



Sandon Parish Council

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Minutes of Sandon Parish Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 17th January 2024 Sandon Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs John Davies, Ian Dell, Nikki Hawxby, Maaïke van Wijk

In Attendance: C Scott (Locum clerk, RFO), 2 members of the public, District Cllr S Jarvis (arrived 20:03).

Meeting started at 19:30

- 24/1 Apologies**
To receive and approve apologies for absence.
Received from JdU - proposed NH seconded MvW Approved
- 24/2 Interests**
a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
None
b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests; and
None
c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate **None**
- 24/3 Minutes**
To confirm the minutes of Sandon Parish Council Meeting held on the 29th November 2023 as an accurate record of proceedings. - **proposed MvW seconded NH, Approved**
- 24/4 Public Issues**
To invite members of the public to address the meeting.
- 24/5 Reports to the Council**
To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies, local authorities and agencies.
(reported after minute 24/8, 20:05), DCllr Steve Jarvis, finished work on the ditch in Redhill, added extra HertsLynx vehicles and extended the areas.
Problems with not clearing gullies, as lorries have not stopped to clean gullies as it blocks traffic, the problem is being solved.

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24/6 Planning

To receive a planning report on applications and decisions

23/02790/LDCP - Permanent siting of caravan to provide ancillary domestic accommodation. Redhill Cottage Redhill Rushden Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0TG – **not open to comment**

23/02786/FPH - Two storey side extension. Beckfield House Beckfield Lane Green End Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0RL - **withdrawn**

23/02870/AG - erection of agricultural livestock building, hardstanding and dual agricultural track. Land At Mill End Sandon Hertfordshire SG9 0RN – **Refused by NHDC 05/01/2024**

23/02874/AG - Erection of agricultural storage building and hardstanding. Land At Mill End Sandon Hertfordshire SG9 0RN **Refused by NHDC 10/01/2024**

23/02902/PNW - Agricultural track/private way. Land At Mill End Sandon Hertfordshire SG9 0RN **Refused by NHDC 15/01/2024**

24/7 Council Documents

To consider, review and agree council policies and documents:

Annual Mandatory:

- a) Asset Register – to be reviewed again and reported at March meeting
- b) Financial and Business Risk Assessment – **proposed MvW, seconded NH, Approved**

24/8 Finance

- a) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget **proposed JD, seconded MvW, agreed**
- b) To note receipt of income **noted**
- c) To receive summary report of receipts and payments against budget
- d) To receive bank reconciliation **ID signed**
- e) To consider and agree precept demand for 2024/25 - **£9000 proposed MvW, Second NH,**
- f) To consider Section 137 Grants - **Clerk to send letters**

24/9 Reports from Working Parties and Committees

- a) HR committee – **HR Committee to meet asap** , Locum Clerk salary agreed at November 2023 meeting, confirmed
- b) Highways - JD reported continuing to register potholes with NHDC
Rights of way - MvW still working on footpaths and bridges within the area and is getting good response from Robert at the NHDC. A parishioner was concerned about a tree down across the footpath (cleared prior to meeting) and believes Park Lane BOAT culvert and trees need inspecting.
- c) Church - JdU reported via letter to PC in his absence, clock in the church

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needs to be serviced, Remembrance Sunday a parishioner fell on the steps outside the Lych Gate. Clerk to research options

- d) Sports Club and Roe Green – no report
- e) Village Hall –2 Parish council councillors are needed as Trustees on the Village Hall Management committee **JD and ID volunteered as trustees**
- f) School - Green upgraded planned are not going ahead. Roof works needed to repair leaks, this was being delayed due to potential PV installation. School having careers week w/c 22nd April, school looking for people to present.
- g) Sandon Saddlery – ID reported on email received from Heritage List Enquiries.
- h) Saltbins- Thank you to JD for placing the salt on the road to the village location recommended for placing a saltbin - **Deadman’s Hill**
- i) AED procurement - no progress
- j) D-Day Celebration plans - MvW questioned how we can get a beacon, is there rules for it. More plans to be made but a start has been made,
Thursday 6th June 2024

24/10 Meeting Calendar

To agree Calendar of Meetings – **proposed MvW, seconded NH. Agreed**

24/11 Date of next Sandon Parish Council Meeting and items for the agenda

To note that the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th March 2024

Meeting closed at 21:28

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