

Sandon Parish Council



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Minutes for the Sandon Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7.30pm at Sandon Village Hall.

Present: Cllr James de Uphaug (Chairman), Cllr Bridget Wordley (Vice-Chair), Cllr Keith Chamberlain, Cllr Helen Coates, Cllr Janice Darton.

In attendance: Sarah Wylie - Clerk, Caroline Scott - Responsible Financial Officer.

Six Parishioners.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ian Dell.

1.5.22	To appoint a Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing Council year. J de U to continue as Chair. BW proposed. HC seconded.
2.5.22	To receive the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Done.
3.5.22	To appoint a Vice-Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing Council year. BW to continue as Vice-Chair. J de U proposed. HC seconded.
4.5.22	To receive the Vice-Chairs Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Done.
5.5.22	To receive apologies for absence. Cllr.Ian Dell.
6.5.22	To receive members declaration of any pecuniary interest connected to the agenda. None.
7.5.22	To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 9 th March 2022, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a true record. Approved by the Council and signed by J de U.
8.5.22	To invite members of the public to address the meeting. Mike Wicksteed - Re-Wilding meeting on Tuesday 13 th May. Pros and cons.

	<p>Very well attended. Comprehensive. Existing footpaths will not be restricted. Communication is key and there could be an opportunity to involve the experience and expertise of Sandon residents. Details will be posted on the website.</p> <p>Robert Wornham - Jubilee update. Starts 4.30pm. Live and recorded music. Hog roast and ice cream to be supplied by the community and will be free of charge. Using grant money. Presentation mugs have been ordered - FO liaised with Village Hall chair person with regards to commemorative mug ordering and financing. Trailer has been organised for the live music in the case of inclement weather.</p> <p>Mike Wicksteed has checked the insurance. The Village Hall Public Liability insurance is in place and covers up to 750 people in a single gathering.</p>
9.5.22	<p>To hear from the Financial Officer and to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive the 2021/22 Year end Finance Report and approve May 2022 payment requests. Done. 2. Review and Approve 31/03/2022 Year end Management Accounts & Asset valuations - question over the steel shed/ownership/entitlement to claim for damages. Caroline to speak to ID and maybe Fiona Canon to clarify. 3. Consider and Vote on the Resolution "For the Year ended 31/03/2022 that Sandon Parish Council meets the qualifying criteria from a limited assurance review by the external auditor." Proposed by HC, approved by J de U. Done. 4. Review, Complete, and Approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 Part 2 including; The Certificate of Exemption, The Annual Internal Report, The Annual Governance Statement, The Accounting Statement. Proposed by HC, approved by J de U. <p>The Accounting Statement will be online and the notice boards between 13th June - 22nd July 2022.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Review Insurance policy. Done. 6. Cheques for payment - proposed by HC, approved by J de U.
10.5.22	<p>To hear reports from the nominated representatives for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways - HC. Successful litter pick with a good turnout. Standing water and potholes are a problem between Redhill/Sandon/Wallington plus there is the added danger of overgrown verges. HC to speak to Steve Jarvis. • Church. No comments.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Club and Roe Green. ID would like to see some deer signage as well as the results of a speed check survey through Roe Green. Clerk to email Steve Jarvis re both. • Village Hall - Robert Wornham highlighted the need for the person with the hall keys to sign in/out in the book. • School - JD. Very low numbers. Families with younger children that might have attended the school are being pushed out by high house prices - an inherent problem in most villages. An idea to build bungalows to house an aging population. • Planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Carriers - no change - how can something be applied for and approved on a false premise. Clerk to send the same objection letter as previously. b. Green End Farm (retrospective) - have been told they need retrospective planning but the Council are unclear as to whether they also need to apply for listing building consent. BW advised this is not a decision for the Council to make - it should be referred back to Planning so they can clarify. • Access - Footpath 33 from Redhill to Roe Green. HC. Has been cleared, but not sure why the land is being cleared of top soil and hard core is being put down. BW advised that as long as the Public footpath remains accessible and unobstructed, the owners can carry on (subject to the usual planning etc.... if needed).
11.5.22	To discuss matters relating to the playground - including RoSPA upcoming assessment. Caroline request pre-authorisation for payment cheque for site visit. Approved by J de U and HC.
12.5.22	To discuss matters relating to North Herts and Herts CC including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Absence of grass cutting in Redhill? HC. This was stopped over lockdown and has not resumed. Very dangerous as restricts visual access both for cars and walkers etc...HC to chase Highways. b. The mowing rota from 2017 has been circulated and BW agreed to request an update.
13.5.22	To receive matters for report and/or referral to next agenda (information only). KC - Dark Lane progress? None. Clerk to chase.
14.5.22	Note correspondence received. None.

15.5.22	To confirm date of next meeting. 13 th July 2022. Agreed.
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The Chair thanked everyone for attending. The meeting finished at 8.40pm.

Chair signature.....

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