cllr G Jefferson

Present: Cllrs S Metson, L Heywood, B Gardener, P Sarel, J Skittrall, B Newman, District Cllr H Johnson and Mrs G McCoyd (Clerk)

Public Comment

Cllr H Johnson suggested that it might be possible to use the Bank building as an information centre with leaflets available to the public; he had also noted that a car was parking on the grass verge next to the building in the mornings. Cllr G Jefferson stated that the bollards the Parish Council had placed there to prevent parking had been removed. Cllr H Johnson said that the island crossing on Yeldham Road could not be seen and it was dangerous. The clerk has reported this to Highways but the response had been that it did not require immediate action but it would be subject to regular safety checks. Cllr P Sarel suggested a letter be sent to Highways regarding the danger of crossing the road by the school. Cllr G Jefferson asked for this issue to be put on the Recreation and Amenities Committee Agenda so that a full discussion could take place.

128. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs R Volkwyn (business), L Parkin (business), D Finch (another meeting), P Gammon (business) J Stopher (business)

129. Members declarations

There were no declarations.

130. To confirm the minutes of meeting held 8th January 2018

The minutes of 8th January having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

131. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising.

132. Chairman's Report

Cllr G Jefferson reminded everyone that the village litter pick would take place on Sunday March 4th from 10-12. She raised the issue of the 20s Plenty Campaign and said that while the Parish would support the principle it would be impossible to enforce as the Police could not enforce the current speed limits and Highways were no longer installing speed indication signs. In the past there had been a speed watch

group but this has been disbanded, if a speed watch group was prepared to volunteer, the Parish Council would support them but there are stringent guidelines which the group would have to adhere to. With regard to the proposed upgrading of the zebra crossing to a signalised crossing the Local Highways Panel has downgraded this from a design work to a feasibility study due to budget constraints.

Cllr G Jefferson said there had been a number of thefts and burglaries recently and the Crime Prevention Team will be holding a public meeting on March 23rd in the Queens Hall Halstead.

133. County Councillor's Report

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

134. To receive minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee held 19th January 2018

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

135. To consider a request from Highways for the Parish Council to support installing a bus stop between the old and new buildings in Swan Street after the previous one was removed in 2015.

It was proposed by Cllr S Metson, seconded by Cllr J Skittrall and carried unanimously that support is given to Highways for a bus stop to be installed.

136. 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

137. Any other business

Cllr B Gardener explained that she was on the Heditude Committee, the proposed date for the festival is 30th June and she will keep the Parish Council informed.

Cllr P Sarel suggested that the bank could be a hub with wifi available for residents with no wifi. Cllr G Jefferson said that the group who were keen to keep the bank would welcome all suggestions once it has been transferred to the Parish but as yet there is no date for the transfer.

The meeting closed.