

Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 8th July 2019 at 7.30pm

In the chair: Cllr G Jefferson

Present: Cllrs J Fennelly, S Metson, K Hamilton, B Gardener, J Stopher, F Ranson, T Nash, L Heywood, District Cllr J Beavis, Mrs G McCoyd (clerk) and two members of public.

Public Comment

District Cllr J Beavis said she had joined a coalition of 9 in Braintree District Council which consisted of Independents and the Green Party. The District Cllrs were receiving extra training on the Local Plan on which she has strong views, she believes that there is not enough thought involving infrastructure. Gosfield Parish Council has started work on their own neighbourhood plan. She had heard that the Social Club had been broken into at the weekend. Regarding the medical hub she hoped more information would be coming out soon.

39. Apologies for Absence

Cllr B Young (business), Cllr M Lee (business) and District Cllr H Johnson (business) County Cllr D Finch (elsewhere)

40. Members declarations

Cllr S Metson declared a non pecuniary interest in item 9 regarding the ROSPA report.

41. To confirm the minutes of meeting held 10th June 2019

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

42. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising.

43. Chairman's Report

Cllr G Jefferson said the weekend had seen a break in at the Social Club and the Co-op and there had also been a fire on land near Rippers. The new timber trail had been installed on the Recreation Ground. The Police had carried out a morning speedwatch in the village and two drivers had been given a verbal warning and one a fixed penalty ticket. The Christmas Tree will be installed on 30th November and the switch on of the lights will take place on Monday 2nd December. The Parish Council AGM will be on Monday 11th May 2020 and the Annual Assembly will be held on Monday 18th May 2020. The clerk has contacted Cllr D Finch regarding letters that

had been received concerning trees in Oxford Lane as Highways were disputing any responsibility. St Peters Family Fun Day is on Sunday 14th July from 11am to 3pm, and Alderford Mill is open on Sunday 14th July from 2-5pm. Cllr G Jefferson wished Cllr T Nash well on his cycle ride which takes place from 13th to 17th July, he is cycling from Hillsborough Stadium to the Bell Inn Castle Hedingham raising money for St Helena Hospice.

44. County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Cllr D Finch no report was given

45. To receive minutes of the Planning Committee held on 24th June 2019

The minutes of the Planning Committee held 24th June, having been circulated, were accepted in lieu of a report.

46. To consider where to position a defibrillator within the village

Cllr J Stopher said presently there were defibrillators at the Co-op, the Football Ground, Hedingham School, Hilton House, Memories and St Peters is trying to fund one. He was unsure if the Co-op one was live (subsequently to the meeting the clerk has spoken to the Manager of the Co-op and it is live, readings are taken each Wednesday, the staff are not allowed to give out the code as this will be given by the ambulance service when they are phoned) so the Co-op one is accessible 24hours, the one at the football club is not as it is inside the club house, neither are the ones at Hedingham School, and Hilton House but the one at Memories is accessible. He felt that the defibrillator that the Parish Council wish to place in the village should be in a strategic position. Cllr K Hamilton suggested near the White Lion, Cllr B Gardener suggested the BT phone box on Yeldham Road, Cllr G Jefferson said that the phone box maybe moved to provide access for houses along there. Cllr K Hamilton also suggested the old bank. Cllr J Stopher asked if it could be attached to the live phone box by the Swan, Cllr F Ranson thought that was a good idea. Cllr B Gardener suggested placing it outside the toilets; Cllr J Stopher said it was more likely to be abused there. Cllr J Stopher proposed it be attached to the live phone box, Cllr B Gardener seconded and the motion was carried. The clerk is to contact The Community Heartbeat Trust to check if this is possible; subsequent to the meeting the clerk has phoned and is awaiting a response.

