

Minutes of Sandon Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7.30 pm, Sandon Village Hall

Present: Cllr P Bolton, Cllr F Cannon, Cllr K Chamberlain, Cllr J de Uphaugh (Chair) Cllr B Morris & Cllr B Wordley.

In attendance: Cllr S Jarvis, Mrs H Stubbings, Clerk, Mr M Wicksteed, Responsible Financial Officer and 4 members of the public.

19.73 Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies for absence – none given

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

Dispensations as standing.

19.75 To confirm the Minutes of Sandon Parish Council's meeting held on the 11th September and 31st October 2019

Approval of the minutes was proposed by Cllr B Wordley 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.

19.76 Matters Arising

- a) AED & First Aid training 18th November; 15 attendees, set up at 6pm. Collect cash.
- b) Dangerous tree on Roe Green – 3 quotes to be sent to W F-W. Consent required.

19.77 To hear reports from nominated representatives for the following

- i. Access/Rights of Way – nothing additional to report
- ii. Highways – Fingerpost sign in poor condition, historic ones are hoped to be restored and not replaced.
BW/Clerk to send guidance notice to SJ
- iii. Church – Nothing to report
- iv. Sports Club and Roe Green – Nothing to report
- v. Village Hall – VH Committee content with PC representation, hall to be repainted, all heaters replaced.
- vi. Planning & Licensing Applications –

- a) Micklefields – letter of representation from Mr & Mrs Wharton.

Principle already established by NHDC to allow a development on the site. The PC had previously objected to the development based on Policy 7.

It was **Resolved** that there was no objection to the submitted plan to re-use an existing building; no increase to additional dwellings.

- b) The Cowshed – The event has been postponed. No further action.

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

One volunteer has come forward. The purchased mower looks in good condition, but may require a deflector. Storage for the mower had been identified in a central location.

19.79 VE Day celebrations

Should anyone wish to run an event the Parish Council may be willing to provide a donation.

19.80 Report from Cllr S Jarvis

Local plan moving forward, slowly.
Brown bin collection working OK.

A505 – ban right turn into Litlington, no funding for other junctions, probably Ashwell turning next. Survey on traffic travelling wrong way down the carriage.

Speed sign for Redhill, budget April 2020, positioned north end.

19.81 Privacy Policy for the website.

The PC considered the circulated document and adopted a proportionate approach. Document to be dated and reviewed Bi-annual.

19.82 Neighbourhood Plan.

A discussion about developing a Neighbourhood plan was held. I was agreed that there are a lot of changes happening in the village and a plan would help set out what the village as a whole would like to see in the longer term.

Neighbourhood plans can either be led by the PC or a forum. A neighbouring village is in the process of setting up a Parish Plan, perhaps a joint local initiative could be viable. **BM** would contact the person heading up the survey. Any progress would be subject to a volunteer to lead from Sandon.

19.83 To receive the November Safety Report.

The broken chairs & pallets from behind the Sports Club have been removed, there appears to be less litter, the bus shelter roof has been re-attached and the missing bench slat replaced.

MW reported that he was willing to continue the Safety Inspections, PB volunteered to assist when needed.

19.84 Appointment of RFO.

Caroline Scott had applied for the role of RFO and submitted her CV.

JdeU, proposed that Mrs Scott be appointed as RFO from 1st April 2020, 2nd KC - **resolved**

19.85 To receive the Responsible Financial Officer's report noting;

a) Payments for November £120.81 (operational costs) + £100 (AED training)
Section 137 Grants £1,050 proposed FC, 2nd PB

b) Grant towards Village Hall re-decoration / upgrade of heaters; requested £750 to be paid against a VAT invoice. Prop FC, 2nd BM

c) Budget
Small increases in line with inflation. An addition to staff costs to cover the overlap of RFO hand-over. An allowance of £1,500 for Section 137 grants, other village projects of £2,000, plus capital replacements and maintenance of £2,250, forming a total of £11,750 to be funded by a precept of £8,750 plus £3,000 from Reserves.
The Provisional 2020/2021 budget was Proposed by JdeU, 2nd by FC -**resolved**.

d) External Audit findings; nothing reported.

e) The wording on the Standing Orders regarding storage of Planning Applications needs updating.

19.86 Matters for next agenda.

Litter Pick, road signage.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman

Date

11th March and 22nd April Annual Meeting