

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

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs G Jefferson, B Gardener, L Parkin, S Metson, L Heywood, Mrs G McCoyd (clerk) and 3 members of public.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

74. Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Skittrall (hospital), Cllr P Sarel (unwell), Cllr P Gammon (business) District Cllrs H Johnson & J Beavis (BDC meeting), County Cllr D Finch (another meeting). Cllr J Stopher absent.

75. Members declarations

There were no declarations.

76. To confirm the minutes of meeting held 10th September 2018

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

77. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising.

78. Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn said the memorial benches had been delivered and were now installed, the silhouettes had also been received and one is installed on a bench, a photo of this has been sent to the Halstead Gazette.

Cllr R Volkwyn said Braintree District Council is planting three trees in the district to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1 and he had represented Sible Hedingham Parish Council at the planting of a tree in Halstead Public Gardens.

79. County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Cllr Finch no report was given.

80. To discuss S106 ideas board as submitted by BDC

There is an amount of S106 money (£10,000) to be spent on public open space in Sible Hedingham and the following ideas had been suggested by BDC:

In the Recreation Ground; replace the existing timber trail which ROSPA had highlighted as being at the end of its usable life and replace the existing shed with a container.

In Grays Hall Meadow; provide a Community Orchard, the Parish Council had successfully applied to the Woodland Trust for tree packs and this could be a usage for one of the packs so there was no need to spend S106 money on this idea. Cllr L Parkin said the entrance gate from Castle Meadow was not easy to open, the Parish Council agreed to look at this for future reference.

The ideas for improving the planting scheme in Alderford Street and Station Road were discussed but it was agreed these were not suitable ideas.

The car park; provide supplementary tree planting, planters that can be moved to complement the existing planting.

Cllr R Volkwyn said the gate in the small children's area in the Recreation Ground should be self closing but it wasn't so he suggested adding that item to the list.

Cllr L Parkin said the water fountain in the Recreation Ground did not work, it was decided that if any money was left that would be looked at.

It was decided to take forward the ideas for the Recreation Ground and the car park and obtain quotes for these suggestions.

81. To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

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

82. Any other business

There was no other business.

The meeting closed.