

Minutes of Sandon Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 12th July 2018 at 4.30 pm
Sandon Village Hall

Present: Cllr J de Uphaugh, (Chair), Cllr K Chamberlain, Cllr H Gallo & Cllr J Wharton.

In attendance: Mrs H Stubbings, Clerk, Mr M Wicksteed, Responsible Financial Officer, Cllr S Jarvis, and 11 members of the public.

18.46 Welcome.

The Chairman, Cllr J de Uphaugh welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence.

Cllr F Cannon, Cllr B Wordley and Mr W Faure-Walker

18.47 Requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interest on items on the agenda – Localism Act 2011 s33

No conflicts were declared.

18.48 Minutes of Sandon Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 24th May 2018.

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Cllr de Uphaugh and seconded by Cllr Chamberlain.

Resolved, that the Minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

18.49 Reports on actions agreed at the last Council meeting (not covered elsewhere in the agenda).

a. The disposal of the phone box sited at Redhill – no progress, next agenda

18.50 To hear reports from nominated representatives for the following areas:

a. Access/Rights of Way – nothing to report

b. Highways – Repairs to the reported potholes are being carried out.

It was stated that house owners placing boulders and parking on verges and common land are a hazard. The Parish Council were asked what could be done to keep the highways clear? Cllr Jarvis explained that boundaries vary considerably and that a quiet word may be most effective. Compaction of land may also cause flooding issues due to silting up of drains from the compaction. It may be possible to suggest removal of the obstructions on common land. Ask BW which greens are commons land, prior to approaching the landowner. **BW**

c. Church – nothing to report

d. Sports Club and Roe Green. – the area around the pavilion has been tidied up.

e. Village Hall. – nothing to report

f. Planning Applications

14 Dark Lane -amended plans.

The application is now for one pair of semi-detached houses, which is more appropriate to the setting and surrounding properties. The Parish Council therefore support the application. **Clerk**

18.51 To invite members of the public to address the meeting.

The Chair explained that he had received five letters; communications regarding the recent festival called Sandon Fields. Members of the Public were invited to speak to the meeting for three minutes.

Five members of the public address the meeting, all complaining about the management of the event both in the extended set up and break down and actual event. Complaints were based around excessive traffic,

noises and antisocial behaviour. The event failed to meet the conditions set by the licensing authority and caused nuisance to local residents.

The Chair then read the letters/ e-mails that he had received for those not able to attend the meeting. These also expressed the concern and unhappiness about the event in a rural setting.

18.52 To discuss the Sandon Fields event.

The Parish Council then discussed the event and the comments raised by parishioners. Councillors views were sought on the event. Cllr Gallo suggested that a collation of all the issues be directed to NHDC. Promises made to the school regarding a donation have not yet been forthcoming. However, many people had enjoyed the festival.

Cllr Wharton said that any breaches of the license should be taken very seriously and that these breaches may affect the granting of a license in future years.

Cllr Chamberlain stated that issues against license such as drug use should be prosecuted.

Cllr Jarvis advised that first hand evidence collected was the best way to comment. Collected evidence and submitted may be used at a review event which will be held after 3 months; info by 9th September. There are various options available to the review body. Noise and access are both significant issues. He recommended that the PC make a collective complaint and that individuals could submit independently.

Actions; Request Sound engineers report, hold a response meeting 26th July, write to Licensing authority.

18.53 To welcome Will Faure-Walker to the meeting and discuss any matters relating to Roe Green.

The Clerk explained that this item would be held over to the next agenda as Mr W Faure-Walker is abroad on business.

18.54 To hear from Cllr Steve Jarvis.

Road gritting in the winter of 2018-19 is to be along the same routes as last year; although there were supposed to be some changes.

Refuse collection – The new contractors are still having problems, with some areas being missed completely. Parishioners are encouraged to report non-collection.

Train timetable – the new timetable recently introduced had been causing delays and hold ups. A new improved timetable has been agreed and is to be adhered to.

18.55 To receive the Annual RoSPA Report and RFO monthly safety report.

The RoSPA inspection had taken place on the 18th June and not 18th May as previously stated.

One of the swing seats had been damaged between the monthly checks and was deemed as a high risk. The RFO had removed the damaged swing and replaced it with an old one. The RFO was confident that the replacement swing is safe.

It was advised that the goal posts are in need of maintenance, however as this is a major job it was suggested that this was referred to Sports Club. It was agreed to send the relevant section of report to The Chair of the Sports Club with the recommendation that the posts be removed. **RFO**

The safety matting under equipment appears to have sunk; the recommendation is to lift and refit it annually. It was felt that this may lead to more damage. The suppliers will be contacted for further guidance. **RFO**

18.56 To receive the Responsible Finance Officer's Report.

The RFO reported that:

Public rights documents had been publicised and staff P60's issued.

Expenditure to date of £1,700.86 had been made.

July 2018 payment requests totalling £2,266.54 was proposed by Cllr Wharton, 2nd Cllr Chamberlain – **resolved.**

Leaving a remaining cash balance of £8,837.07

Discuss S106 monies in regards to Sandon School.

The Parish Council were in favour of supporting the request to allow S106 monies be used for school regeneration. - **resolved**

18.57 Date of future meetings:-

26th July 5pm VH, Re Sandon Fields

12th September & 14th November

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 6.30pm

Chairman

Date