

## **SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL**

Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.45pm in the Sports Hall Classroom, Sibford School.

**Present** at the meeting were: Councillors Adrian Lamb (Chairman), Ginny Bennett, Simon Rayner and John Wass.

County and District Councillor George Reynolds arrived at 8.10pm.

Clerk Graham Beacham and four members of the public were also present.

**Apologies:** None, as all Councillors present.

**Declarations of Interest:** None were declared against the items on the agenda.

### **58/18 Minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018:**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

### **59/18 Matters arising from the previous meeting not covered in agenda:**

#### **Any other Parish matters.**

Cherwell District Council has removed the fly tipping at The Elm.

Oxfordshire County Council has repaired the faulty street light.

### **60/18 Update on co-option of a Councillor.**

John Wass was working on getting a member of the Parents' Association to join the council. **JW**

### **61/18 Progress on providing a new grit bin for Cotswold Close.**

Since the last meeting Adrian and Ginny had attended a successful site visit with Paul Wilson from Oxfordshire County Council Highways.

The Clerk was asked to contact Sanctuary Housing Association regarding gaining permission for siting a bin on their land. **GrB to place an order with Oxfordshire County Council as soon as possible once permission has been given by Sanctuary, to get the bin in place before winter.**

### **62/18 Update on boundary request regarding old waste bin.**

Oxfordshire County Council Highways Records department originally sent out a map which did not show enough detail but, following a couple of telephone calls, then stated that the tree on the boundary was not their tree.

Simon to have a conversation with the owner to get the waste bin reinstated. **SR**

### **63/18 Playground.**

Anita Spencer (volunteer co-ordinator of inspections) reported on items needing attention from the monthly check of the Cotswold Close play area:

- The fencing requires being put back up.
- The digger is to be oiled, as it is stiff to turn.
- The bouncy bridge fixing rings are to be tightened, as they are slightly loose.
- The platform pole moves, possibly due to the summer drought.

**AL** to look at and repair.

The Clerk was asked to contact Sibford School regarding the leaves and moss that were on the keep fit area equipment. It was also requested that the Clerk contact Sibford School and ask who the new school business manager is. **GrB**

**New playground proposals.**

Maureen Hicks (volunteer organiser of the playground revamp) to organise a meeting with those who had expressed an interest in assisting with this project and Ginny. The cost is estimated to be £30,000. An invite to attend the next meeting or to send a report will be sent out. **MH**

**County and District Councillor report:**

George Reynolds reported the following:

- Cherwell District Council was working to untangle itself from its joint working with South Northants Council following the problems with Northamptonshire County Council and its finances. This could cost two million pounds.  
The plan is to then set up joint working arrangements with Oxfordshire County Council.
- Oxfordshire County Council had mended most of the potholes; however it was now felt that the roads were breaking up.
- It is possible that a Council Tax increase could be introduced.

**64/18 Planning:****Update on any new development on Hook Norton Road.**

George Reynolds reported that nothing new had been raised since the last consultation and that this may be because the outcome of the local plan is being awaited. **GR** to contact Cherwell District Council.

**Any decisions received.**

**Works on trees, Holmby House** – No objection from Cherwell District Council.

**Works on trees, 10, Walford Road** – No objections from Cherwell District Council.

**18/01310/F Applegrove Hook Norton Road – roof height and dormers.****The Council commented:**

1. The Parish Council wishes to raise no objection to the application and has no further observations.

**18/01229/F Shrubbery Cottage – additional residential accommodation.****The Council commented:**

2. The Parish Council wishes to raise no objections to the application and makes the following observations: subject to confirmation that the plans submitted are what is going to be built then we have no objection.

**18/01457/TPO Penn House, 9 Walford Road – tree works.****The Council commented:**

3. The Parish Council wishes to object to the application on the following grounds: this tree was part of the tree screening of the original site plans. No reason is given as to why the tree needs to be removed.

**65/18 Sibford Gower and Sibford Ferris Parish Councils to consider areas of common interest:**

John spoke on this item, wondering whether both Councils could work more closely on items such as playgrounds, the village hall and defibrillators. John is to attend the next meeting of Sibford Gower Parish Council. **JW** to report back.

**66/18 First Aid training and defibrillator provision – to consider:**

Previously it had been felt that it was more important to recruit a First Responder for the village but this has so far been unsuccessful.

It was agreed that the first step would be to encourage First Aid training. The Chairman is to contact the new nurse at Sibford School regarding an offer of training. **AL**

From this, it may then be possible to get a First Responder and re-consider the provision of a defibrillator.

**67/18 World War One Exhibition funding request:**

The Council agreed to donate £100.00 to the Sibfords Society towards the funding of the exhibition.

**68/18 Correspondence noted.**

The Clerk informed the Councillors of the below information:

- The Sibford Scene newsletter deadline (18<sup>th</sup> September). The councillors noted this information.
- The Highways Open Day. The councillors noted this information.
- Emergency contact details for the village. **GrB** to investigate.
- Oxfordshire County Council's proposals to improve services and reduce costs. **GrB** to circulate details to councillors.
- Oxfordshire County Council's Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2 site allocations. **AL** to review.

**Update on Council finances:**

**69/18** Barclays have now confirmed the removal of signatories Huckvale and Hicks, and the addition of signatories Rayner and Wass.

**70/18** There is currently £16,682.36 in the Council's bank account.

**71/18** The cheques to be signed at this meeting were approved – see appendix 1.

**Any other Parish matters:**

**Hook Norton Road resident regularly displaying items to be taken away for free.**

Concerns have been expressed regarding the sight of these items on entering the village. **JW** to speak to the resident involved.

**E-mail regarding evidence of damage to the memorial garden wall.**

Sibford School is believed to own the wall, so the Clerk will contact the school to discuss. **GrB**

**Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.45pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

## **Appendix 1**

Cheques signed at meeting.

Cheque 100766	Cherwell District Council	Election expenses	£39.00
Cheque 100767	Thomas Fox	Invoice 25003	£45.60
Cheque 100768	Thomas Fox	Invoice 25166	£45.60
Cheque 100769	Sibfords Society	Donation	£100.00