

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

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs G Jefferson, J Skittrall, B Newman, S Metson, L Heywood, District Cllrs H Johnson, J Beavis, Mrs G McCoyd (Clerk) and 3 members of public

Public Comment

There was no public comment

138. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs J Stopher (business), P Gammon (business), L Parkin (business), P Sarel (business), B Gardener (illness), County Cllr D Finch (another meeting)

139. Members declarations

There were no declarations.

140. To confirm the minutes of meeting held 12th February 2018

The minutes of 12th February having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

141. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising.

142. Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn said the Parish Council had received a grant from the Local Services Fund which had been match funded by the Parish Council for the employment of a Maintenance Operative, interviews had been held and the successful applicant had started today. The new play equipment had been installed; turf will be laid over the landing mound at an appropriate time. He reminded everyone that the date of the litter pick is Sunday 25th March; meet at the Parish office at 10am.

Cllr R Volkwyn said he had sad news Cllr L Parkin's partner had died last week; he will let everyone know the date of the funeral. Cllr B Gardener had fallen over and fractured her shoulder.

143. County Councillor's Report

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

144. To receive minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee held 23rd February 2018

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

145. To receive minutes of the Planning Committee held 23rd February 2018

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

146. To discuss grass cutting in the Churchyard.

Cllr R Volkwyn explained that the grass cutting had gone out for tender earlier in the year with Mortimer's being successful. In the quote the grass cutting areas had been broken down, the Churchyard cost £320 per cut as opposed to the Recreation Ground £130 per cut and Grays Hall Meadow £180 per cut, in view of this discussions had been held with the Church asking for contributions towards the grass cutting. The proposal was that the Parish Council would pay £180 for the mowing and the Church £120 for the strimming. Cllr B Newman said the Parish Council should not pay anything, Cllr G Jefferson said it was generous of the Parish Council to pay £180 considering budget constraints and other places relied on volunteers, Cllr L Heywood said the Churchyard being cut was aesthetically pleasing, Cllr S Metson said the Church should pay half the costs. Cllr J Skittrall proposed that the Church should be asked for half the costs or the Churchyard will not be cut, Cllr S Metson seconded and the motion was carried 5-1.

147. To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

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

148. Any other business

Cllr L Heywood said a cars for sale van had been left on the grass by the Poppy Park, Cllr R Volkwyn said that 6 bollards had been purchased by the Parish and installed around this grass area to prevent parking but they had all been removed, once the Park was transferred a more permanent barrier would be erected.

Cllr H Johnson said he will be cutting back brambles on the Riverside Walk in preparation for the installation of a memorial bench. He was trying to get an update on the proposed Health Centre but there was no further information available.

The meeting closed.