



Sandon Parish Council

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Sandon Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th January 2025 Sandon Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs John Davies (Chair), Nikki Hawxby, Maaïke van-Wijk.

Attending: C Scott (Clerk), DCllr S Jarvis, 4 parishioners

MINUTES

MEETING OPENED 19:30

25/1 Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr J DeUphaugh

25/2 Interests

a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda

Cllr J Davies on 25/8 a) 24/02303/FPH and d) 24/02863/FPH

b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests; and

c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None granted

25/3 Co-option

To review applications for the vacancy of Sandon Parish Councillor

none

25/4 Minutes

To confirm the minutes of Sandon Parish Council Meeting held on the [13th November 2024](#) as an accurate record of proceedings.

Resolved Proposed Cllr N Hawxby, seconded Cllr M van Wijk

25/5 Public Issues

To invite members of the public to address the meeting.

A parishioner reported from the school that a large drive for advertising places for children including on social media platforms as been undertaken. The school are looking for people to join FOSS and the school governors.

A parishioner asked DCllr S Jarvis whether the ditches will be cleared rather than just patching the roads and not solving the lack of water draining problem, DCllr S Jarvis responded that there will be work happening down the Gannock Road, some more investigation into where the pipes go and whether they go anywhere. Many drains are blocked throughout the village. It was discussed to audit the drains and gullies to be able to identify all the problems and report to the right authorities.

Surveyors have been seen outside the Saddlery.

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- a) Request by Gardening Club for a bench outside the Village Hall in memory of the last Sandon Post Lady – PC is in support and the item needs to go to the Village Hall Committee.
- b) Wheat Hill – is on the cusp of applying for planning permission for converting a vacant agricultural building to convert to a 2 bedroom dwelling.

25/6 **Reports to the Council**

To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies, local authorities and agencies.

DCllr S Jarvis – there was previously a comment on the HGV signs and the lack of signage before turning right from Baldock and this is being considered. The survey of people travelling on the A505 in the wrong direction was discussed.

25/7 **Policies**

Annual Mandatory:

- a) [Financial Risk Assessment](#) **Resolved** Proposed Cllr N Hawxby, seconded Cllr M van-Wijk
- b) [Asset register](#) **Resolved** Proposed Cllr N Hawxby, seconded Cllr M van-Wijk
- c) [Calendar of meetings](#) -**Resolved** Proposed Cllr J Davies, seconded Cllr N Hawxby

25/8 **Planning**

To receive a planning report on applications and decisions

- a) [24/02303/FPH](#) – Mill End Farm House Green house- ongoing, suspended until February
- b) [Drovers Road, Green End](#) – **Outcome** - Declined application to record a restricted byway running southeast from Green End in the Sandon area
- c) Agreed footpath opposite Doebridge Farm
- d) [24/02732/FP](#) - Yew Tree Farm – **resolved** no comment
- e) [24/02863/FPH](#) - Mill End Farm House, Pool house – Cllr J Davies left the room. Public made aware of discussion
- f) [24/02832/FPH](#) – Willows, Roe Green, **resolved** only comment – is the planning encroaching on common land

25/9 **Finance - Report**

- a) To note receipt of income
- b) To receive [summary report of receipts and payments against budget](#)
- c) To receive bank reconciliation
- d) To consider grant applications from local groups
 1. [Friends of Sandon School](#) - **Resolved** Proposed Cllr N Hawxby, seconded Cllr M van-Wijk, Awarded £500
 2. [Gardeners Club](#) **Resolved** Proposed Cllr J Davies, seconded Cllr M van-Wijk, Awarded £100
 3. [Sandon Sports Club](#) **Resolved** Proposed Cllr J Davies, seconded Cllr M

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van-Wijk, The PC are willing to award the Sport Club the funds if they can show that they have the full funds to pay the total amount of the roof.

- e) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget £41.19 to Namecheap for website hosting, £100 grant to Gardeners Club and £500 to Friends of Sandon School - **Resolved** Proposed Cllr J Davies, seconded Cllr N Hawxby
- f) To note the 2024-25 Internal auditor [interim report](#) - noted
- g) To consider a playground management contractor -**Resolved** Proposed Cllr J Davies, seconded Cllr N Hawxby to enter into a contract with Broadmead Leisure to manage the playground safety inspections and maintenance.

25/10 Reports from Working Parties and Committees

- a) HR committee – no report
- b) Highways – footpaths, the kissing gates on footpaths have been noted that they are not the correct size and are too strong, a pressure tester has been used to calculate the strength of the gates, and have been found to be above the acceptable level. After the gate is half way through the movement becomes too strong, Cllr M van-Wijk to contact land owners to allow them to correct this.
- c) Church – no report
- d) Sports Club and Roe Green – discussed with grant application
- e) Village Hall – no report
- f) School – discussed in public comments
- g) VE-Day Celebration plans – Thursday 8th May 2025, to continue

25/11 Date of next Sandon Parish Council Meeting and items for the agenda

To note that the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 27th March 2025

Defibrillator training- to be organised

meeting closed 21:12

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