

Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 9th October 2017

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs G Jefferson, L Heywood, B Newman, P Gammon, S Metson, County Cllr D Finch, 3 members of public and Mrs G McCoyd (Clerk)

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

90. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs J Stopher (business), H Johnson (business), J Skittrall (illness) L Parkin (illness) P Sarel (business)

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

It was proposed by Cllr R Volkwyn and seconded by Cllr B Newman that Mrs B Gardener is co-opted to fill the vacancy.

92. Declaration of Acceptance of Office of the new Councillor

Mrs B Gardener read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

93. Members declarations

There were no declarations

94. To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 11th September 2017

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

95. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising.

96. Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn highlighted the following dates:

Sunday 15th October Village Litter Pick starting at the Parish Office at 10am

Thursday 23rd November trip to Bury St Edmunds Christmas Market cost £12

Saturday 2nd December Erection of the Christmas Tree

Tuesday 5th December Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Cllr R Volkwyn then read a letter of resignation from Cllr Derek Holmes who stated that although he had enjoyed the last few years working with his colleagues and Ron as Chair after 30 years he felt it was time to step down. The Cllrs all gave a vote of thanks to Derek Holmes for all his time and effort as a Councillor.

97. County Councillor's Report

Cllr D Finch said that ECC were engaged in the budget process and were awaiting the Chancellors Autumn Budget. He said that due to the recent number of infringements by Gypsies and Travellers leaving litter and refuse after being moved on from various sites, ECC and the Police were working together towards being able to penalise them the same as others who leave litter.

Cllr D Finch gave attention to the following funding opportunities that ECC were involved in:

Local Services Fund which is administered by Essex Association of Local Councils and aims to provide revenue to Parish & Town Councils to undertake an activity or ongoing service for the benefit of the local community. This will need to be bid for and match funding needs to be available.

Essex Lottery launches 10th October; 60p in every £1 will go towards charities, 20p towards prize money and 20p towards paying VAT and the organisers of the lottery. Once a charity has received £5000 in terms of contribution it will be rolled off and another charity will be in receipt.

Crowd Funding Opportunities, this enables lots of people to get behind a project to make it a reality, for example blind dog funding. ECC will match fund to a maximum of £5000.

98 To receive minutes of the Recreation & Amenities meeting held 15th September 2017

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

99. To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 15th and 29th September 2017

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100. To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

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

101. Any other business

Cllr B Gardener asked about the Poppy Park and the Riverside Walk. Cllr R Volkwyn replied that there was no further update on the transfer of the land.

Cllr S Metson stated that "Snapshot of Heddinghams" Calendars are available from Darkins at a cost of £5; it was produced by the Friends of St Nicholas Church.

The meeting closed.