47. To consider the quote from Mortimers regarding the ROSPA Report

Cllr G Jefferson read out each item that has been highlighted from the ROSPA report by Mortimers, Cllr L Heywood said it was pointless to put soil and seed in the shelter as it was under cover and it would just be scuffed by shoes. Cllr G Jefferson said it was a shame that Cllr M Lee was absent as he had the ROSPA report. Cllr T Nash suggested this item be carried onto the next agenda when Cllr M Lee could give his view points. All agreed.

48. To consider the promotion of the litter pick and to confirm the date and time.

Cllr G Jefferson said the agreed date was Sunday 29th September with a provisional time of 10.30-noon, Cllr T Nash said the time coincided with a family service at the church so many families would be unable to attend the litter pick. Cllr G Jefferson said a later time would clash with lunches and the scouts and guides have been told the time, she suggested keeping this date and time but to liaise with the church re the date in March. All agreed.

Cllr B Young had produced a flier which could be printed for £80; volunteers would be needed to place the fliers in the Parish Magazine. The Parish Magazine would appreciate a donation as the flier is an advert. Cllr G Jefferson said we could produce our own fliers which would save the printing costs. She proposed the PC produces its own fliers and volunteers place them in the magazine, Cllr K Hamilton seconded and all agreed. Cllr K Hamilton proposed a donation of £50 to the magazine as the PC will still be saving some money on the printing costs, Cllr L Heywood seconded and the motion was carried.

49. To receive an update regarding a Special Constable

Cllr J Stopher had met with Cllrs from Castle Hedingham and Les Hawkins the Specials Supported Policing Coordinator last week. He said there were 37 Councils wanting to fund a Special but to date there were only 5 Special Constables. The Specials do 16 hours a month so he and the Castle Hedingham Cllrs felt that they would need a Special each. It would cost about £1000 a year and the Parish would be invoiced 3 months in arrears. There were issues involved as the Specials would always start duty in Braintree and be based at Braintree, the Parish would have to pay for the travel costs from Braintree and the Specials could work the hours they wished rather than when the PC would like them to work. It was a voluntary post and it would take 18 months to 2 years to get a Special trained, all the training would take place in Braintree. Cllr J Stopher said there were a number of questions that he and the Castle Hedingham Cllrs asked that Les Hawkins could not answer. Since this meeting Essex Police have placed a temporary pause to the scheme as there are a number of posts that are currently vacant. Cllr G Jefferson thanked Cllr J Stopher for attending the meeting.

50. To agree to Mr Anthony Frost and Mrs Lilley being Trustees to the Websters Almshouse Trust for 2019-2023

Cllr G Jefferson read out a letter from the Websters Almshouse Trust requesting confirmation that the Parish Council is in agreement to the appointment of Mr Anthony Frost and Mrs Alison Lilley as trustees to the Trust. Cllr S Metson proposed they be appointed trustees, Cllr G Jefferson seconded and the motion was carried. Cllr T Nash said as these were PC representatives then the PC should be informed of their duties and the PC should receive a copy of the Annual Report.

51. To consider the following two planning applications:

19/00154/TPO Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 4/74 – Fell 1 large Ash tree; land adjacent Alderford Maltings Alderford Street. No objection

19/01136/COUPA Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3), and for associated operational development – Change of use to 3 no. residential dwellings, Cuckoos Farm Wethersfield Road. No objection.

52. To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

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

53. Any other business

Cllr L Heywood asked if there was an update on the Riverside Walk, Cllr G Jefferson explained that District Cllr H Johnson had previously said that the fence is due to come down and the walk opened.

Cllr T Nash thanked Cllr G Jefferson for her good wishes and said Cllr F Ranson would be joining him on the last day, and on the very last stretch there should be about 30 people joining him in fancy dress. He has raised over £4000 at the moment.

Cllr B Gardener questioned the access to the proposed new surgery. Cllr K Hamilton said double yellow lines are required between Swan Street and Ashley Street as that is the only access in and out to the hub and surgery.

Cllr S Metson said he has been accepted to take part in the London Marathon next year.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm