

Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.30pm

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs J Skittrall, L Parkin, L Heywood, B Newman, J Stopher, G Jefferson, B Gardener, S Metson, District Cllr H Johnson, Mrs G McCoyd (clerk) and 6 members of public.

Public Comment

Cllr H Johnson wished everyone a Happy New Year and said how good it was to see Cllr J Skittrall.

115. Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Finch and Cllr J Beavis. Cllrs P Sarel and P Gammon were non-attendance.

116. Members declarations

There were no declarations.

117. To confirm the minutes of meeting held 13th November 2017

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

118. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising.

119. Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn gave thanks to the following people and organisations:

He thanked Mr Paul Earey the butcher for donating the Christmas Tree, Cllr Stephen Metson for supplying the electricity to light the Christmas Tree, Mr C Jenkins for the loan of the lights and tree stand, St Peters School whose choir and pupils attended, and Hedingham School for organising the brass band. Cllr R Volkwyn said there were about 200 people who attended the lighting of the Christmas Tree; he also thanked Mrs P Volkwyn, Mrs B Newman and Mr A Jefferson who all helped on the night. Cllr R Volkwyn said the tree had been very much appreciated by the community and it was hoped that it would be able to repeat it this year.

Cllr R Volkwyn also thanked Miss N Pachent and Mr T Lawrence for providing a Christmas meal at the Village Hall for residents who would otherwise have been alone at Christmas.

Cllr R Volkwyn said the Gateway Signs on the Braintree Road had been temporarily removed, he was having a meeting with Cllr D Finch and Highways to resolve this issue and re-site the signs.

Cllr R Volkwyn stated the Parish Council had been successful in a bid to the Local Services Fund and a grant (which will be match funded) of £10,000 over 2 years had been awarded for a Handyperson scheme.

120. County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Cllr D Finch no report was given.

121. To receive minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee held 17th November 2017

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

122. To receive the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 18th December 2017

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

123. To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee held 1st December 2017

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

124. To decide on a time to take part in the Great British Spring Clean, the date is the 4th March 2018

It was decided 10.00-12 on the morning of Sunday 4th March; everyone is to meet at the Parish Council Office.

125. To consider the budget and precept for 2018-2019

The Finance Committee recommended the budget which has been circulated to all Cllrs. It was proposed by Cllr S Metson, seconded by Cllr L Parkin and carried unanimously that the budget is approved and that SHPC precepts for £103485. This would mean an increase of 0.81% which is 51p on a Band D Council Tax Rate. The precept form was duly completed, signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the RFO

126. To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

Cllr J Skittrall proposed the accounts be approved and paid, Cllr L Heywood seconded, the motion was carried

127. Any other business

Cllr J Skittrall thanked all the Cllrs for their support and good wishes during the past few months.

Cllr S Metson said there were a lot of gas canisters, bottles and debris in the car park. The clerk has subsequently asked the village maintenance operative to clear the area, which has happened and the car park is now being monitored. Cllr S Metson also stated that he had seen the new zip wire in operation and it was working well.

The meeting closed.