

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of The Annual Parish Council Meeting May 21st 2019 @ 7:45pm in Sibford School Sports Hall Classroom

Present: Councillors:

Adrian Lamb (AL), Ginny Bennett (GB) , Simon Rayner (SR) , Amy Taylor (AT) , John Wass (JW)

Ian Sharpe (IS) - Footpath Warden and 3 members of the public

21/01 Election of Chair - AL was proposed by GB and seconded by SR. AL accepted and was duly elected as Chair for the Council for the coming year.

21/02 No declarations of interest.

21/03 Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2019 were agreed as correct and signed by AL.

21/04 Matters arising from those minutes not covered in the Agenda;

- AT advised no contact yet with the tenant of the small field. This years rent has been paid, it is now proposed to review the cost for 2020 and discuss with the tenant. (AT)
- SR reported that the old cars have been removed from land adjacent Cotswold Close Play Area.
- The play area working party reported they had contacted CDC and had some good advice for improving the site to the frontage, and better signage to show where the play area is.
- Council noted that the Clothing Bank has been removed from the Elms Crossroad lay-by.
- JW has spoken to the resident in Cotswold Close re fly tipping on the pavement.

21/05 No report from County and District Councillor as G Reynolds not present.

21/06 Village Reclassification- post Hook Norton Rd planning decision.

- SR spoke of the rejection of Hook Norton Rd Outline Planning Application by Cherwell District Council and concern expressed by many on the Planning Committee that the Sibfords were grouped together to create a Category 'A' village and that this may be inappropriate. SR asked the council if they would support a review of the current village categorisation. The council confirmed that it was supportive and agreed that SR should work with Sibford Gower PC and the Sibford Action Group to investigate how a review could be undertaken and report back to the Ferris council at regular intervals. (SR)

21/07 Introduction from Ian Sharpe (IS) on his role as Footpath Warden.

- IS showed us a map he had produced of the surrounding footpaths of the village. In about 7 years time there will be a National Review of footpaths and bridleways. It is important to maintain our footpath network and IS asked that people help by cutting down brambles etc , and report to him any problems. The map is to be put on the Village website and displayed outside the shop.

21/08 Joint (with Sibford Gower) Annual Parish meeting (review and comments)

- In general it was felt that it was a good opportunity in bringing villagers together and there was a nice 'buzz' in the atmosphere, with plenty of interaction. What the meeting did not achieve was learning what the village would like the Parish Council to focus on in the future year. None of the Ferris Councillors were asked anything in relation to village issues or concerns that the Parish Council could address. In future it was felt that we should focus more on getting people to voice their ideas and suggestions for the community improvement / change.
- Some ideas shared at todays meeting were:

- Consider a different shape of Annual Parish Meeting that actively engages the community through Workshops or informal discussion sessions before the start of the Annual Parish meeting, as CDC do at Parish Liaison meetings.
- GB agreed to discuss the payment of expenses for this years joint Annual Parish meeting with Councillor Hugh Pigeon, and ask for an invoice to be split based on the tax base of the village.

21/09. Fly tipping at the Elm Crossroads

- All agreed this is an ongoing problem , but not too serious. Now the clothes bank has gone it is hoped that people will not use the area to dump rubbish.
- SR contacted CDC following the recent discovery of details of a local resident in the last batch of rubbish tipped at the crossroads. CDC had spoken to the person in question but were not taking any further action on this occasion.
- CCTV was discussed with CDC but it would be too expensive. We will continue to monitor the area carefully. All agreed that CDC do a good service in collecting Fly tip once reported.

21/10. Parish Council Finances:

AL presented the accounts up to the end of the financial year. (nb The SFPC Annual Precept has not increased).

- Expenditure was less than forecast due to not having a Clerk for the whole year.
- Payment sheet showed 2 payments listed but cheques had not cleared by the end of the financial year. (They have subsequently been presented and cleared).
- Fixed Assets - no change except the addition of the Cotswold Close grit bin.
- AL will complete the annual Submission Part 2 by June 28th and will ask Sue Rowley to act as Auditor. (AL)
- GB will put a notice on the parish board to say that accounts can be seen on the Village website once they are audited. (GB)
- The first half of the Precept has been received £ 3,429.00
- CTRS grant received £ 46.24
- Cheques signed for:

T Fox 100793	£ 46.88	
Sibford School 100794	£ 575.00	[Defibrillator enclosure]
- The Clerk vacancy was discussed and it was agreed to recruit. An advert will be placed on the OALC website and in the Sibford Scene. (GB)
- AL will approach a local resident who may be interested. (AL)

21/11 Update Waste bin ,Main St -awaiting action by householder, SR to contact August 2019. (SR)

21/12 Update first Aid Training and Defibrillator provision - Sibford School in the process of siting this. No update on 1st aid training.

21/13 Correspondence received

- AL had E-mailed to all Councillors.
- In future AT will manage inbound correspondence to SFPC and distribute to council members. (AT)
- AT and GB agreed to go to the CDC hosted Parish Liason meeting being held on June 12th at CDC Bodicote House. (GB/AT)

21/14 Planning applications received

- Ref. No: 19/00748/F Butwick House -no objections.
- INFO: Bishops End [Bishops Blaize] owners had appealed the last decision from CDC.

21/15 Any other Parish matters

- Some minor faults had been reported on the Play Area equipment. AL has dealt with these. The grass is being cut.
- SR will read the County Council Town and Parish Survey.

21/16. Date of next meeting: July 23rd 2019 at 7:45pm.

21/17 Meeting closed at 9:45pm.