

SANDON PARISH COUNCIL

SANDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 13th September 2017 AT 7.30 PM, SANDON VILLAGE HALL

Minutes

Present: Cllr J de Uphaug, (Chair) Cllr F Cannon, Cllr H Gallo, Cllr J Wharton & Cllr B Wordley.
In attendance: Mrs H Stubbings, Clerk, Mr M Wicksteed, RFO, Cllr S Jarvis and 2 members of the public.

17.45 To welcome and receive apologies for absence:
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies were received from Cllr K Chamberlain

17.46 To consider requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda (Localism Act 2011 s33)

Four dispensations stand from the previous meeting.

17.47 To confirm the minutes of Sandon Parish Council's meeting held on 10th May 2017
The Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd July 2017 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Cannon 2nd by Cllr Wharton – **resolved**.

17.48 To receive reports on actions agreed at the last Council meeting.
a) A letter of objection to the Sandon Bury proposal was sent to the Planning Department at North Herts District Council on the 6th July 2017.

17.49 To hear reports from nominated representatives for the following:

- a) Access/Rights of way
Roe Green signage – a suggestion to mark the f-p's on Roe Green from the road was noted. The PC were interested in the recommendation but requested more information. **Clerk**
Bye laws – Cllr Wordley had highlighted the ancient byelaws that affected Sandon and in particular to do with the common lands of Sandon. Cllr Wordley was awaiting paper work to do with commons regulations and wished to comment later when in receipt of this information. **Clerk**
- b) Highways- Cllr Wharton continues to report pot holes and damaged signage. And will to identify missing signs for reporting. It was noted that extensive cutting back of trees on the road around Notley Corner had taken place.
JW
- c) Church – donation to WW1 memorial (covered under finance report)
- d) Sports Club & Roe Green – The fascia panels on the phone boxes have been kindly donated by a resident of the village. Football along with many sports are included on the panels.
- e) Village Hall – The Title Deeds to the village hall have been found. In 1950 the redundant school buildings were sold to Sandon Parish Council; paid for by the village. The RFO proposed that Barclays Bank pay to register the deeds as they had lost them, 2nd by Cllr Cannon – resolved. Cllr Wordley requested that two other quotes be obtained.
- f) Planning applications
 - i)Wootton Cottage – This application has been submitted three times. The application had been refused by NHDC on style & design. These comments taken how been taken into account and the plans revised. The PC therefore has no objection to the application.
 - ii)Sandon Bury revisions- as there are no material differences on the submitted plans the existing resolution stands. **Clerk – via James**
 - iii) 2, Flint Cottages – designated use of paddock area to become garden. There was no objection to the application but a restriction on further permitted development on the site was requested. **Clerk**

- 17.50 To hear the safety report as circulated.
Benches – The PC wished to thank to Roy James for all his work in refurbishing the Church End benches and waste bin, which looked brand new. Letter of thanks. – **Clerk.**
MW will assess the state of the timber slats in the bus shelter and the roof that appear in need of maintenance.
- 17.51 To hear the Responsible Financial Officers report.
The RFO reported that the training budget and notice boards were overspent. The second instalment of the precept had been received. The payments for July totalling £3,330 were formally proposed by Cllr Wordley & 2nd by Cllr Wharton– **resolved.**
Payments for September included the CPRE Seminar £75 and a replacement fridge for the village hall – Proposed by Cllr Wharton, 2nd Cllr Cannon- **resolved**
The BDO Audit findings had given a clean bill of health.
Automatic pension enrolment was up to date and complete and a letter of compliance has been received from the Pensions Regulator.
The Parish Council has a current balance of funds totalling £11,349.32.
- 17.52 Section 137 grants. Grants totalling £2,844 had been awarded last year; £2,400 is budgeted for distribution this year and the maximum permitted is £3,000 (£7.57 per elector). It was agreed that the following organisations will be invited to apply for a grant:- PCC, Foss, Cygnets, History Club, Sports Club, Gardening Club and Air Ambulance.
The PCC has also requested a grant towards a new WW1 Memorial. JDU to obtain more information.
- 17.53 To receive the Affinity Water drought action plan.
The plan was noted.
- 17.54 To hear reports from the District Councillor.
Cllr Jarvis reported that resurfacing work on the badly eroded section of road at the section at the west end of Roe Green was to take place. A programme of 'jet patching' for side erosion on local roads is included in next year's budget.
Information regarding Broadband roll out had been circulated.
It was requested that the national speed limit be painted on the speed camera by the Ashwell turn.
Local Bus – the recent initiative had not had any take up from Sandon and has therefore ceased.
The local weekly waste contract was currently up for tender.
- 17.55 Standing Orders; finance documents make up part of the Parish Council's Standing Orders and are subject to the same procedures.
- 17.56 To confirm the date of the next meeting as the 8th November.

Cllr de Uphaugh thanked everyone for attending the meeting which closed at 8.55 pm