

Minutes of Sandon Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 14th July 2021 at 7.30 pm
Held at Sandon Village Hall

Present: Cllr K Chamberlain, Cllr I Dell, Cllr B Morris & Cllr J de Upaugh (Chair),

In attendance: Mrs H Stubbings, Clerk, Mrs C Scott Responsible Financial Officer and three members of the public.

21.18 Welcome.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence – Cllr’s S Jarvis, Cllr B Wordley and Mike Wicksteed

21.19 Requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interest on items on the agenda – Localism Act 2011 s33 dispensations as standing.

21.20 To approve the Minutes of 19th May and 9th June 2021.

Prop J de U and 2nd KC. The process of Minutes was discussed.

21.21 Matters arising.

a) Litter bin; no further action at the moment, an audit is taking place with NHDC and use of resources.

b) Speed survey to take place on Roe Green. KC had spoken to the Community Policeman who agreed to take some speed test randomly within the village. Camera Deployment vehicle available; request a visit. **ID**

21.22 To note the resignation of Fiona Cannon and appoint a vice-chair and assign vacant roles.

The PC had regretfully accepted Fiona’s resignation, she was thanked for her service to the village and in particular her knowledge of planning was noted. The vacancy has been advertised in line with monitoring officers ruling. Cllr Dell advised that he had the 10 signatures to request an election.

21.23 To appoint Vice-Chair and re-assign roles

It was agreed to await the outcome of the election before appointing a vice-chair or re-assign the vacant roles.

Sandon Matters have offered to provide their comments for response to planning applications.

21.24 To accept the revised Code of Conduct, circulated by NALC.

The Parish Council **Resolved** to accept the new Code of Conduct and to complete the new DPI’s.

21.25 To discuss a Scheme of Delegation

It was agreed to discuss a Scheme of Delegation along with the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations at the meeting in September, when it was hoped there would be a full complement of Councillors present.

21.26 To review areas of responsibility and to hear reports from nominated representatives for the following;

- i. Access/Rights of Way – repairs to Park Lane are being carried out at present. Groups of trail bikes use Park Lane for recreation.
- ii. Highways - resurfacing of roads are being undertaken in the village. A speed survey will be carried out later in the year.
- iii. Church - It was noted that the Rev F Wheatly will be retiring at the end of October 2021.
- iv. Sports Club and Roe Green – one football match since restrictions have been lifted.
- v. Village Hall – The AGM had taken place earlier in the week and was well attended. Subject to the lifting of restrictions the hall will be open for events again in the near future.

vi. Planning Applications; All applications available for consultation as listed on the NHDC planning website on the date of the meeting.

a) The Close, Redhill

5, four-bedroom houses have been proposed. Comments are generally against the development because of its style. Redhill is a ribbon development and the application does not follow the current trend. In addition, the proposal incorporates street lighting, something that is not in keeping. Such a large development would have a significant impact on the current population, the number of cars and an increase of traffic. It was felt that the plan was not in keeping with the hamlet. The site could be improved but with sensitive development. It was proposed by BM and 2nd by KC that the PC object to the applications on the grounds mentioned – **resolved**.

b) Any other application(s) available for consultation as listed on the NHDC planning website on the date of the meeting. – None

21.27 District Council report.
As mentioned in highways.

21.28 Safety Report -
KC had circulated the June report and the July report was in progress; ID has agreed to a takeover conducting the inspections. John Williams had kindly strimmed around the play equipment.

21.25 Finance Report
July payments of £2,037.00 were proposed by J de U, 2nd by KC - **resolved**
Following the resignation of Fiona Cannon the bank mandate would need to be updated and a third signatory added; BM agreed to become a signatory – **resolved**
The RFO will request feedback from local organisations following the provision of grants.

21.26 Queens Tree Canopy
This is an initiative to plant trees to celebrate the Queens jubilee. Ideas were discussed how this might happen, it was agreed to put an article in the gazette asking parishioners what they thought or wanted.

21.27 Correspondence.
The Clerk had received e-mails raising the problem of parking on paths and overgrown hedges and verges. A reminder of people's responsibilities will be put in the gazette.

Matters for next agenda
Scheme of Delegation, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 20.32

Chairman

Date

Dates of the next meetings
8th September, 10th November