

**Minutes of Sandon Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7.30 pm
Held at Sandon Village Hall**

Present: Cllr K Chamberlain, Cllr J Darton, Cllr I Dell, Cllr J de Uphaugh (Chair), Cllr B Wordley,

In attendance: Cllr's S Jarvis, Mrs H Stubbings, Clerk, Mrs C Scott Responsible Financial Officer and eight members of the public.

22.01 Welcome.

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting and especially Helen Coates.
Apologies for absence – none

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

22.03 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th November 2021.

Proposed by Keith Chamberlain and 2nd Janice Darton – **resolved**

22.04 Matters arising.

- a) To confirm appointment of Clerk. Lucinda Cope was appointed as from 1st March 2022.
- b) Installation of village sign to be carried out.

22.05 To co-opt a Parish Councillor.

Helen Coates from Redhill was willing to be co-opted and joined the meeting.

22.06 To hear reports from nominated representatives for the following and to review role allocation

- i. Access/Rights of Way – (BW). It was reported that the deer fencing being installed will not impede rights of way.
- ii. Highways - Helen Coates agreed to take over this role. It was agreed to hold a Spring Litter pick on the 12th March. Clerk/HC to arrange equipment provision of equipment.
- iii. Church - & Gannock (J de U) The church plan to hold an event to celebrate the Queen's jubilee.
- iv. School – (JD) Nothing to report.
- v. Sports Club and Roe Green – The Sports club are hoping to install an AED.
 - A) A parishioner wished to raise concern over the nuisance and damage being caused during the building works taking place at No3, Roe Green Cottage and in particular the cars and vans parking on and off the shared driveway of five properties. Trespass by cars on common land is an offence. The land owner of Roe Green should be informed of the problem, Paul Bolton kindly offered to do this, he also offered to draw up a 'code of conduct for development' for inclusion on other applications. In addition, SJ offered to provide the contact details of the Enforcement Officer to the Clerk. It was suggested the recommendations of good practise should be attached to applications.
 - B) An unauthorised car had been left on Roe Green. JD would talk to the Sports Club about the problem and reiterate that parking other than at fixtures was not permitted.
- vi. Village Hall – nothing to report
- vii. Planning Applications; All applications available for consultation as listed on the NHDC planning website on the date of the meeting.

- a) Former Poultry Farm, Redhill. ID had attended the Wallington & Rushden Parish Council meeting when this application had also been discussed. Concerns were raised regarding access, pedestrian danger, waste collection and capacity.
Tim Waller, a representative of the developer gave an overview of the revised application, which was now only for three properties. This was to facilitate the access of emergency vehicles. The three houses have been designed in such a way that future development would

not be possible. Other improvements included, private bin collection and a 'shared surface' to promote careful driving. It was noted that the documents on portal need to be updated. A parishioner made three main points; 1) The access and works traffic during the build process could be a significant risk and nuisance to existing properties. 2) The proposed design is for three-three story houses, this is not in keeping with the surroundings and is of clustered design as opposed to ribbon design like the rest of Redhill. 3) and finally concern for further development in the future on the remanent of the land.

It was noted that there was also another piece of land not included in the proposal.

In response the developer gave an assurance that a covenant forbidding any further development be put in place. The houses are of two-story build but with rooms in the roof.

The Parish Council resolved to write to NHDC to object to the application as it is not in keeping with the surrounding area and pointing out that the documents on the website are not up to date and therefore it is difficult to comment on the application, but that the developer had made certain assurances regarding covenants and code of conduct during the building process.

- b) Poplars Farm, Roe Green – this application is for a large conservatory in place of lean-to on a listed building in a conservation area. The PC will make no comment or objection, but note that the application is doubling the size of the conservatory and that the building is in a conservation area.
- c) Sandon Bury Cottage – similarly this application for development is in a conservation area and the PC are concerned that approval may set a precedent for the future in a conservation area.
- d) Any other application(s) available for consultation as listed on the NHDC planning website on the date of the meeting. – None

22.07 To hear from the District Councillor.

Steve Jarvis reported that the Herts Lynx bus initiative has added additional bus stops within the parish, i.e., Gannock, Green End, Lye End and Five House,

22.08 To receive the Safety Report.

ID had circulated the December inspection report.

22.09 Section 137 Local Grants application process.

The RFO summarised the applications that had been received below;

Friends of Sandon School (FOSS) – hoping to buy further ipads £500

Cygnets - £75

Sandon PCC – maintaining clock, tree surgery. £400

Sandon Gardener's Club – cup engraving £50

Village Hall – no request.

Air Ambulance - £225

Sports Club – no request

Strollers – no request

It was proposed by KC that a total of £1,250 be given to local organisations. HC – **resolved**.

The RFO assured the PC she would be more vigilant about asking for proof of purchase.

22.10 To hear the RFO's Finance Report including

a) 2021/22 year to date Financial Summary

b) Request for January payments of were proposed by JdeU, 2nd by HC - **resolved**

c) The 2022-23 budget

The RFO had circulated the two following documents with a view to reviewing them at the meeting in March; Internal audit plan and Financial & business risks review.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 21.21

Chairman

Date

Dates of the next meetings

9th March, 11th May, 13th July, 14th September and 9th November. Annual Parish meeting 6th April.