

SANDON PARISH COUNCIL

SANDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 7th March 2018 AT 7.30 PM, SANDON VILLAGE HALL

Minutes

Present: Cllr F Cannon (Chair), Cllr K Chamberlain Cllr H Gallo,
Cllr J Wharton & Cllr S Jarvis and 20 members of the public
In attendance: Mrs H Stubbings, Clerk, Mr M Wicksteed, RFO.

18.15 To welcome and receive apologies for absence:
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained how the meeting would be run. Item 18.20 – f – Sandon Fields, would be discussed first, followed by the rest of the set agenda.

Apologies were received from Cllr J de Uphaugh & B Wordley. David Camps, Stuart & Liz Latta, Nick Pain, Bridget Rigby

Agenda item 18.20

f) Sandon Fields –

Comments from those opposing the application

- a) Mary McElroy - objectors had not attended the consultation meeting held on Monday as they had felt intimidated. Also limited information was available and had not be received until 5th March. It was asked if the documents could be trusted, accepted or believed.
- b) Ian Dell – had circulated documents prior to the meeting.
- c) Debbie Williamson – read circulated letter. Stating that the application was not appropriate for a small rural village. Previous application refused.
- d) Lydia Pollard – stated that the previous objection documents had been sent to the Parish Council. Applicant claims to be unaware of complaints, the police were. Not a family friendly event. Disturbance to neighbours. Very little difference in applications.
- e) Anne Cottam – Beckfield Lane. Noise could be heard from previous event. Small changes; 4 licensing criteria not met. Planned groups not suitable for families. Camping may cause problems. Late finish not appropriate or the heavy-duty traffic entering and leaving the village, before and after the event. Requested break clause to review after this event should license be grated.
- f) Lavinia Michelle- music too loud, roads too narrow, concern about many strangers in the village. Felt intimidated in own home. Failure to meet licensing clauses. Remoteness of village.

Comments from those supporting the application

- a) Lawrie Alderman - stated that he had tried to consult with the village, with both people for and against the event. Tried to talk to close neighbours to discuss their points. Mr Alderman then read a positive letter from a Dark Lane resident, who had attended the event last year.

Comments from the applicant

- a) Richard Maskell – the number of attendees, staff and performer now based at 2999 per day(2000 max ticket sales) timings had been reduced, all documents now made public. 912 attended last year. A gift of £5,000 has been promised to the school / FOSS, plus the repair of kissing gates along the Incknield Way. Consultation with the village had been much broader.

The Council then proceeded to ask questions of Mr Maskell.

Summing up and discussion

- 1) The Parish Council had received six letters; 1 in support of the event and 5 against.

The PC will not revisit its previous letter of objection but a summary of that letter was read out.

There are four main licensing objectives; these are 1) the prevention of crime and disorder, 2) public safety, 3) the prevention of public nuisance, 4) the protection of children from harm.

A major concern is one of noise. The main stage will be for live music. It is stated that this will finish at 11pm promptly, the other three marques will have pre-recorded music. These will stop playing at 1.30am. Food and drink will be served for a further 30 minutes. The music speakers will be positioned to face Roe Wood; away from the village.

The Council felt 1.30am was too late and would cause disturbance and asked if the organisers would consider reducing the finish time? Dispersing crowds will make a noise; probably loudly. Food available till 2pm.

Response – Financially to promote the event and to attract a younger contingent it needs to finish later. The Sunday is the more family orientated day and will finish at 6pm. Further discussions within the team to be had regarding alcohol, pre-recorded music and refreshments timings and to consider earlier finishes for all. However, if the hours are not extended people won't camp and a mass exodus late at night would cause problems. The organisers will employ staff including; Fire Marshall, security, paramedic, crowd search, police on standby. One night/2 days in June, July, Aug, Sept in any one year. Traffic management – onsite meetings. Signage from Slip End road via wide double track road. Willing to consider change of finish time.

At the end of the discussion the Parish Council presented the following motion.

