

SANDON PARISH COUNCIL

SANDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 8th November 2017 AT 7.30 PM, SANDON VILLAGE HALL

Minutes

Present: Cllr J de Uphaugh, (Chair) Cllr F Cannon, Cllr H Gallo, Cllr J Wharton & Cllr B Wordley.

In attendance: Mrs H Stubbings, Clerk, Mr M Wicksteed, RFO.

- 17.57 To welcome and receive apologies for absence:
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies were received from Cllr K Chamberlain, Cllr S Jarvis
- 17.58 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.
- 17.59 To confirm the minutes of Sandon Parish Council's meeting held on 13th September 2017. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th September 2017 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Hilary Gallo, 2nd by Cllr Wharton – **resolved**.
- 17.60 To receive reports on actions agreed at the last Council meeting.
a) donation to WW1 memorial. Suggest approach War Memorial Trust.
- 17.61 To hear reports from nominated representatives for the following:
a) Access/Rights of way
Roe Green signage – **HG**
School foot-path. Seek final approval of landowner.
Re-instatement of footpaths– by Parish Paths Partnership and landowner - **HG**
b) Highways - The missing signs have been reported, Ringway are liable to replace these. It was noted that the Potholes at Five House are now very bad.
c) HGV signs may come out of locality budget. **JW**
d) Church – nothing to report
e) Sports Club & Roe Green – the letter from Janice Darton regarding the closure of the football club was read out.
Letters of thanks to be sent to Alan King & Janice Darton. - **Clerk**
A question was asked about the ownership of Roe Green and the sports pavilion as well as the VH was raised. **HG/BW & BC**
f) Village Hall – It was proposed by FC and seconded by JW to apply to register the Parish Hall. Fees to carry out this work would be in the region of £500 - £750. The Clerk will sign the application subject to information about the value of the property.
g) Planning applications
Sandon Bury, application withdrawn,
Wotton Cottage, application withdrawn
Flint Cottages, Conditional permission.
- 17.62 To hear the safety report as circulated.
Works identified include; goal posts to be painted, Perspex to be replaced, Bus shelter repairs. It was noted that the post by the pond is still loose.
- 17.63 To hear the Responsible Financial Officers report.
Income for the year so far was £8,827.61, with expenditure of £4,536.67
Payments for this period of £40, HAPTC event attended by the RFO; - **payment approved**.
The RFO reported that new Data protection legislation was being introduced in May 2018. The Clerk is scheduled to attend a free training session.
The RFO reported that a new External Auditor had been appointed. The new minimum fee will be £240 unless an exemption certificate is granted.
- 17.64 Section 137 grants. Grant requests had been received and were **resolved**. Amounts approved were PCC £500, Sandon Sports Club £650, Cygnets £200, Gardeners Club £150, Herts AA £200, await FOSS application.
- 17.65 Salary review. MW presented the paper regarding salary review. MW & HS withdrew while

options were discussed. Next year £9.14 + holidays. Split as hours worked. Prop FC, HG

17.66 2018-19 Budget

Based on the increased salary payment and other costs it was proposed that the Precept be set at £8,200 to meet village requirements – **resolved**

FC proposed that any grants considered for 2018 -19 may need to be funded from Reserves.

It was suggested that discussions take place with neighbouring parishes with a view to exploring opportunities of becoming a joint Parish Council to share resources and reduce costs.

Cllr de Uphugh thanked everyone for attending the meeting which closed at 9.30 pm

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th Jan 2018