

**Minutes of Sandon Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 9th November 2016 at 7.30 pm
Sandon Village Hall**

Present: Cllr J de Uphaugh, (Chair) Cllr F Cannon, Cllr K Chamberlain, Cllr J Wharton, Cllr B Wordley

In attendance: Mrs H Stubbings, Clerk, Mr M Wicksteed, Responsible Financial Officer, and three members of the public

16.62 Welcome.

The Chairman, Cllr de Uphaugh, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There were Apologies for absence from: Cllr S Jarvis, Cllr Tony Hunter & Cllr H Gallo

16.63 Requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interest on items on the agenda – Localism Act 2011 s33

No conflicts were declared.

16.64 Minutes of Sandon Parish Council meeting held on 8th September 2016.

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Cllr Cannon and seconded by Cllr Chamberlain

Resolved, that the Minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

16.65 Reports on actions agreed at the last Council meeting (not covered elsewhere in the agenda).

a) Phone boxes & AED

The heated box has now installed in readiness for the AED to be fitted along with the decals/panels for the windows. It was suggested that a Village event to explain the AED, might be put on. KC

16.66 a. Access/Rights of Way.

Sandon Bury owners have provided a Permissive Bridleway from Danyells to the corner by Notley Green. It was reiterated that this was a permissive bridleway, by courtesy of the landowner. Dogs on lead at all times.

BW to meet with JW re Path 47

b. Highways

The repairs to the bridges at Doebridge & Mill End are due to recommence. Damage to the bridge by the 'S' bend just past Killogs was also noted.

The huge potholes along Buckland Bottom and on Deadman's Hill towards A505 had been reported.

The road sign at the top of Dark Lane is damaged.

JW to report.

c. Church

Nothing to report

d. Sports Club and Roe Green

Discussions taking place to improve the football field drainage and AED provision.

A letter of concern regarding the badminton net on Roe Green being left up which might endanger animals had been received. The equipment had been removed and the provision of it will be reviewed in the Spring; a note to say please put equipment away could be added.

e. Village Hall

At its recent meeting the VH committee had discussed various projects which may be undertaken, subject to funds. These included the damp wall in the table/chair storage area and refurbishment of the floor.

f. Planning

The Old Post Office – plans to develop the Old Post Office had been sent to the PC prior to the meeting. A change of use from commercial to residential use may be required. Also removal of the pear tree had been requested. No objections were raised.

Drift Way Barn Gannock –this is a household development.

g. School update.

The Parish Council were informed that Mrs Margaret Gilbert would be retiring next April. A School Disco celebration is planned for the end of Term 2.

h. Local Plan

Currently under consultation. Sandon 'A' village, infill permitted development.

16.67 Safety Report

MW reported that litter & dog fouling are still the main issues on Roe Green.

The 5-a- side football posts have been removed. It was noted that the emergency number on Roe Green is still that of Robert Wornham; he is happy for this to be the case.

Small inspection chamber and cover in the turf for electric cable is required.

16.68 Financial Report.

Finance Report for year to 7th November 2016

1. The RFO presented the Financial Report for the year to 6th September. The accounts were reviewed and accepted:

- . Total receipts: £8,920.62
- . Total payments to date: £2,242.62
- . Payments since 7th September meeting: £968.00
- . Available balance prior to November payments £14,042.25

2. To authorise November payments for; Paul Davies and PAYE re-imburement MW totalling £968.00

Prop Cllr Cannon, 2nd Cllr Chamberlain

3. 137 Section grants totalling £2,850 (£7.42 per local elector)

PCC £600

Sports Club £650 allocation of grant towards drainage if permission approved by land owner and repairs to electric cable

FOSS £500

Cygnets FC to invite late application (up to £250 reserved)

Gardeners £250

[Village Hall] - MW to request details of improvement works

Herts Air Ambulance £250

Sandon Strollers Clerk to invite late application (up to £250 reserved)

History Club £100

Proposed Cllr Cannon, 2nd Cllr Wharton – all agreed.

4. 2016/17 Transparency Grant Fund applied for; £624 now received

5. Budget & Precept

Three options for the level of the village precept for next year were presented. These were balanced, increased or tasked. It was Proposed by Cllr de Uphaugh that option A the balanced precept of £7,770 be accepted, this was seconded by Cllr Cannon – **Resolved**

16.69 Internet connection
Cllr Gallo - next agenda

16.70 Village Market
There will be a Christmas market on Saturday 17th December.

16.71 Correspondence
A letter regarding replacing the village goose had been received. The PC felt this was not their responsibility but if a resident wanted to put one back then permission from land owner needed to be sought and that it was not the responsibility of the PC to care for the animal.
A suggestion was made to site a mirror at bottom of Payne End/Dark Lane. Cllr Wharton would raise this with Highways.

Date of next meetings
Wednesday 25th January 2017
8th March 2017
12th April Annual Assembly
10th May

NB January meeting; advance apologies from Cllr J Wharton

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chairman

Date