

Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 14th August 2017

In the chair: Cllr G Jefferson

Present: Cllrs B Newman, N Pachent, S Metson, L Parkin, L Heywood, J Stopher, County Cllr D Finch, District Cllr H Johnson, Mrs G McCoyd (clerk) and 2 members of public.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

62. Apologies for Absence

Cllr R Volkwyn (business), Cllr D Holmes (business), Cllr J Skittrall (illness), and Cllr J Beavis (another meeting). Cllrs P Sarel and P Gammon were absent.

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

There was no candidate

64. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of the new Councillor

There was no candidate

65. Members declarations

There were no declarations

66. To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 10th July 2017

The minutes of 10th July having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

67. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising.

68. Chairman's Report

Cllr G Jefferson stated that the Parish Council were in the process of adopting the BT telephone box on Yeldham Road and that suggestions for its future use would be discussed at the Recreation & Amenities meeting on Friday 18th August. The date of the next litter pick would also be arranged then.

69. County Councillor's Report

Cllr D Finch spoke on the following topics:

Education: 94% of the schools in Essex were rated good or outstanding. St Peters was rated good with over 50% of the children achieving the required standard.

Highways: There had been a significant amount of road maintenance works in this area. The Local Highways Panel had recommended the Zebra Crossing on Swan Street to be a synchronised crossing.

Economy: A member of Essex County Council is on the Governments Brexit briefing team.

Stansted Airport: An Engineering College is to be founded in Stansted with the courses being focussed on aircraft. Work is being carried out on Junctions 7A and 8 on the M11 to make the airport more accessible.

Garden Villages: The development is being carried out near Rayne and not in this area.

Depravation: Braintree had less than 2% area of depravation.

Budget: ECC have to save 44 million for next year and this is being achieved by re-shaping and re-modelling services.

Essex Lottery: This will be rolled out in October. A new fund is to be launched which will be available for services such as sign washing, it will require match funding from Parishes.

Cllr L Heywood asked if St Peters School was likely to be expanded? Cllr D Finch replied that ECC look 10 years ahead at the housing supply and had long-term plans for where house building would be centred.

70. To receive minutes of the Recreation & Amenities meeting held 21st July 2017

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

71. To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 21st July 2017

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72. To consider ideas for the commemoration of the end of WW1

Cllr G Jefferson said that when the Poppy Park was transferred it may be possible to replace the plaque. Poppies would be planted in the park.

Cllr L Parkin asked if the schools and WI were doing anything?

It was decided to revisit this at a later stage.

73. To consider the revised plans for the Play Area on the Bloor Site.

It was proposed by Cllr S Metson and seconded by Cllr L Parkin that the proposed plans be accepted.

74. To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

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

75. Any other business

There was no other business

The meeting closed.