



Minutes of the meeting of Sibbertoft Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd October 2018 at 8.00pm in the Reading Room, Berkeley Street, Sibbertoft

Present: Cllrs Kershaw, Brunel-While, Gibbs, Holmes, Tomlinson and Walpole and 4 parishioners

Cllr Kershaw welcomes Cllr Tomlinson to her first Sibbertoft Parish Council meeting

1920. Receive and approve apologies for absence

It was RESOLVED to accept the apologies from Cllr Putt

1921. Receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meetings of 4th September 2018.

It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true representation of the meetings held on 4th September 2018 and signed by the Chairman

1922. Public Participation

None

1923. Receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business in the agenda.

Cllr Holmes declared a non pecuniary interest in items 1926 & 1933i.

Cllr Walpole declared a pecuniary interest in items 1924vi & 1929.

1924. Matters arising and outstanding from the meeting of the 4th September 2018

i. Councillor email addresses

Cllr Gibbs to arrange to meet the technician to evaluate the complexity of issuing Cllrs with sibbertoft.org email addresses. If it is deemed too complex, an alternative will be sought.

ii. Mobile Phone signal

A response from the Minister for Telecoms had been received but was far from helpful. Clerk to write to all major mobile providers and request their assistance with improvement to signals. Cllr Kershaw to request MP also contacts the providers.

iii. Defibrillator

Cllrs Kershaw and Gibbs met with the National Secretary for the Community Heartbeat Trust, who have provided Sibbertoft with a loan unit, while a response is awaited regarding Sibbertoft's faulty unit.

A replacement cabinet would cost approx £450-500. Currently, the cabinet is showing no sign of condensation or dampness.

iv. Bus Shelter repainting

Still awaiting completion. Cllr Kershaw to contact the volunteer, to establish if they will complete before winter. If not, to approach a contractor, such as Stefan the Handyman

v. Speed sign

NCC have invoiced for the instillation of a VAS pole. Once this is paid, the pole can be installed and the unit ordered.

vi. Replacement planters

It has been decided the Pigs would look better painted black. Once all 5 are completed, Cllr Kershaw will purchase 10 bags of soil enhancer and a roll of bubble wrap, as per the recommendations of the 'in-house horticulturalist'.

vii. Playground replacement sign

Purchased and installed.

viii. Land Donation for playground extension

A letter has been sent to the donators solicitors to accept the generous offer. Now awaiting response and confirmation.

1925. Correspondence

- i. Terry Payne – Family Tree research
Cllr Kershaw has put Mr Payne in touch with St Helen's Church to trace the relatives in church records.

1926. Reading Rooms Refurbishment

Karen Redfern gave an update on the refurbishment for the reading rooms, in their plans to future proof the building by modernising access, toilet facilities, lighting and heating. The RR committee are applying to DDC for a community grant, and have requested SPC to consider a grant application of £6000 to assist with the required match funding.

It was RESOLVED to provide letters of support to the Reading Rooms committee in their project, and to hold an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 16th October to consider the grant application.

1927. Village Bus Service

It was RESOLVED to write to DDC to encourage the continual provision of the current service. The Council agreed they may consider a proposal from University of Northampton, if one was received and was appropriate for the residents of Sibbertoft.

1928. Grit Bins

After consideration of the information received from NCALC regarding both financial, legal and practical implications of maintaining a Council owned grit bin, it was RESOLVED not to take ownership of the grit bin (asset no 370).

1929. Ownership transfer of Pound

Transfer of title currently with Land Registry

1930. Vexatious complaint policy

Cllr Brunel-While and the Clerk to review potential policies

1931. Gigaclear

Further remedial works have been completed, should any more be required, please contact Cllr Kershaw, who will report to Gigaclear.

1932. Grass mowing contract

Cllr Kershaw to request tenders from potential contractors

1933. Grants & Donations

No applications have been received. It was RESOLVED to hold an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 16th October to discuss the application of grants.

It was RESOLVED to make the following donations:

- i. Parish Magazine - £65
- ii. Royal British Legion - £100

1934. Budget

The 2018/19 budget and projected year end figures were circulated to all Cllrs, to give a clear indication of the current financial position. The budget for 2019/20 will be considered later in the year.

1935. Precept

It was RESOLVED to defer the review the precept levels until the November meeting

1936. Gambling Act 2005

The Central Licensing Administration Unit sent notice of the consultation on Statement of Principles – Gambling Act 2005. It was RESOLVED to support the proposed Statement of Principles.

1937. Reports:

i. Recreation Ground Inspection

The rope on the pirate ship is beginning to deteriorate, Cllr Gibbs to contact Mark Bickerstaff to discuss repair options.

The bench seat is beginning to deteriorate, Cllr Walpole to investigate repair options.

ii. Neighbourhood Watch & VETs

There have been reports of burglaries and thefts within the surrounding areas.

No activity reported on VETS

iii. Highways

Some white lines have been repainted.

Street Light no 19 requires attention

Pothole on Westhorpe (Street Doctor ref: 956341) and collapsing drain on Welland Rise (Street Doctor ref: 956340) to be reported on Street Doctor

1938. Planning Applications

i. DA/2018/0705 Rupert Farm, Naseby Road, Sibbertoft, LE16 9UH – New

Relocation of barn

It was RESOLVED to make no observations and no objections

ii. DA/2017/1255 – Westhorpe House, Welford Road, Sibbertoft

Application currently ‘undetermined’ whilst awaiting new application for change of use to land.

1939. Finance

Bank Balances as of 1st Sept 2018

£19491.20

Lloyds – Sheet No 11

£ 9149.81

Nationwide

£10341.39

RESOLVED, the monthly bank reconciliation for January was checked and signed by the Chairman

Payments

It was RESOLVED to make the following payments by BACS

Leicestershire Gardens (August)

485.00

S Vickers - Clerks salary (Sept)

391.78

NCC Highways - Supply & Install VAS post

240.00

DM Payroll Service

40.50

Reading Rooms Grant

600.00

St Helen's Church Grant

350.00

Eon Maintenance

90.66

1940. Training

Playground Inspection training cancelled.

Cllr Tomlinson to attend Off to a Flying Start November 13th

1941. Future agenda items

- i. Drain Cleaning and Ditch Clearing
- ii. Reading Room grant application
- iii. Vexatious Complaints policy
- iv. Hedges & verges cutting

1942. Date of next meeting

There will be an extraordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday 16th October with the next full Parish Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 8.00pm.

Cllr. Kershaw thanked those present for their attendance and officially closed the meeting at 9.55pm.

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Chairman

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Date