

Sandridge Parish Council



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14th April 2021

To : Councillors Janet Churchard, Geoff Churchard, Claudio Duran, John Foster, John Newton-Davies, James Lancaster, Graham Leonard, Neil Harris, John Hale (Chair), Patsy Cann, Lyn Bolton, Jennifer Roberts, Jon Hegerty, June Reid

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Sandridge Parish Council, to be held via video conference in accordance with The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020 on Thursday 22nd April 2021 at 7.30 pm

PLEASE NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 14TH BUT WAS POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 22ND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 S.243 AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEATH OF HRH PRINCE PHILIP

Simon Thwaites
Parish Clerk

Members of the public and press are invited to attend this meeting **which will be preceded at 7pm by the Annual Parish Meeting.**

This meeting will be held via Zoom video conferencing, using meeting reference number 820-5244-7800, key 730617. Alternatively, questions or concerns may be submitted to the Clerk in advance of the meeting via email using clerk@sandridge-pc.gov.uk or by post, address as above.

A G E N D A

1. TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

- a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
- b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests; and
- c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

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3. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 10th MARCH 2021

4. QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

4.1 Public Participation - An opportunity for residents to raise issues or ask Members questions.

4.2 Questions to the officers.

5. CLERK'S REPORTS

5.1 Monthly Accounts.

Please find attached for approval a schedule of creditor payments made for the period 11th March to 14th April 2021. It is;

Proposed

To approve the attached schedule for payment on 16th April 2021.

5.2 Potential Future Devolution of Council Services

On 17th March the Clerk wrote to members to inform them of a county wide working party of town and parish clerks, formed in collaboration with the County Association to consider the delivery of local services should a unitary authority come about in Hertfordshire. The working party was formed by invitation from the County Council. In 2020, District Council leaders across the county voiced the opinion that now was not the time to raise these issues, however the view of the working group is that it would be prudent to continue discussions.

A schedule of many of the services currently delivered by all three tiers of government was also sent to councillors and is now attached. This suggests where services might sit within a revised two-tier system. The working party has requested an informal response to the question of where services would best fit. Members are asked to share their views in order that a consensus be reached and an informal response given.

5.3 Banking

The Parish Council currently holds funds with three banking institutions (Lloyds, Santander and Nationwide) but the Finance Committee has agreed the merits of opening an account with a fourth bank in order to benefit from the safeguards of the Financial Services Scheme (FSCS) whereby up to £85,000 of depositors' funds are protected against bank failure. The Deputy Clerk has identified Unity Trust Bank, an internet and telephone banking provider, specialising in the not for profit sector and promoting socially responsible banking, as offering a suitable savings account for the Parish Council and currently open to new customers. It is;

Recommended

That Sandridge Parish Council agrees to begin the process of opening an instant access savings account with Unity Trust Bank and to transfer an initial £85,000 at the earliest opportunity.

6. Matters of Note

- An additional two raised beds have been constructed by volunteers in the community garden. The benches in the garden are already attracting a large number of residents wanting to sit outdoors and meet friends.
- The skate ramp at the Jersey Farm Open Space has suffered some minor vandalism, requiring the replacement of two panels. A claim will be submitted to the Council's insurers to cover the cost of repair.
- The Register of Interests may sometimes require updating and Members are asked to revisit their own entry on the Parish Council website to ensure the interests recorded are relevant and complete. Members belonging to other organisations should be aware of the potential for conflicting pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests and abstain as appropriate during discussions and voting.

- Additional fencing will be installed at the Jersey Farm Woodland Park to guide walkers and their dogs away from potential skylark nesting habitat.
- The Community Centres Committee is preparing documents to allow the transfer of the Marshalswick Pre School from the current owner to a new owner. The transfer will allow for an increase in the hours for which the school occupies Marshalswick Community Centre.

7. COUNCILLOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Parish Environmental Assets and Paths (PEAP) Committee

A verbal update from Councillor Roberts, Committee Chair, on the coming year's plans.

7.2 Neighbourhood Plan

A verbal update by Councillor Hale on the impending Neighbourhood Plan Referendum.

8. Grant Applications

- Abbey Flyers Nomads Netball Club

9. Meetings of Committees (all held remotely):

- Sports and Recreation Committee 17th March 2021
- Combined Community Centres Committee 18th March 2021
- Jersey Farm Woodland Park Joint Management Committee 12th April 2021
- Planning Committee 11th March & 1st April 2021

10. MATTERS OF NOTE ARISING SINCE THE CIRCULATION OF THE AGENDA

The Council may not make decisions under this item

11. PLANNING MATTERS

Sandridge Parish Council's Planning Committee meets every three weeks to review and respond to planning applications received from the Planning Authority, St. Albans District Council. The following applications have been either objected to or commented on following the above meetings of the Planning Committee;

- 5/2021/0549 57 Harness Way
- 5/2021/0413 47 St Albans Road
- 5/2021/0607 8 Gladeside
- 5/2021/0627 3 Furse Avenue
- 5/2021/0540 9 Berkley Close
- 5/2021/0650 112 High Street, Sandridge

Please note: Planning applications received at the Parish Office from the Planning Authority *after* the Parish Council agenda has been published may also be discussed at the meeting as may applications of complexity or applications likely to impact heavily on the Green Belt.

12. SUGGESTIONS AND/OR MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Note: In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, the Parish Council meeting will be open to the Public unless the Parish Council resolves otherwise

Next meeting date – Wednesday 5th May 2021 (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)