

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

Agreed minutes of Parish council meeting held on July 23rd 2019 @ 7.45pm in Sibford School Sports Hall Classroom

Present: Councillors Adrian Lamb-Chairman [AL], Ginny Bennett [GB]
Simon Rayner [SR]

Apologies: Amy Taylor [AT], John Wass [JW]

Also present County and District Councillor G Reynolds and 1 member of the public.

22/01 Declarations of Interest :none

22/02 The Minutes of the Meeting held on May 21st 2019 were agreed and signed by AL

22/03 Matters arising from those minutes not covered in Agenda.

- The rent for the small field owned by the Parish Council is to remain on the Agenda for future meetings.
- SR reported that we could expect the Village Classifications to be reviewed at the end of this year ,and he will keep the Council informed of any update on this matter.
- Fly Tipping at the bottle bank and neighbouring roads. The Council will monitor activity.AL reported that he had picked up some items from Shutford Rd recently. GB will report anything to Cherwell Council.
- Waste bin on Main St SR will speak to owners of the house that may allow a bin on the wall ,in August.
- AT to be asked to check with Sibford School that the box for the Defibrillator is in place yet
- AT has the Council laptop now to circulate information and correspondence.

22/04 County and District Councillor G Reynolds was present and spoke about the road repairs that are being done .The A361 will be improved, partly through Bloxham. Many areas of “Dragon patching” will be done.

22/05 Parish Council Finances

- AL has sent in the return from the External Auditor. We are awaiting a report from our Internal Auditor.
- Cheques signed:
 - No 795 - T Fox = £70.32 [Play area]
 - No 796 - Sibford Gower Parish Council = £200.00 [share of cost of Community Meeting]
 - No 797 - Insurance =£523.42
 - No 798 - T Fox = £46.88
 - No 799 - J Hicks =£112.32 [Play area inspection]

22/06 Planning

- No planning applications received except notice that Land and Partners will appeal against the refusal for Outline Permission the develop the land on Hook Norton Road.

22/07 Correspondence:

- J Hicks report on the Cotswold Close play area: Mentioned the overhanging trees, otherwise everything satisfactory.

22/08 SR gave an update on the Sibford Road Safety Group.

- The Group have a contact in the Highways department & Thames Valley Police (who are also keen to attend a future Parish Council Meetings), Lana Smith is our Community Support Officer. Work in progress includes analysing the issues and concerns of the community, understand the level of support and willingness to engage to improve safety. The most likely next step is to monitor the 4 main entry routes into the Sibfords. This will require a level of funding by Ferris and Gower Parish Councils (est £250 per parish). AL asked in the first instance the Safety Group look at data already held by CDC from the Hook Norton Road and Long House Planning Applications. Additional speed awareness signage is being deployed and the group will contact Schools and Businesses in the area to enlist support. Information about the group is being published in the Sibford Scene, Village Website and on the Nextdoor Social Media site. An update will be reported back to the Parish Council later this year.

22/09 Parish Clerk vacancy

- No response from adverts so far. GB will approach a local person to ask. Further Adverts will be placed on the OALC and Nextdoor websites.

22/10 Any other Parish matters

- Play Area:
 - GR mentioned that there may be some cash available from the Councillors Priority Fund. A form can be obtained from Cherwell District Council website, but we need to apply by January 30th 2020. GB will write to Tesco as they give money to community projects.
 - AT and GB attended the Parish Liaison meeting on June 12th.
 - The Council noted that the hedge opposite Little London and out of the village had been cut. Thanks to J Wass.

22/11 Date of next meeting; This will be on September 24th at 7-45pm in Sibford School Sports Classroom.

22/12 Meeting closed at 9-15pm