

Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 12th September 2016

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs G Jefferson, L Heywood, J Skittrall, B Newman, S Metson, P Sarel, County Cllr D Finch, District Cllrs H Johnson, J Beavis and 4 members of the public

Public Comment

There was no public comment

96 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs L Parkin (illness), K Greeno (business), D Holmes (business) Cllr P Gammon non attendance

97 Members declarations

There were no declarations of interest.

98 To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 8th August 2016

The minutes of 8th August having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

99 Matters arising from those minutes

No matters arising

100 Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn stated that a mattress had been dumped on the Recreation Ground and the gate to the children's park had been removed and left elsewhere in the Recreation Ground. This has now been securely fixed back. Apart from these two acts of vandalism the children had been well behaved this summer.

101 Youth Council Report

There was no report as there had not been a Youth Council meeting.

102 County Councillor's Report

Cllr D Finch stated the Council was having an ongoing issue of balancing the budget, the gap was down to 10 million. It was the Council's ambition not to increase the Council tax.

With regard to the traffic signal on the bridge, this was due to the need to move a 200 tonne piece of equipment north to south and the bridge is not strong enough to hold this. The situation should be resolved by the end of the month. The junction at

Queen Street/ Halstead Road had been an accident black spot but he will ask for more investigation before the planned highway change to the junction.

In education 87-90% of schools were classed as good or outstanding, it was the intention of the Council that 100% would be outstanding in the future.

The Council was working on revising the 4 year plan and the early form has the vision focussing on residents and services for residents.

103 District Councillor's Reports

Cllr H Johnson said the grants for community projects need to be used, he suggested a meeting with the Chair should be arranged to discuss ideas.

He has had numerous complaints about the noise from flights from Stansted Airport; he has a meeting on 13th September with the flight director to discuss the change in flight paths.

Cllr J Beavis spoke on the Premdor site, she said she was pleased to see the chimney in place and that Greenfields had ownership of the affordable homes. The business hub was going ahead, it will be owned by BDC. The medical surgery has a job number but has got no further; she will continue to chase it.

The rent at Rippers Court had gone up by 37%, she will investigate this increase.

104 To receive minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 26th August 2016

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

105 To receive the minutes of Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held 19th August 2016

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

106 To receive the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 9th September 2016

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

107 To consider the following planning application:

16/01323/FUL & 16/01324/LBC Hawkwood Manor Construction of single storey garden studio. No objection

108 To review holding the PC meetings at the village hall

Cllr R Volkwyn stated the village hall had reviewed its charges so he proposed staying at the village hall. Cllr P Sarel seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

109 To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

Cllr S Metson proposed the accounts be approved and paid, Cllr J Skittrall seconded, the motion was carried

110 Any other business

There was no other business

The meeting closed at 7.45pm