

Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 13th March 2017 at 7.30pm

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs G Jefferson, N Pachent, P Gammon, S Metson, L Parkin, L Heywood, D Holmes, P Sarel, J Skittrall, B Newman, H Johnson, Mrs G McCoyd (clerk) and 3 members of public.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

184. Apologies for Absence

Cllr K Greeno (sick) Cllr D Finch (alternative meetings) Cllr J Beavis (BDC Meeting)

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

It was proposed by Cllr R Volkwyn and seconded by Cllr B Newman that Mr Jed Stopher is co-opted to fill the vacancy.

186. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of new Councillors

Mr J Stopher read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

187. Members declarations

None

188. To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 13th February

The minutes of 13th February having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

189. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising.

190. Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn said the Litter Pick held on Sunday 5th March was a success despite the rain, 18 bags of litter were collected. It was disappointing that the Brook today (which had been cleaned out during the litter pick) had a vacuum cleaner deposited in it (this has subsequently been removed by Mrs J Richardson) and a large amount of rubbish. The Recreation Ground had also been cleared during the litter pick but unfortunately rubbish has since accumulated there. It was good that there have been no reports of vandalism in the Recreation Ground.

Cllr R Volkwyn mentioned that the Twinning Association was celebrating 25 years next month and would be holding a party in the village hall.

191. Youth Council Report

There was no report at present. Cllr N Pachent has agreed to be the Representative to the Youth Council in future.

192. County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Cllr Finch no report was given

193. To receive minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 3rd March 2017

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

194. To discuss the Town and Parish Governance Initial Survey

The Town and Parish Governance Initial Survey was discussed and it was decided that the Parish Council would stay as it presently is.

195. To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

Cllr J Skittrall proposed the accounts be approved and paid, Cllr D Holmes seconded, the motion was carried

196. Any other business

Cllr P Sarel said that the Cash 4 Cars Car which was parked on private land by the old bank building was unsightly. Cllr R Volkwyn stated that it had been reported to BDC.

Cllr D Holmes queried when the transfer of the Bank and Poppy Park would take place. Cllr R Volkwyn said that the transfer was being held up by Bloor Homes who had not completed the final tasks.

Cllr S Metson said the Parish Facebook page was up and running. He had been given complaints about the removal of the bottle bank and asked if it could be situated at the Fire Station. The clerk will enquire.

Cllr J Stopher asked if it was possible to put the current crime updates on the Parish Facebook page.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm