

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on January 7th 2020 @ 7.45 pm at Sibford School .

Present : Councillors Ginny Bennett (GB), Adrian Lamb [AL] Chairman , Simon Rayner (SR), Amy Taylor [AT] and John Wass [JW] ,4 members of the public, and Councillor R Mallows from Sibford Gower Parish Council.

Apologies from George Reynolds ,District and County Councillor.

25/01 Declarations of Interest : None

25/02 Minutes of Meeting held on December 4th 2019

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

25/03 Matters arising from these minutes not covered in the Agenda.

- . AT has not yet contacted Toby Spence [Headmaster Sibford School] to make him aware of the sightings of suspicious persons near the school boundaries.

25/04 County and District Council Report

- . George Reynolds had sent a message to say that he had nothing to report, apart from that CDC were launching an appeal against the Inspectors report on the Hook Norton Rd development site.

25/05 Finance Matters

- . Cheques signed by GB and JW

100805	£25.00	CAB
100806	£500.00	Sibford Village Hall
100807	£55.00	Community First for Oxfordshire
100808	£20.00	OPFA
100809	£40.00	Sibford School
100810	£50.00	Sibford Scene
100811	£1,131.40	Sibford Gower Parish Council
100812	£71.00	A Lamb [for payment to Zen]

- . The proposed budget for 2020/2021 was agreed . We will still be looking to recruit a Parish Clerk.

25/06 Planning Matters

- . The Hook Norton Rd Development Appeal decision. SR has been in touch with Victoria Prentis MP .In a verbal reply ,she indicated that she would follow this up with the Secretary

of State. SR explained to the members of the public that a challenge to the Inspectors ruling has been made by Cherwell District Council ,as their Local Plan had been completely disregarded. SR will write to CDC to point out that there are still errors in the Inspectors` revised report.

25/07 The review of categorisation of villages has been delayed until 2020. SR and R M will meet with CDC on January 9th to discuss the potential future Village recategorisation .

25/08 The Parish Council agreed not to join The Campaign for Rural England as it was felt no benefit would be obtained.

25/09 Defibrillator update

. Once we have confirmation the the Defib is in situ by the swimming pool , JW will write an informative article for the Sibford Scene, and the notice boards. AT will post it on the `Nextdoor` site. JW reported that he had read in a medical journal about the promising success to healthy outcomes after resuscitation by defibrillator.

25/10 Update on Cotswold Close Play Area refurbishment

- . The working group of Charlotte and Selina attended the meeting to tell us of progress , and they plan to go to the Sibford Gower PC meeting in March. They are now at the stage of looking for sources funding. The PC agreed to help with this and pledged £15,000. A budget of up to £45,000 is required ,although we could save by clearing the site ourselves which AL felt could be done.
- . The age range catered for will be up to 12 years . New fencing will be required ,with two gates. Supermarkets and CDC and any Community Trusts will be approached for funding.

25/11 Any other Parish Matters

- . Footpath Warden Ian Sharpe has been contacted by Sibford School who are concerned about the public crossing the school grounds via the several footpaths. Ofsted are putting pressure on schools to look at the situation, as Child Protection needs addressing. Historically , some of the School buildings have been built over some footpaths. I S said that by law ,changing the route of a footpath is very difficult , and they may have to be closed. The School Board of Governors will be discussing the problem.
- . IS also said that dog fouling is an issue and that he will find out if a particular area is worst affected, and report back to the PC , and write to the Sibford Scene about it. Some complaints have been received from walkers , particularly dog owners that some styles and gates are difficult to access.

25/12 Date of next meeting

. Meeting will be held on March 10th 2020 at 7,45pm .

The Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.