

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

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

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

Public Comment

Dr Newhouse gave a statement about the NHS and in particular the 44 Sustainability Transformation Plans which will cause massive changes in the NHS. There is a facebook page "Support the NHS Halstead" which gives details. The major change locally is the amalgamation of Colchester and Ipswich hospitals and the fact that the Braintree hospital is to become an orthopaedic only hospital. She raised concerns over the lack of services in the community to help people who leave hospital early.

102. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs J Stopher (business), B Newman (business), J Skittrall (illness)

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

There was no candidate

104. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of the new Councillor

There was no candidate

105. Members declarations

There were no declarations

106. To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 9th October 2017

The minutes of 9th October having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

107. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising.

108. Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn thanked all the Cllrs who attended the Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November. He has emailed Rev Liz Paxton regarding the church service which was a fiasco, it was too long, the wording used was not suitable considering there were children present and the music provided by cd ran out before the hymns finished.

Cllr R Volkwyn stated that work on the new play equipment was due to start in the Recreation Ground on Monday 20th November. He thanked Cllr H Johnson for clearing the ground around the benches on the Riverside walk which have now been painted with wood preservative.

109. County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Cllr Finch no report was given

110 To receive minutes of the Recreation & Amenities meeting held 20th October 2017

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

111. To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 20th October 2017

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

112. To consider granting an extension of time to Cllr J Skittrall to attend meetings

It was proposed by Cllr R Volkwyn and seconded by Cllr G Jefferson that an extension of 6 months be granted to Cllr J Skittrall who has been unwell and thus unable to attend meetings. This was passed unanimously.

113. To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

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

114. Any other business

Cllr S Metson said the notice board on the wall by the Co-op was very shabby and the contact poster for the District Cllrs was faded. Cllr H Johnson said he would obtain new contact posters and the clerk explained that BDC had been asked if available S106 open space money could be spent on a new notice board.

Cllr S Metson raised the issue of the island in Swan Street which is now immediately opposite the entrance to the homes being built next to the library and causes problems turning into the development. The clerk has informed Highways.

Cllr S Metson said it was dangerous for children leaving Hedingham School to cross the road, is it possible to have flashing amber lights warning the traffic that school children were crossing? Cllr R Volkwyn said he and the clerk had recently attended a Highways Briefing where they were informed that budgets were very tight and there was no extra money for projects, repairs and white lines. This would have to go to the Local Highways Panel who had not been interested in the past. Cllr H Johnson said there were major projects which were supported by the Local Highways Panel but they could not be funded so smaller projects had no chance. Cllr R Volkwyn said

that concerned residents should contact Highways via the Highways website and write to County Cllr D Finch.

Cllr L Heywood said that there had been numerous complimentary comments regarding Capes Chase being cleared. It was noted that SHPC was not responsible for Capes Chase but had paid contractors to clear it

The meeting closed.