

**Minutes of Sandon Parish Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at .30 pm**  
**Sandon Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr F Cannon, Cllr K Chamberlain, Cllr J de Uphaugh (Chair) Cllr B Morris & Cllr B Wordley.  
**In attendance:** Mrs H Stubbings, Clerk M Wicksteed, Responsible Financial Officer and nine members of the public.

19.56 Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence –Cllrs S Jarvis and P Bolton,

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

Dispensations as standing.

19.58 To confirm the Minutes of Sandon Parish Council’s meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Cllr Cannon and seconded by Cllr J de Uphaugh. Resolved that the minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

19.59 Matters Arising

a) Village Hall Committee representation; The Village Hall is run by a committee on behalf of the Parish Council. The current Deed is outdated and requires updating. The Village Hall is registered with the Charities Commission.

Cllrs Morris and Wordley agreed to join the committee with Cllr Chamberlain and Cllr Wordley will review the Deed.

It was requested that fair notice of Village Hall Committee meetings be given.

b) AED & First Aid training 21<sup>st</sup> October; a volunteer from the British Heart Foundation will run a training session. Parishioners will be asked to make a donation to attend and the PC agreed to pay the trainer’s expenses. The event is limited to a maximum of 20 people. Notice in the gazette & via village chatter.

**Clerk**

It was proposed by FC and 2<sup>nd</sup> by KC that the Parish Council pay reasonable expenses ie up to £100, plus a donation from attendees to the British Heart Foundation. (suggested donation £5) – agreed. It was agreed that ideally parishioners from each area of the village might attend, including the school.

It was reported that the light in the phone box housing the AED had been replaced and a new instruction panel had been installed.

c) Dangerous tree on Roe Green – next agenda

19.60 To hear reports from nominated representatives for the following

i. Access/Rights of Way – f-p 47 with the Council.

Dog fouling – this messy problem was discussed. Article in the gazette. Bag it and bin it.

**Clerk**

ii. Highways – the loose gravel at bottom of Redhill continues to be a hazard to cyclist.

Gannock Road is also badly pot holed.

**BM/SJ**

iii. Church – nothing to report.

iv. Sports Club and Roe Green – the wooden pallets & broken chairs need to be removed.

**PB**

v. Village Hall – as above, nothing further to mention.

vi. Planning & Licensing Applications –

No new planning applications

Glamping at Poplars - as requested after the last meeting the Clerk had written to NHDC.

a. Sandon Bury Licensing

The Parish Council will make a written response to the licencing application.

19.61 To discuss the provision of mowers & volunteer grass cutters.

The volunteer who cuts Church Green; Chris Mace, has decided that it is time to stop cutting the grass on Church Green at the end of the season. The PC were most grateful to all volunteers for the excellent job they have done and in the case of Roe Green continue to do so with their own equipment.

The Parish Council will put an advert in the gazette seeking volunteers to help cut the grass in the village. A mower will be provided. A suggestion for a central place of storage was made (to be followed up)

It was proposed by FC and 2<sup>nd</sup> by KC that a mower costing £500 plus £50 delivery be purchased - **agreed**

19.62 Councillor and Officers training courses.

The RFO recommended that a potential RFO candidate be sent on the HAPTC Finance training course. The current RFO, would like to hand over to the new person in March 2020. MW is happy to keep going until after yearend for hand-over.

There is a provision of £200 in the budget for training.

19.63 Section 137 Local Grants application process.

In previous years the Parish Council has made grants to local organisations from the precept. This year grants will be awarded from reserves. Letters of invitation will be sent out to regular recipients and an article will appear in the gazette inviting other bodies to apply with a closing date of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019. Grants are made to organisation providing benefit to parishioners.

19.64 Broadband in Redhill – residents in the Redhill area were unhappy with the broadband speeds realised. These can be checked by going on to the Openreach website and entering a postcode. There are significant differences in areas of the village.

19.65 Report from Cllr S Jarvis – a short report was verbally given by the Clerk on Cllr Jarvis behalf.

19.66 To receive the September Safety Report.

There is nothing outstanding to report; with very few items of litter collected. The speed of tractors in the village was noted and parishioners were encouraged to take registration numbers of offending vehicles and to report them to the police.

Bus shelter repairs to be carried out.

19.67 To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's report noting

a) September payments of £99.20 BLM, £550 mower, £40 HAPTC were proposed by Cllr Cannon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr de Uphough – agreed.

19.55 Matters for next agenda

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9pm

Chairman .....

Date .....

13<sup>th</sup> November, 15 January 2020