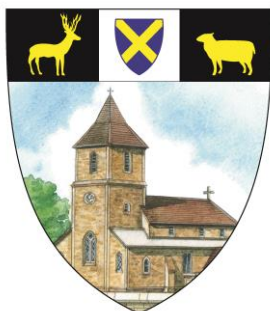


Sandridge Parish Council



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BECOME A SANDRIDGE PARISH COUNCILLOR

Sandridge Parish Council has been a part of the local community since 1894. As a local council it can support residents at grass roots level, having members and officers from the immediate vicinity with local knowledge and a genuine desire to promote and protect the environment. The Council meets every second Wednesday of the month (with the exception of August) to discuss and make decisions on a wide range of issues. The Council consists of fourteen Members, all acting on a voluntary basis.

In addition to monthly Parish Council meetings, the following committees exist, each consisting of Parish Councillors and, in some cases, District Councillors and public members;

- Jersey Farm Woodland Park Joint Management Committee.
- Finance Committee
- Parish Paths and Environmental Assets (PEAP) Committee
- Community Centres Joint Management Committee
- Sports and Recreation Committee
- Nomansland Management Committee
- Planning Committee
- Human Resources Committee

It is hoped that each member of Sandridge Parish Council will join at least one committee, particularly where they have a particular skill, knowledge or range of experience relevant to the activity. There may be limited places available on committees for those members joining the council mid-term due to a casual vacancy, but places do become available over time and after the next set of full parish council elections.

WHAT DOES THE PARISH COUNCIL DO?

Sandridge Parish Council owns and manages open spaces, playgrounds, extensive woodland, car parks and community buildings. Additionally, the Council and its staff work in partnership with the County Council, District Council and other organisations to make Sandridge Parish a great place in which to live, work and relax.

Funding comes primarily from the Parish Precept, paid by all residents through their Council Tax. Our two community centres are almost self-financing.

The parish comprises four wards: Sandridge Village, Jersey Farm, Marshalswick North (East) and Marshalswick North (West). The boundaries stretch to the north as far as the John Bunyan Pub and, to the west, bordering the Old Albanians Rugby Club.

St. Albans District Council is the local Planning Authority, however Sandridge Parish Council's Planning Committee receive details of all planning applications and meet to highlight and object to contentious developments in the parish.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AND STAFF

The Parish Office is situated to the rear of Marshalswick Community Centre on The Ridgeway. The Parish Council team consists of the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Project and Amenities Officer and Centres Manager.

The Clerk provides administrative support for the Council's activities. The Role of Sandridge Clerk incorporates the role of Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), Proper Officer and Officer Manager. The Clerk's primary role is to ensure all activities carried out by the Council are conducted in a legal and correct manner. The Clerk is the focal point of contact who is instructed by the Council as an independent, objective professional.


The Deputy Clerk is involved in all the above aspects of the Parish Council and leads on the daily financial management of the Council's business.


The Centres Manager is responsible for letting and managing the two community centres, managing the Parish Council's website and clerking the Planning Committee.

The Project and Amenities Officer performs a varied role, leading on most projects and coordinating the management and maintenance of all outside Parish Council facilities.

The Chair of the Council is elected annually by members of the Council. The primary role of the Chair is to ensure the smooth running of Full Council meetings.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 01727 831871 or by e-mail - clerk@sandridge-pc.gov.uk.

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