

# *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 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 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30 pm**

*Simon Thwaites*  
Parish Clerk

Members of the public and press are invited to attend this meeting via Zoom video conferencing and using meeting reference number 821-7454-1905, key 684910. Alternatively, questions or concerns may be submitted to the Clerk in advance of the meeting via email using [clerk@sandridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto: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

### **3. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020**

Full Council 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

## 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 ratification a schedule of creditor payments made for the period 14<sup>th</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020. This was sent to all Parish Councillors on 8<sup>th</sup> June for review. It is;

#### **Proposed**

That creditor payments as detailed on the schedule are ratified by Full Council. It is further;

#### **Proposed**

To approve the attached payment schedule, relating to creditor payments for the period 11<sup>th</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

### 5.2 Projects in the Parish

A verbal update from the Project and Amenities Officer on various ongoing projects including;

- Skate ramp
- Playground enhancements at Sherwood Park
- Basketball at William Bell
- Outside gym at Spencer Meadow
- Spencer Meadow games court
- Community Garden
- Bolingbrook roundabout

### 5.3 Community Centres

A verbal update from the Centres Manager on the latest position regarding the hiring of facilities and the arrangements being made to ensure future safe use.

### 5.4 Jersey Farm Open Space

In March, the Clerk contacted colleagues at the District Council in respect of the Parish Council taking ownership of the Jersey Farm Open Space, by transfer, but with the exclusion of the lagoon. The latest position is that the District Council is planning to dredge the lagoon once the water has receded. The cost of this is £5,000 - £7,000 and it is estimated by colleagues at the District Council that the affect will last up to twenty years. Members may therefore wish to discuss a transfer of the open space to include the lagoon and to then request the Clerk to enter into further discussions accordingly.

### 5.4 Re-adoption of Standing Orders

Standing Orders were re-adopted at Full Council on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019. An electronic version was sent to Members on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020 for review. It is;

#### **Recommended**

That Standing Orders are re-adopted for the forthcoming year.

## 6. Matters of Note

- **Business Interruption Insurance**

The Clerk is in discussion with Zurich Municipal Insurance regarding a decision made not to accept a claim for lost community centre income resulting from the pandemic. There is a question over the policy wording relating to cover having been in place for business interruption resulting from 'Notifiable Diseases'. This has been amended to refer to specified diseases only for the current year. The FCA is currently pursuing a test legal case, due to conclude at the end of June, after which the position will be clearer.

- Members are reminded that grants of up to £1,000 are available to assist local community organisations either impacted by or helping to ease the impact of the pandemic. Applications to the Clerk in the first instance.
- Hanging baskets have been hung throughout the parish through the Parish Council's Grounds Maintenance Contract.
- The District Council (and Herts County Council) has given permission for Marshalswick North Residents Association to create two planted beds close to the foot of Barnfield Road, on either side and just before the service road. The Project and Amenities Officer is working with association members to bring the project to fruition. Taylor Wimpey will be providing some funding towards the cost of the plants.

## **7. COUNCILLOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **7.1 Neighbourhood Plan**

Please see attached an update from Councillor Hale on the Sandridge Neighbourhood Plan.

### **8. Grant Applications**

- Wheatfields Infants and Nursery School
  - Sandridge Evening Women's Institute
- (expenditure to date is £7,500 against a budget of £20,000)*

### **9. Meetings of Committees:**

- Finance Committee 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 (remote)
- Planning Committee various 14<sup>th</sup> May – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (remote)

## **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 objected to following the above meetings of the Planning Committee;

Plot 13, Land adj to Bridge Cottages, Sandridgebury Lane – Application: 5/2020/1041

7 Slimmons Drive, St Albans - Application: 5/2020/0297

328 21 Harvesters, St Albans – Application: 5/2020/0779

31 Furse Avenue, St Albans – Application: 5/2020/0841

10 Beverley Gardens, St Albans – Application: 5/2020/0766

31a Furse Avenue, St Albans – Application: 5/2020/0841

Land between Hopkins Crescent and the Former Baptist Chapel - Application:5/2020/0919

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 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020**