

**Minutes of Sandon Parish Council Meeting  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 4.30 pm  
Sandon Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr J de Uphaugh, (Chair), Cllr H Gallo, Cllr J Wharton and Cllr B Wordley.  
**In attendance:** Mrs H Stubbings, Clerk, Mr M Wicksteed, Responsible Financial Officer, Cllr S Jarvis, and 0 members of the public.

18.58 Welcome.

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

Apologies for absence.

Cllr F Cannon and Cllr K Chamberlain

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

No conflicts were declared; dispensations as standing.

18.60 Minutes of Sandon Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Cllr Wharton and seconded by Cllr Gallo.

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

18.61 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. There is nothing legally to prevent this. Before removal the mains electricity supply will require capping. A parishioner has offered a reasonable fee to take it away. I was agreed to contact a web organisation who sell phone boxes to seek a value - MW. Article for gazette - JW

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

- a. Access/Rights of Way – FP 47 through school grounds. This is an outstanding item dating back to from Hitchin District Council. The resident of Jubilee House has raised concerns about the diversion.

- b. Highways – Blocks on verges; this item had been raised previously and it was considered that most of the blocks were on land which was most likely owned by Highways. The Parish Council have the power to ask Highways to take action. Residents may apply for a license. JW to write to Highways. Signage to put up a 20 is plenty sign; data is required to prove average speed; SJ will consider this request for his 2019 budget.

- c. Church – nothing to report.

- d. Sports Club and Roe Green – nothing to report.

- e. Village Hall – deeds now retrieved from solicitors. Trust Deed needs updating. (Future Agenda)

- f. Planning Applications –

Roe Green Barn annex -previous application, no objection

Rose Cottage – permanent access; no objection

The Bury – one representative from SAG to speak at meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September. SJ also permitted to speak. The Parish Council will also provide a succinct statement for the committee, including conditions such as time and frequency, should the application be upheld.

Sandon Fields – a hearing review of the event has been held with the licensee and authorities; issues arising from the event need to be addressed. The licensee is to consider these issues.

Minutes of that hearing are at present unavailable.

- 18.63 To invite members of the public to address the meeting.  
No public present
- 18.64 To hear from Cllr Steve Jarvis.  
BINS!! An ongoing problem.  
No progress on the local plan. The Sandon sign has been ordered.  
The A505 safety improvements; There will be a roundabout at the Ashwell Station junction but not at Slip End.  
Street lights in the village are to be replaced by LED.
- 18.65 To receive the RFO monthly safety report.  
It has been agreed that the Goal posts on Roe Green will be repainted and not removed as previously suggested.  
The Safety matting under equipment may break if lifted; RFO awaiting recommendation from suppliers.  
The reported gas bottle is now under lock and key.
- 18.66 To receive the Responsible Finance Officer's Report.  
The RFO reported that:  
Expenditure to date of £3,967.40 had been made and there are no September 2018 payments, leaving a cash balance of £8,837.07  
The parish Council recommends a working reserve of £2,700 plus a capital reserve of £4,000 to cover playground and mowing equipment repairs and replacements.  
A discussion about S137 grants took place. It was agreed to send out application letters to local organisations stating that grants allocated may be lower than in previous years and these would be met by using reserves.  
Cllr Jarvis has a small amount of grant money available for new projects or equipment.
- 18.67 Date of future meetings:-  
14<sup>th</sup> November

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman .....

Date .....