

Sandridge Parish Council



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

You are summoned to a meeting of Sandridge Parish Council to be held at

Marshalswick Community Centre

on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 7.30 pm

Simon Thwaites
Parish Clerk

Members of the public and press are invited to attend this meeting. A Councillor will be available between 7.15 pm and 7.30 pm to discuss any matter relating to the parish.

To assist in the efficient dispatch of business, members requiring further information or clarification on items included on the agenda are requested to enquire prior to the meeting.

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

3. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 11th DECEMBER 2019

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 list of payments to be made for the period 12th December 2019 to 8th January 2020.

5.2 Project and Amenities Officer's Report

A verbal update on current projects including the community garden and the Summer Event.

5.3 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

It is;

Recommended that, following approval of the Sustainability Policy last month, the following wording is added to S.18 of the Standing Orders, Financial Controls and Procurement;
Reference should always be made to the Parish Council's Sustainability Policy when ordering goods and services.

It is also;

Recommended that, the following wording is added to S.5.1 of the Financial Regulations, Banking arrangements and Authorisation of payments;
Consideration should always be given to a bank's commonly known policies on lending to organisations known to impact heavily on the environment/human rights when deciding where to place investments.

6. Matters of Note

- The Clerk has written to the District Council requesting a parish precept in 2020/2021 of £277,570.
- Staff and Members of the PEAP Committee will meet with a member of Countryside Management Services (CMS) to discuss the proposed Green Action Plan (GAP) for Jersey Lane on the 10th February 2020 at 2pm.

7. COUNCILLOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Neighbourhood Plan

To receive a verbal update from Councillor John Hale on the Sandridge Neighbourhood Plan.

7.2 Sports and Recreation Committee

At a meeting of the Sports and Recreation Committee in December it was discussed whether an increase in the number of public members would be of benefit. The Project Officer was asked to 'test the water' on the Parish Council's Facebook page and two very interested and suitable residents came forward. The Committee is keen to proceed with this increase in committee members and it is therefore,

Proposed

That the number of public members on this committee increases from a maximum of four to a maximum of five (quorum requires a minimum of one).

7.3 Parking on Verges

Councillor Harris has received representations from people living on The Ridgeway about parking on the grass verges. This is not a new problem. In Colney Heath the District Council used a Traffic Regulation to introduce a zone making it illegal to park on most grass verges in the area. It is therefore;

Proposed

That Sandridge Parish Council writes to St Albans District Council requesting that a traffic regulation order is introduced to prohibit parking on the verges along The Ridgeway.

8. Grant Applications

There have been no grant applications this month.

9. Meetings of Committees:

- Sports and Recreation Committee 4th December 2019
- Planning Committee 19th December 2019

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.

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