

Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 13th August 2018 at 7.30pm

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs G Jefferson, P Sarel, B Gardener, L Parkin, P Gammon, S Metson, J Stopher, L Heywood, County Cllr D Finch, District Cllr H Johnson, Mr S Wenlock (BDC), Mrs G McCoyd (clerk) and 9 members of public.

Public Comment

A question was raised regarding the proposed afternoon tea on Saturday 27th October, is it part of the commemoration of the centenary of the end of WW1?

The tie racks which stop the pigeons sitting on the play equipment need replacing as they are worn. This is now in hand.

It had previously been suggested that the new bench by Poppy Park have plaque to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1, but it was felt that this bench is too small, would it be possible for the Council to buy a wooden bench and have words carved into it (possibly 1918-2018 100 years since the end of the Great War), there are various sites where it could be accommodated.

50. Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Skittrall (unwell)

51. Members declarations

There were no declarations.

52. To confirm the minutes of meeting held 9th July 2018

The minutes of 9th July having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

53. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising.

54. Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn reported that the licence had been signed by the Parish Council, BDC and Bloor Homes to enable Bloor Homes to finish the Riverside Walk. Work had now started and was expected to last 3 weeks.

55. County Councillor's Report

Cllr D Finch said that ECC were working on the budget for next year and the following two years. Next year the budget needed to be reduced by 49 million pounds and the following two years by 100 million pounds. To this end they were working on sharpening up and improving services with the use of digital technology.

ECC were working to promote energy efficiency, there is a scheme in place for the promotion of solar panels.

Flood preventions have been put in place.

Work to fill pot holes is currently proceeding.

There is a scheme available for District Councils to take part in; ECC would provide £100,000 for various services if the District Council match fund it.

The Local services Fund available to Parish Council is working well. SHPC had applied and match funded the grant to enable it to pay for the services of a handyperson.

Cllr L Parkin asked how the ECC lottery was progressing. Cllr D Finch said it was steady but not increasing, but the crowd funding scheme may have to stop as it was not proving as successful.

56. To receive minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee held 20th July 2018

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

57. To receive minutes of the Planning Committee held 20th July 2018

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

58. To consider ideas and decide on a project on which to spend the remaining S106 public open space money 9£10,000), Mr S Wenlock from BDC is in attendance to advise.

Mr S Wenlock explained that a project needed to found as the available money is due to expire early next year, the money could only be spent on improving open space that was publically accessible and not on maintenance or an ongoing task, the land had to be publically owned or held in trust for public use and not private land. The 106 money was part of a legal contract with the developer and as such they had to approve how the money is spent.

Cllr R Volkwyn asked if the money could be spent on bus shelters, Mr S Wenlock replied that these were on the roadside and as such it was not possible.

It was decided to put this item on the next SHPC agenda. Mr S Wenlock will produce suggestions for possible projects.

59. To decide on the final arrangements for the commemoration of the centenary of the end of WW1

Cllr R Volkwyn said that suggestions had been made for a wooden bench with a carving and an afternoon tea in the village hall on Saturday 27th October. Cllr B Gardener proposed both ideas be accepted as there would be something for people to enjoy and also something to keep, Cllr L Parkin seconded and everyone was in favour.

It was decided to form a small committee to organise the afternoon tea, consisting of Cllrs G Jefferson, B Gardener, L Heywood, L Parkin, Mrs F Earey, and Mrs L Dribball. The clerk was asked to book The Lady Killers New Orleans Jazz Band for the afternoon as their quote was the lowest. Post meeting this has been arranged.

60. To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

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

61. Any other business

Cllr R Volkwyn stated that Cllr B Newman had resigned.

Cllr R Volkwyn asked Cllr S Metson to investigate if money could be raised to fund a Christmas Tree.

The meeting closed.