

**MINUTES OF SIBLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
HELD AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH, SIBLE HEDINGHAM ON MONDAY, 24TH MARCH 2014
AT 7.30 P.M.**

In the chair: Mrs. G. Massey

Present: Cllrs. J. Beavis, J. Fennelly, S. Glen, D. Holmes, D. Horn, A. Law, J. Skittrall and R. Volkwyn,
Mr. A. Corder-Birch (Clerk)
Mrs. A. Turnbull of Alison Turnbull and Associates

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

246. **Apologies for absence**

Mr. S. Partridge (attending Youth Club), Mr. A. Prill (business commitment) and Mrs. L. Waller (business commitment)

247. **Absent**

Mrs. E. Jones

248. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

249. **To consider public artwork for the former Premdor site, themes and locations**

The Chairman reported that under the S106 Agreement £60,000 had been allocated for artwork and that SHPC must be consulted.

Mrs. A. Turnbull stated that in various discussions between BDC and Bloor Homes they desire to see small items or artwork on the site. Mr. Tim Ward and herself had visited SH, looked at the site and HRW. They were interested in ornamental brickwork, which reflects the history of the village. Mr. Ward will design the artwork and consider the use of materials.

The following items were discussed and agreed:

a) **The former Bank building and adjacent land**

Although it was understood that ownership of the former Bank building and adjacent land, dubbed Pocket Park, will be transferred to SHPC, Councillors confirmed that the CVRPS were still interested in acquiring the building and moving it to their site for renovation as part of the heritage of the area.

b) **Benches**

Seven benches were suggested at about £1,500 each. The agreed locations were two for Pocket Park, two for play area, two for HRW and one near open stream. Wooden benches, which must be functional and comfortable, were initially suggested to reflect the history of the woodworking site. However Mr. R. Volkwyn pointed out that wood eventually rots and that he prefers metal. It was therefore resolved that benches on land which will eventually be owned by SHPC such as Pocket Park and HRW should be metal and those for other locations can be in wood. It was agreed to place one litter bin near each pair of benches. The metal benches in Pocket Park are to match the metal chimney as far as possible and to be in memory of the Ripper family.

c) **Waymarkers**

Four waymarkers at about £1,000 each were suggested at the following locations: (i) one in HRW pointing to Pocket Park, (ii) one in Pocket Park pointing to HRW, (iii) one at the Station Road end of HRW pointing to Alderford Street and (iv) one at the Alderford Street end of HRW pointing to Station Road.

d) **Interpretation Board**

An interpretation board, containing the history of the site was agreed for Pocket Park.

e) Play piece in play area

A feature play piece in the play area was suggested in the form of a tall sculptured item such as a wooden tower, which young persons can use as a climbing frame. The remainder of the play area will be equipped from separate S106 monies.

f) Railings

The majority of the funding is likely to be devoted to safety railings along both sides of the open stream. Two designs of Georgian railings were suggested with some decorative elements where there are better views away from the dwellings. It was agreed that the railings should be installed during the first phase of building in the interests of safety.

g) The chimney

Mrs. Turnbull confirmed that Bloor Homes would install the concrete base and the electrical connection for the chimney. The provision of ornamental brickwork around the base will be investigated. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries about the progress of the chimney and its location.

h) Street name plates

The nine street names reflecting the history of the site were confirmed as follows:

Ashley	Edward	Finch	Hogarth	Norman	Osier	Taylor
Westrop	Woodpecker					

Consideration was given to suitable suffixes and the following were preferred:

Lane	Meadow	Road	Row	Street	Way
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Possible suffixes, rejected were:

Close	Court	Mews
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White on green street name plates was preferred.

i) Solar studs

Solar studs (similar to cat's eyes) were proposed along the path/cycleway to assist night users, which will need to be sunk in tarmac, concrete or similar to avoid removal.

j) Management Company

Mrs. Turnbull confirmed that Bloor Homes will form a Management Company to take care of any areas not adopted by any other body, which may include the open stream and banks. The house owners will pay a sum of money each year into the Management Company to maintain such areas and any items of artwork or street furniture on them.

k) Work phases, updates, reports and site visits

It was confirmed that the estate would be built in phases over a few years. Councillors preferred to consider exact locations for artwork as the development progresses as it is difficult to visualise locations on a map. Mrs. Turnbull agreed to ask Bloor Homes to send SHPC a monthly update/report as the development progresses and to ask for facilities for site visits for SHPC.

k) Contractors

Councillors asked if Bloor Homes would engage local contractors as far as possible to carry out the artwork in view of the expertise and number of experienced craftsmen in this area.

l) Conclusion

It was agreed that the meeting with Mrs. Turnbull had been very helpful and that significant progress had been made. On behalf of SHPC, a Councillor made a sincere apology to Mrs. Turnbull for the way she had been spoken to by other Councillors at previous meetings. The apology was supported by Councillors present and Mrs. Turnbull accepted the apology. Councillors thanked Mrs. Turnbull for attending the meeting and for her assistance with the proposed artwork. Designs, details of proposed materials and further information will be sent to SHPC in due course.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

(Date)

(Chairman)