

# Sandon Parish Council



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## MINUTES

Minutes of the Sandon Parish Council on Wednesday 14th September at  
7.30pm at Sandon Village Hall.

1.9.22	To receive and approve apologies for absence. None.
2.9.22	To receive members declaration of any pecuniary interest connected to the agenda. None.
3.9.22	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13th July 2022, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a true record. J de U proposed BW seconded.
4.9.22	To invite members of the public to address the meeting. None.
5.9.22	<p>To hear from the Financial Officer - monthly totals, approval for expenses and invoices received (and for prior approval), including new clerk training and petrol receipts from D.Locke. J de U proposed JD seconded.</p> <p>Various groups were encouraged to apply for grant monies Grant - Signets, Gardening Club, PCC, Air Ambulance, <b>Sports Club</b>.</p> <p>J de U signed financial statement.</p>
6.9.22	<p>To hear reports from the nominated representatives for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Highways</b></li></ul> <p>Highways - Helen has been successful - Gannock Green to Mill End work done. Speed sign at Mill End now in place. Fly tipping was cleared up within the hour. Very impressive.</p>

Rail opposite the school - needs replacing - Helen has been in correspondence with the Council who deny responsibility, to be pursued with Council.

Rails by the pond will be looked at by County Council engineers.

- **Access**

Mark Faure Walker has created new permissive rights of way - in principle they are good - one of them is on the corner so is a little dangerous. Existing ones are going to remain for the time being.

Footpath - complaint about quality of surfacing - being addressed with the contractor.

Drovers Path - The new development at Carriers raises concern about the existing adjacent small path that might be used for access by vehicles. It is next to a water way - no known owner. It appears to be a public right of way that has been missed from definitive map and there is an extant DMMO application of more than 2 years ago which will be confirmatory in effect and will not be for vehicular. The fragile nature of the path has been recognised by NHDC planners in relation to another application.

J de U to write a Chair to Chair letter to be sent to North Herts District County Council (Planning) cc County (rights of way) expressing concern about the inconsistent approach both in permitting development outside village envelope where it had been previously refused on the facts and about the need for the council to be aware of this path.

- **Church**

Church - advertising for a new vicar. Team are doing a great job - lych-gate is in need of repair. Fete on Sunday.

- **Pond**

Whose responsibility is it? No one knows. Various ideas put forward pro Parish or District Council registration (and therefore adoption of responsibility) and against.

It may be "spruced up" privately by others.

- **Sports Club and Roe Green**

Too many badgers - no solution to this.

- **Village Hall - None.**

- **School**

Head resigned at the end of the Summer Term - a Head is in place.

	<p>The children count is decreasing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Planning</b></li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bishops Cottage - no comment.</li> <li>2. Sandon Bury - too vague - need further clarification as to what 'flexible commercial use is'. Also to include in the letter referral to 'Sandon Matters' group response to NHDC re the same application - both bodies endorse the same sentiments.</li> <li>3. Mill End - no objection.</li> <li>4. Rushden Road - no comment.</li> <li>5. Going forward as not all members had reviewed the planning portal the creation of a planning role to explain each application if need be for consideration at the next meeting</li> </ol>
7.9.22	To discuss matters relating to North Herts and Herts CC. None.
8.9.22	To receive matters for report and/or referral to next agenda (info only). None.
9.9.22	Note correspondence received. None
10.9.22	To confirm date of next meeting - 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2022.