

## **SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on December 3rd 2019 @ 7.45 pm at Sibford School .**

Present : Councillors Ginny Bennett (GB), Simon Rayner (SR), Amy Taylor [AT] and John Wass[JW]

County and District Councillor George Reynolds was present for the meeting.

Apologies : Adrian Lamb

24/01 Declarations of Interest : None

24/02 Minutes of Meeting held on September 24<sup>th</sup> 2019

- The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and signed by Acting Chairman SR.

24/03 Matters arising from these minutes not covered in the Agenda.

- . None identified not already in the Agenda.

24/04 County and District Council Report

George Reynolds reported that:

- . As part of Cherwell District Council's Green Agenda they would be changing street lights to LED.
- . CDC will cut grants as finances tight and a rise in Council Tax of 4% is expected.
- . Pothole fund will probably be cut.
- . Castle Quay development is under way.
- . The proposed Expressway is under review
- . CDC are aware that some Air bnb property hirers have been causing complaints of noise nuisance.

24/05 Finance Matters

- . Cheques signed since last meeting by GB and SR

100801 Zen Internet £8-39

100802 CDC Dog bin £120-12 [for emptying]

100803 T Fox £164-08

100804 British Legion £50 [Wreath]

- . The Precept was discussed and A Lamb had sent his thoughts on the matter. The PC agreed that the Precept should stay the same. Although we have saved money on not having a clerk this year , we will be actively looking to recruit one.
- . Sibford School have asked if the Parish Council could fund replacement items [such as pads and batteries ]for the newly installed defibrillator. The PC suggested that if the School sent us Invoices for the items as the need arises then we could pay them. For further discussion on this

at next meeting.

#### 24/06 Planning Applications

- . The Hook Norton Rd Development Appeal decision. SR has been in touch with Nathaniel Stock at CDC on behalf of the Parish Council to ask if there is anything more that can be done at this stage. SR will talk to R Mallows, Sibford Gower Parish Council, and plan to meet N Stock for advice. Sibford Action group have drafted a letter to challenge the decision of the appeal.

The review of categorisation of villages has been delayed until 2020. SR will contact CDC and include R M in any discussions.

- . The Fold, Back Lane 19/02523/F single storey extension to rear. The Council have no objections to this.
- . Orchard House. fell Lawson tree -no objections.

#### 24/07 Correspondence received

- . The Campaign for Rural England had written asking if the PC would join them for a yearly fee of £36-00. The PC agreed to find out more of what the CRE do and review at next meeting.

#### 24/08 Sibford Road Safety Group [SRSG]

- . SR said there was a meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Update will be provided at the next meeting.
- . D Long of the SRSG is looking into options to restrict large lorries coming through the villages, this may require legal change and funding of road signs.

#### 24/09 Update on Cotswold Close Play Area refurbishment

- . The working group are to be invited to attend the next meeting to tell us of progress. GB

24/10 Waste bin -Main St - SR will speak again to the owner of the property, so a waste bin can be incorporated into the wall in the future, now that the alterations of their house is under way.

#### 24/11 Suspicious behaviour around Cotswold Close play area

- . no further reports about this. AT will contact Toby Spence [Headmaster at Sibford School] to make him aware of past concerns.

There have been reports of young people, not believed to be from the local area being seen out late at night.

The police contact Number is 101 or our Community Officer is Lana Smith. Any unusual activity should be reported.

#### 24/12 Any other parish matters.

- . GB asked if the new flood lights at the Village shop were causing a problem, but so far no direct complaints have been received about them.

- In Cotswold Close a street light was shining directly into a window , a technician has visited but the situation is still a problem.

23/13 Date of next meeting

- Meeting will be held on January 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7,45pm .

The Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.