

Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 8th April 2019 at 7.30pm

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs G Jefferson, S Metson, B Gardener, J Stopher, L Heywood, District Cllr H Johnson, PC Wheeler, SC Mihalyfi, Mrs G McCoyd (clerk) and 4 members of public.

Public Comment

The ongoing problem of dog fouling and plastic bags of dog mess being left on the ground was highlighted.

District Cllr H Johnson introduced Nigel McCrea who is his running mate for District Council in the election on 2nd May. He also said he had noticed posts being put up near Castle Hedingham but he did not know what they were for.

PC Wheeler said he was in charge of 37 Parishes and had been in post for 5 months, if the Parish had Cluster Meetings the Police were more likely to attend, if there were events happening and a Police presence was required to let him know, he was on Twitter if residents liked to follow him to see what duties he was carrying out PC3655WHEELER@CWheele77771635, he had supported various speed watch groups by giving out tickets and regarding the problems of parking at St Peters he would encourage the Head to send a letter to the parents asking them not to park on the zigzag lines and if people continued to offend then the teachers should take the registration and he could attend and give out tickets. If there were any issues in the area please let the clerk know who could then contact him. He introduced SC Mihalyfi who is funded by Halstead Town Council, he is a volunteer who works 16 hours a month in Halstead, his duties include patrolling, checking the car parks, vehicles, traffic offences and anything else as directed by the Town Council. The cost of a SC is approx £1000 a year plus mileage and duty allowances, they hold the same office and same powers as regular police officers. It is possible that two parishes could join together to fund one SC.

Cllr J Stopher said the lack of police in Essex was noticeable and visibility was an issue. PC Wheeler said that part of SC Mihalyfi's duties was to do foot patrol in Halstead.

Cllr H Johnson said there had been a lot of ATM thefts in the area, had the offenders been caught? PC Wheeler said he had been to a site in Harlow where arrests had been made. Cllr J Stopher said it was not one group carrying out all the jobs but the way of carrying out the job had been franchised out across the region, everyone involved had been arrested.

142. Apologies for Absence

Cllr P Gammon (business). County Cllr D Finch (another meeting) Cllr P Sarel absent.

143. Members declarations

There were no declarations.

144. To confirm the minutes of meeting held 11th March 2019

The minutes of 11th March having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

145. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising.

146. Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn said Cllrs, scouts and scout leaders had carried out a village litter pick on Sunday 7th April, 12 bags of rubbish had been collected but on the whole it was not as bad as previous years, there were fewer bottles and cans which was good to see.

147. County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Cllr D Finch no report was given

148. To consider the purchase of a Community Public Access Defibrillator by either Managed Solution or Direct Purchase

Cllr S Metson questioned the weekly and monthly checks that need to be carried out and reported, and also the issue of training. Cllr J Stopher said he thought the checks were not onerous and the training minimal as full instructions would be given to the person using it. Cllr B Gardener proposed the Managed Solution, Cllr G Jefferson seconded and the motion was carried.

149. To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

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

150. Any other business

Cllr S Metson thanked Cllr R Volkwyn for his service to the Parish; District Cllr H Johnson added his thanks.

The meeting closed at 8.01pm

