

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on March 10th 2020

*Present; Cllrs A Lamb {Chair} G Bennett, S Raynor, A Taylor, J Wass , Cllr H Pigeon of Sibford Gower Parish Council, and two members of the public.

District and County Cllr G Reynolds attended part of the meeting.

*Apologies: none.

*Declarations of Interest: none.

*The Minutes of the Meeting held on December 2020 were agreed and signed by AL.

*Matters arising-- from those minutes not covered in the agenda.

.AT reported that T Spence, Head of Sibford School, was now aware of the sightings in the School vicinity of unknown youths in cars behaving strangely.

.The Parish Council is still not able to recruit a Parish Clerk.

*Correspondence

.P Ascott had contacted the PC to ask if we would support the planting of trees in the village. As we have limited green space available, it was decided that we could consider using the small triangle of land near the Elm in the future. AL said there may be grants available to use. A new Agricultural Policy expected soon ,may have some advice on this.

. Notice received about repairs to the side of the road due to a collapsed culvert. Work is due in May.

* G Reynolds --reported that the Judicial Review concerning the Hook Norton rd development had no timetable set yet.

.Cherwell District Council Local Plan was up for review, and Consultations were planned for this year ,into next and even into 2023.

.No further update on the Oxford Cambridge Expressway.

.SR asked if GR could help with our contact with MP V Prentis as we had had no response to our several communications.

GR knew that VP had met with the Minister of State.. He agreed to speak to P Chapman CDC who had more contact with VP. SFPC could send a representative to VP's surgery

in Deddington ,but an appointment must be made first.

***Planning Matters**

.A barn at Folly Farm has plans for conversion into a dwelling. SR will write a response with concern that there are no trees to screen the house as they have all been cut down. It will be on top of the hill ,in prominent view and the barn is in such a poor state that it would not be a conversion

*** Village Recategorisation--** SR and R Mallows SGPC had a meeting with CDC.SR asked if the PC could have copies of letters written by the previous Chair of SGPC on this subject.

***Defibrillator and first Aid Training--** The defib for SGPC will be installed shortly in the Village Hall porch. The St Johns Ambulance organisation could do the training that we desire. JW will liaise with all parties ,including Sibford School and plan a time frame, with a choice of evening and afternoon sessions.

.SR suggested we publish a map to show the location of our Defib. AT will put it on `Next Door ` site.

.JW emphasized the importance of CPR knowledge and hoped many villagers would take up the training.

***Litter Pick --**this is planned for April 4th and AL will advertise.

***Annual Parish Meeting --**HP was invited to speak and agreed that whilst feedback had been positive following last years` joint effort ,the outcome hadn` t achieved what we had hoped. Cllrs should be available to meet Villagers face to face ,to answer questions and concerns. SR said the meeting should help the PC focus on their plans for the next year, A member of the public present commented that some people do not know what the PC does and what powers we have. The PC agreed to go ahead with a joint meeting this year on May 5th at the Village Hall. A different format would be in place to enable more contact with the public.

.HP ,JW and GB would meet to start planning the event. Costs should be kept to a minimum.

***Any Other Business--**SR voiced concern on the length of time the work on the Colony Rd was taking ,particularly as the road was closed. No completion date is known. The

PC agreed to pass on any information about roadworks to SGPC.

.SR reported that the top of the sign on Mannings Hill was still not replaced and he would chase them up.

.The Sibford Scene has a Neighbourhood Watch page, so SR will contact the Community Police Officer to ask if she can help with updates.

.Speed Awareness Group has no leader at present ,so nothing to report.

.Play Area --no fresh news on this at present.

.Light Pollution complaint--AT will reply to the villagers who are concerned about this. CDC are trialling LED lights and hope to replace many soon.

*Date of next meeting--May 12th 2020 at 7-45pm

*Meeting closed at 9-30pm.