

## Minutes of Sible Hedingham Parish Council Meeting Held at the Village Hall, Parkfields, Sible Hedingham on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm

In the chair: Cllr R Volkwyn

Present: Cllrs J.Skittrall, J Nicholson, L Parkin, K Greeno, D Holmes, S Metson, B Newman, District Cllr H Johnson, Mrs G McCoyd (clerk), and 7 members of the public.

### Public Comment

There was no public comment

### 59 Apologies for Absence

Cllr T Pitts Webster (business), Cllr G Jefferson (attending Local Highways Panel), County Cllr D Finch (meeting in London), District Cllr J Beavis (business) Cllr P Sarel was absent.

### 60 Co-option of new Councillors to fill the casual vacancy

Cllr R Volkwyn proposed Miss L Heywood, Cllr S Metson seconded. All in favour.

Cllr R Volkwyn proposed Mr P Gammon, Cllr D Holmes seconded. All in favour.

### 61 Declaration of Acceptance of Office of new Councillors

The Declarations of Office and Code of Conduct were duly signed

### 62 To revise membership of Committees

Cllrs S Metson and P Gammon joined the Footpaths and PROW Advisory Group, Cllr L Heywood joined Finance and Funding, Cllr's L Heywood and P Gammon joined the Planning Committee, Cllr D Holmes joined the Interview Panel, and Cllr K Greeno joined the Personnel Committee, the rest of the Committees memberships remained the same.

### 63 Members declarations

Cllr S Metson declared an interest in item 15 on the agenda as Darkins maybe involved in supplying the padlocks.

### 64 To confirm the minutes of meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016

The minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> June having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 65 Matters arising from those minutes

No matters arising

#### 66 Chairman's Report

Cllr R Volkwyn stated he was very disappointed with the negative remarks on Facebook concerning St Peter's Fete. The Parish Council is 100% behind residents who volunteer to give up their time to do things for the village. The Cllrs would like to thank Reg and Marie May for their work in organising St Peter's Summer Fete.

Cllr R Volkwyn said the damage to the Skateboard was being repaired.

#### 67 Youth Council Report

In the absence of Cllr P Sarel no report was given.

#### 68 County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Cllr D.Finch no report was given.

#### 69 District Councillor's Reports

Cllr H Johnson spoke on the following subjects:

He along with Cllr's G Jefferson and J Skittrall attended the appeal by Bloor Homes to reduce the number of affordable housing, there was no decision yet.

The District Cllr's had £1500 each to spend on projects that would benefit their own parishes. He would help with the paperwork if the council had a project that would be of interest and benefit to the community.

There was a spare kissing gate that needed installing. This is now in hand.

Footpaths were very overgrown, he will cut back some.

Speeding was an issue.

#### 70 To receive minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016

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

#### 71 To receive the minutes of Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016

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

#### 72 To receive the minutes of the Finance and Funding Committee meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016

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#### 73 To decide on the purchase of padlocks for various items

There are 4 padlocks on the container, 2 on the shed and 2 on the chain around the gates all with different keys. Cllr R Volkwyn proposed combination padlocks to replace the existing padlocks; these would all be set to the same combination. They would cost £15 each. Cllr L Parkin proposed they are purchased, Cllr K Greeno seconded. All in favour.

74 To consider the recommended Action Plan from the Finance Committee

It was unanimously decided to accept the Action Plan

75 To decide whether to complete the Community Initiatives Fund application, this if successful, will be for an outdoor gym

There was a discussion over the cost involved in the clerk's time, the actual cost of the equipment, and the positioning of an outdoor gym. Cllr J Nicholson proposed not to complete the application, this was seconded by Cllr D Holmes and the motion was carried.

76 To consider setting up a Working Party to develop a plan to bring to full Council the possibility of using social media as a notice board.

Cllr's S Metson, K Greeno, L Heywood and T Pitts-Webster agreed to be on the Working Party

77 To consider setting up a Working Party to look at the Local Council Award scheme and decide the way forward.

Cllr's G Jefferson and D Holmes agreed to be on the Working Party

78 To decide on a Press Officer

Cllr D Holmes proposed that there would be no Press Officer and that press liaison would revert to the way it used to be handled. Cllr L Parkin seconded, the motion was carried.

79 To discuss the standing order for Stop Stansted

Cllr L Parkin queried the standing order; many villagers may work in Stansted. Cllr H Johnson was a member of STAT and was in favour of expansion because it gave the possibility of more work and profitable effects in the area.

After more discussion the standing order was put to a vote, it was decided with 7 in favour and 3 against that the standing order be stopped.

80 To receive the Accounts for payment. Appendix 1

Cllr J Skittrall proposed the accounts be paid, Cllr S Metson seconded. All in favour.

81 Any other business

Cllr J Nicholson drew everyone's attention to the Environment Agency's ceasing of maintenance and operation of the mills; this will now be the responsibility of the owners. He was concerned with the parking issues on Alexandra Road, the footpath at Capes Chase and proposed a meeting before the next Parish Council meeting about the duties of being trustees.

Cllr L Parkin stated the cyclists would be going through the village this weekend but would not be stopping at the village hall.

Cllr D Holmes said that he had collected the plants that Mr Martin had paid for and Mrs J Richardson had planted them.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm