

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Monday, 19th March 2018 at 7.45pm in the Sports Hall Classroom, Sibford School.

Present at the meeting

Councillors Tim Huckvale (Chair), Maureen Hicks (Vice Chair), Ginny Bennett and Adrian Lamb, Graham Beacham (Clerk/RFO), District and County Councillor George Reynolds. No members of the public were present.

Apologies

None.

Declarations of Interest

None was declared against the items on the agenda.

21/18 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 15th January 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record.

Matters arising from the previous meeting not covered in agenda

02/13 Superfast Broadband for Sibford Ferris

BT have installed a new street cabinet, so we are hopeful that superfast broadband will be available within a month or two.

19/14 Fitness equipment repairs and request for public access times on the MUGA

Cllr Lamb is trying to get a tool to tighten the dampers.

AL

The timings for public use are now displayed.

20/14 Cotswold Close Play Area

Cherwell DC appear not to be regularly emptying the play area waste bin. Clerk to check with CDC.

GrB

A team of councillors has cleaned the wooden surfaces. The volunteers are continuing with the regular playground inspections.

54/17.1 CPR/First Aid Training for the Sibfords

The Clerk has not had a reply from James Clarke. Chairman and Clerk to try to get a response.

TH/GrB

22/18 Archiving Parish Council Records

The Clerk would email the Chair an example of a parish council archive policy.

GrB

23/18 Report from County and District Councillor George Reynolds

The County Council had agreed a 6% budget increase for 2018/19, mainly for more money towards social care for adults and children. One million pounds extra has been ear marked for pothole repairs in the County.

All the Oxfordshire Councils have agreed with the Growth Board deal with the Government on money for infrastructure and agreeing on the number of new houses for the County. If more houses are not built on the Oxford City Greenbelt, Cherwell might have to build more properties.

Northampton County Council has problems with its budget and there is talk of a Unitary Authority in Northamptonshire. This might cause issues for the District, who have financial arrangements with South Northamptonshire District Council.

No news on a Hook Norton Road development pre-planning application.

Verbal Report on Election Briefing

The Clerk gave a verbal report on a briefing he attend regarding the Parish Council Election in May. The Chairman agreed to hold the nomination forms for the Parish.

Planning

24/18 The Council approved and the Chairman signed the minutes of the Planning Committee held 5th March 2018.

25/18 The Council had no comment on the notice of intent to undertake works on trees at Applegrove, Sibford Ferris.

26/18 Annual Parish Meeting: to agree the agenda

The Council agreed to the agenda for the meeting. The Chairman would give a report to the meeting. The Town Estate Charity, the Village Hall and the School would be invited to give a report.

27/18 General Data Protection Regulations

The Clerk would email the latest information from the OALC.

28/18 The Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's "The Big Consultation"

The Council did not wish to comment on this at the moment.

29/18 Website Domain Name

It was agreed to purchase the domain name *thesibfords.uk*.

30/18 Long-term play equipment renewal

Four companies had been approached, three had submitted their ideas. Possible cost around £30,000. This would be discussed at the Parish Meeting; a steering group involving interested residents would be required to take the planning forward.

Correspondence

31/18 An advert for a speed gun was noted from Elan City.

Finance

32/18 It was not possible to give a complete review of the actual spend against budget as Barclays Bank would not still send any statements to the Clerk as the Clerk is not a signatory to the account. The Chairman undertook to visit the bank to confirm new clerk address and to sort bank signatories. **TH**

33/18 The council agreed in principle to purchase a grit bin for Cotswold Close, but would need advice from residents on where best to place it. **TH**

34/18 The Clerk was asked to organise a site visit to clarify boundary of highway by the property known as The Old Post Office regarding replacing a waste bin. **GrB**

35/18 The Council reviewed the register of assets. Item 25 (parish laptop computer) would be amended to read Clerk as custodian.

36/18 The Clerk would contact the previous internal auditor. **GrB**

Any Other Parish Matters

38/18 The Chairman thanked everyone who helped with the recent spring clean litter pick, which was re-arranged after the recent snow.

Dates of Next Meetings

10th May Annual Parish Meeting

14th May Annual Meeting of Parish Council (first meeting of new council following election)

Meeting closed at 9.21pm.