

Sandridge Parish Council



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8th October 2020

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

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 14th October 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 844 2692 5903 and key 208491. 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

3. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 9th SEPTEMBER 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 approval a schedule of creditor payments to be made for the period 10th September to 14th October 2020. It is;

Proposed

To approve the attached schedule for payment on 16th October 2020.

5.2 Projects in the Parish

A verbal update from the Project and Amenities Officer on various ongoing and completed projects.

5.3 Christmas Tree

At Full Council in September, Members were asked to consider where in the vicinity of the Quadrant a Christmas tree could be planted and, if possible, to gauge the opinion of traders in this regard. It may then be possible for the Parish Council to work in partnership with the trader's association in establishing a permanent location.

6. Matters of Note

- Following the decision of the successful candidate not to take up the position of councillor for Marshalswick North (West), the co-option process will begin again, and a public notice is on display until 14th October advising electors of the casual vacancy. It is hoped to select a new candidate at the November meeting of the Full Council.
- The Clerk is pleased to report that a last-minute application for £10,000 of discretionary grant funding to compensate for business interruption due to Covid-19 lockdown has been successful and the funds have now been received.
- On September 14th the Clerk reported to the Finance Committee that, whilst there had been a significant fall in community centres income this year, the projection was that this was largely offset by reductions in expenditure and increases in income elsewhere in the 2020/21 budget, and more recently the £10,000 discretionary grant highlighted above.
- Utilising savings on the original budget, additional sound proofing measures on the skate ramp structure at Jersey Farm Open Space have now been successfully implemented.
- We have received notice from SADC that Sandridge Village Hall has successfully been listed as an Asset of Community Value for a period of 5 years from September 2020.
- The PEAP committee has requested 105 free saplings from the Woodland Trust with the intention of planting in the wild area on Harness Way in a dense 'mini-forest' formation as part of a scheme believed to boost bio-diversity. The saplings will be available from November onwards.
- The Rights of Way Working committee held a meeting on 18th September to continue its work temporarily suspended due to Covid-19.
- A number of bat boxes have been purchased for installation in the Woodland Park, and potentially other sites within the parish.
- Due to recent increased restrictions on social gathering within the UK, Parkrun is not now planning its national return at the end of October as originally announced.

7. COUNCILLOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 £3,000 Bequest

At the Full Council in September, Members were asked to submit ideas for best use of the recent £3,000 bequest from former resident John Hillman for the enhancement of trees and benches in the parish. Cllr Jenny Roberts, in discussion with District Cllr Frances Leonard, has submitted the following suggestions:

Jersey Farm Woodland Park – Memorial trees, including a tree in memory of Pat Forward which has already been agreed by the JFWP committee and the Forward family. Trees could include both native and non-native.

Harness Way – Additional to those already there. (See Matters of Note).

Damson Way – Consideration will need to be given to availability of space and wet ground conditions.

Marshalswick Estate – To replace the aged or dead trees around the estate.

St Leonard's Crescent – in the grass squares off St Leonard's Crescent.

Benches – Harness Way (tree planting and wild garden area) and Jersey Farm Woodland Park (adjacent to Pat Forward's tree).

Cllr John Hale has suggested:

Bench – at the bus stop on The Ridgeway by Hughenden Flats.

Members are asked to consider these ideas or make further suggestions. The costs for planting a tree are approximately £60-£100 each (dependent on size/species) and £700 for each bench (including installation). It is;

Proposed

To agree sites for planting trees and placing benches within the parish from the bequeathed funds of £3,000.

7.2 Neighbourhood Plan

A verbal update from Councillor Hale on the Sandridge Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

8. Grant Applications

There have been no applications this month.

9. Meetings of Committees (all held remotely):

- Finance Committee 14th September 2020
- Planning Committee September 17th and October 8th 2020

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;

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.

Planning applications objected to since the last Full Council meeting are as below;

Planning Application 5/2020/1785, 159a St Albans Road, St Albans

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 11th November 2020