Motion of Sandon Parish Council regarding Licensing application LC 6845

Based on a maximum daily total headcount of 2,999 persons attending a single annual event at Poplars Farm, Roe Green Sandon:

For sections E, F, I & J the Parish Council believes;

1. that the licensing hours for live music until 1.30 am Saturday night as stated in Section E of the application is excessive and opposes any live music after 11.00 pm Saturday night.
2. that the licensing hours for pre-recorded music until 2.00 am Saturday night as stated in Section F of the application is excessive asks for an earlier finish time for Recorded music on Saturday night
3. that the provision of refreshments and non-alcoholic drinks continuing for 30 minutes after the cessation of pre-recorded music as stated in Section I is appropriate.
4. that the sale of alcoholic drinks ceasing 30 minutes before the cessation of pre-recorded music as stated in Section J is appropriate.
5. Section M
The application adequately addresses the 4 licensing objectives of Prevention of Crime and Disorder; Public Safety, Prevention of Public Nuisance, and Protection of Children.
6. The Parish Council wish to stress the importance of the applicant maintaining community involvement and feedback before, during and after the event.
7. As this application is for an annual event the Parish Council wishes to be granted the Right to review any continuance of the license on an annual basis.

Proposed **JW** **Seconded** **KC** **Resolved**

18.16 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.

18.17 To confirm the minutes of Sandon Parish Council's meeting held on 10th January 2018. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th January 2018 were approved. Proposed by Cllr J Wharton, 2nd by Cllr K Chamberlain– **resolved**.

18.18 To hear from Cllr Steve Jarvis
Brown bin charge, will also be payable by cash or cheque.
Local Plan hearing, further consultation likely.
More cash for repairs to unclassified roads – seeking criteria
Proposals to improve A505 safety; possibly gap closures
A507 weight limit.

18.19 To receive reports on actions agreed at the last Council meeting.

- a) Update on registration of Village Hall – ongoing.

18.20 To hear reports from nominated representatives for the following:

- a) Access/Rights of way – no update
- b) Highways – Litter Pick, 7th April, - Karl – small ones for children
20mph speed limit along Church End, on private property. Next budget £45 each.
- c) Church – no update
- d) Sports Club & Roe Green – nothing to report.
- e) Village Hall – Nothing to report. The Parish Council wished to express their sadness and condolences to the family of Roy James following his unexpected death. Recruitment for a new Caretaker will be carried out.
- f) Planning & Licensing applications –
Hyde Hall grain store- this application had been approved
Pre-application, change of use, 5 Payne End. Residential to Mixed Use A1 (cycle sales / cycle hire shop); A3 (cafe); B1 (cycle repairs)
the area of proposed change includes: garage part of the driveway and part of the rear garden.
The PC were concerned about any loss of residential property in the village and the opening hours of a café.
Danyells – no objection

18.21 To hear the safety report as circulated.

The broken chairs behind the Pavilion were noted.

18.22 To hear the Responsible Financial Officers report.

- a) Income for the year so far was £8,827.61 with expenditure of £7,577.80. YTD, £218 less than budget.
- b) March Payments VH rent £80, RFO officers expenses £46.10 – Proposed FC, 2nd JW - **resolved**
Closing Balance of funds of £8,282.09
- c) Risk Review (issue 9) – prop HG, 2nd FC – **resolved**
- d) The internal auditor had noted that the Standing Orders for the planning committee had not been agreed. – future agenda
- e) 2018 Internal Audit report – the audit report had been circulated. Within the scope of the audit no major matters of concern were raised. Acceptance of the audit review was proposed by JW, 2nd by KW- **resolved** and implemented
- f) Annual Return & Audit – awaiting papers from audit body.

The Clerk will write a letter of thanks to David Camps

- g) The Chair read the Internal Audit effectiveness statement and Councillors approved each statement.
- h) Insurance cover; this was deemed adequate and appropriate.
- i) Bank mandate, required no changes.

18.23 Correspondence

CPRE were seeking nominees for this year's awards. It was suggested that the school might apply.

18.24 Annual Village Meeting

Wednesday 18th April, 7.15pm for 7.45pm starting with refreshments.

Local grant receiving clubs have been invited to attend.

Chair to suggest working with other Parish Council due to financial pressures.

18.25 To confirm the dates of meetings for the coming year.

11th July
12th September
14th November

Cllr Cannon thanked everyone for attending the meeting which closed at 9.37 pm

The Annual Village meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th April