

Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs G Jefferson, P Sarel, J Stopher, L Parkin, S Metson, B Gardener, P Gammon, L Heywood, District Cllrs H Johnson, J Beavis, Mrs G McCoyd (clerk) and one member of public.

Public Comment

Cllr H Johnson said it was sad to hear the news that Cllr J Skittrall had passed away. He said there was a Community Grant still available for the benefit of the Community and both he and Cllr J Beavis would be standing for the District Elections in May.

Cllr J Beavis said the Community Grant had to be applied for by the end of February. She said that Braintree is to be a pilot for voter recognition, a driving licence or passport will need to be taken when voting in the elections.

Cllr R Volkwyn asked if the grant could be used to help fund the Thursday Club, Cllrs H Johnson and J Beavis said they would take it forward if the Thursday Club applied to them.

109. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies. Cllr R Volkwyn said that Cllr J Skittrall had died on Sunday and he would let everyone know when the funeral arrangements had been made.

110. Members declarations

There were no declarations.

111. To confirm the minutes of meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

The minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> December having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

112. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising.

113. Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn said the Christmas Tree had been a great success and the Parish Council was waiting to know from BDC when the open space money would be available to spend.

114. County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Cllr D Finch no report was given

115. To receive the minutes of the Finance Committee held 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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

116. To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee held 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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117. To consider the budget and precept for 2019-20

The Finance Committee recommended the budget which has been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed by Cllr L Parkin, seconded by Cllr S Metson and carried unanimously that the budget is approved and that SHPC precepts for £105854. This would mean an increase of 0.88% which is equivalent to 56p on the Band D Tax Rate. The precept form was duly completed, signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the RFO.

118. To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

Cllr G Jefferson proposed the accounts be approved and paid, Cllr L Parkin seconded, the motion was carried

119. Any other business

Cllr S Metson asked if there was any news on when the Riverside Walk would be finished, Cllr R Volkwyn said there was no news it seemed to be legal matters that were holding it up.

Cllr B Gardener said that the Heditude Festival had been arranged for 8<sup>th</sup> June and she asked for it to be an agenda item for the next Recreation & Amenities Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

The meeting closed.