

Minutes of Sandon Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 11th November 2020 at 7.30 pm
Remotely via Zoom

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

In attendance: Mrs C Scott Responsible Financial Officer, Mrs H Stubbings, Clerk, Cllr S Jarvis and 8 members of the public.

20.64 Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies for absence – Mike Wicksteed

20.65 Requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interest on items on the agenda – Localism Act 2011 s33 dispensations as standing. Cllr Fiona Cannon registered a conflict of interest re item 8; the rewilding project at Sandon Bury.

20.66 To confirm the Minutes of Sandon Parish Council’s meeting held on 9th September 2020. Proposed by Cllr James de Uphaugh 2nd Cllr K Chamberlain- **resolved**

20.67 To note the request for an election in May 2021.

The need to hold an election will be advertised in the gazette and notice boards in due course.

20.68 Matters arising - none

20.69 To hear reports from nominated representatives for the following:

i) Access/Rights of Way – it was noted that all rights of way will need to be recorded prior to deer fencing at Sandon Bury. In addition, it was advised to check that the school f-p is not going to be cut off due to the fencing.

ii) Highways – the Winter salt has been ordered.

iii) Church – nothing to report

iv) Sports Club and Roe Green – a question was asked about why the cricket pavilion is roped off?

Due to there being no allocated representative on the Council for Roe Green Cllr Morris agreed to be the contact point for the area and Cllr Cannon for matters relating to sports.
Fiona Sports and cricket ground

v) Village Hall – awaiting AGM

vi) Planning applications

a) 1 Flint Cottages; two storey side extension and basement. It was felt that this was a larger in scale extension than usual and in particular in location to its surroundings. The PC will write expressing their concerns - resolved

b) Land at Millbury, to formalise permission for the hard standing. The need for the hard standing was questioned. In addition, neighbours reported that it was creating more of a problem, creating a wash of dirty water and aggregate off the field and creating more of a hazard; which hadn’t occurred before, there was an increase of traffic in a residential area of Mill End with difficult access onto a narrow lane. Why is there a need for hard standing for vehicles to produce a dry crop?

20.70 To discuss speed limits within the village and the Hertfordshire 20’s plenty campaign.

A discussion took place about the need for speed restrictions within the small hamlets of Sandon, especially those with no paving or footpaths. There is a marked increase in deliveries due to online services.

Cllr Jarvis reported that the consultation on speed management had been concluded and the report was going to be discuss at a HCC meeting next week.

Cllr Chamberlain offered to liaise with the campaign organiser and the Clerk will send the petition link to Councillors.

- 20.71 To note the rewilding project at Sandon Bury.
The PC noted the proposal.
- 20.72 To hear from District Councillor.
Cllr Jarvis reported that some roads in the area will be patched prior to resurfacing next year. The Lib Dems had requested that the number of houses needing to be built be reduced in the Local Plan due to the falling need of additional housing stock; this motion had been defeated.
- 20.73 To note the Safety Officers Report.
The Safety Officer reported that there were no areas of concern to report. Small repair tasks included revarnishing the Roe Green notice board and replacing the door catch.
- 20.74 To discuss and agree the Section 137 Local Grants
It was agreed to allocate the following grants - Herts Air Ambulance £175, Gardeners Club £50, Cygnets £75, FOSS £500, Sandon Strollers £300 and the PCC £400, making a total of £1,500; as had been budgeted for.
- 20.75 To receive the Responsible Financial Officers report including
a) November payments for finance training of £30 was proposed JdeU 2nd FC
b) The Budget for 2021-22 had been circulated and was discussed. A budget with no increase in the Precept was resolved JdeU 2nd KC
- 20.76 To confirm the dates of coming meetings
13th January & 10th March 2021

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Chairman

Date