

SANDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Met at Marshalswick Community Centre on Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.30 pm for a meeting of The Council

PRESENT:

Councillors Julie Booth, Claudio Duran, John Hale, John Newton-Davies, Jenny Roberts, Geoff Churchard, John Foster, Graham Leonard, Janet Churchard (Chair), Neil Harris

APOLOGIES:

Councillors June Reid, Bernard Roberts, Stefania Estacchini

OFFICERS:

Simon Thwaites, Parish Clerk
Rebecca Pannese, Project and Amenities Officer
Emma Hostler, Deputy Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE:

A member of the public was present

4773 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were none.

4774 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 12th DECEMBER 2018

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th December 2018, having been previously circulated, were taken as a correct record and it was unanimously:

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council be approved and signed by the Chair.

4775 ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

1. Public Participation

A member of the public was present and appealed to the Council for suggestions and support to deal with the matter of an allegedly unlicensed charity collector operating in The Quadrant. Whilst licensing is a matter for the District Council (DC), Councillor Janet Churchard agreed to speak with the Chief Legal Officer at the DC on the matter.

2. Questions to the Officers

Councillor Jenny Roberts enquired whether any response was expected from the Council regarding The Environment Agency consultation document on the St Leonard's Court groundwater pollution remediation. Councillor Graham Leonard will enquire of the DC whether a response is expected.

The Council discussed whether a representative would be attending the forthcoming AGM of the Jersey Farm Residents Association (JFRA) on 1st March. It was agreed to put this on the Agenda for the February meeting of the Council. The Parish Clerk will write to the Chair of the JFRA to inform them of this.

3. Monthly Accounts

Members noted the schedule of payments to be made for the period 13th December 2018 – 9th January 2019. It was unanimously;

Resolved

To approve the schedule for payment.

At this point, 7.50pm, Councillor John Hale joined the meeting.

4. Sustainable St Albans Festival (formerly Sustainable St Albans Week)

The Council discussed a variety of potential ideas for the forthcoming Sustainable St Albans event taking place from 11th May to 1st June 2019, including: a Parish walk; a litter pick; a Jersey Farm Woodland Park event; and a parkrun hosted event. It was agreed that the Councillors would coordinate their ideas through The Project and Amenities Officer, Rebecca Pannese. The Officer will arrange a half hour brainstorm meeting, date to be agreed imminently, with a view to registering our involvement and details of the events to be held with the Sustainability Festival organisers by month end 31st January 2019. Councillor John Hale reminded the Council of the availability of his Locality Budget to fund any suitable ideas to a maximum of £500.

5. Verge Damage near the Parish Office/The Quadrant

The Council discussed damage to the grass verges and beds likely from the Marks and Spencer delivery lorries. Photographic evidence of the damage was provided. Councillor John Hale updated the Council on a recent DC Highways Team meeting at which it was agreed to help remedy this problem through the installation of bell bollards at key sites. However, this would not be actioned for some 6-9 months due to budget schedules. In addition, fencing will be installed around the beds to indicate the presence of flowers. Following further discussion, it was unanimously:

Resolved

That the Parish Office write to Marks and Spencer and ask that they speak with their suppliers regarding the type of vehicles used for delivery of goods requesting that smaller vehicles are used, more appropriate to the size constraints of the site, thus avoiding further damage. Furthermore, it has been noted by the Council that a refrigeration unit and packaging are present on site and using up space that should be available for car parking and ask that these be removed so that the space is returned to its intended purpose as car parking.

6. Update on the Sandridge Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor John Hale will give further update on the Sandridge Neighbourhood Plan at the February meeting of the Full Council.

7. Bolingbrook/Field Close/Sandringham Crescent Roundabout

The Council was informed that the draft proposal for the Roundabout is awaiting feedback from the Herts County Council Safety Team.

8. Grant Applications

There were no grant applications for this month.

9. Meetings of Committees

Members noted the draft minutes of the following committees;

- Planning Committee 11th December 2018
- Combined Community Centres Committee 17th December 2018

Councillor John Hale explained that a Chair had been appointed to the Combined Community Centres Committee due to the absence of an appointment being made previously but that this position would be held only until a new appointment is made, as with all committees, in May 2019.

4776 MATTERS OF NOTE

- The Clerk has written to the District Council requesting a parish precept in 2019/20 of £269,616.
- The Clerk has received from the District Council's Electoral Services Manager an estimate of the cost of the 2019 Sandridge Parish elections. The estimated maximum cost of £12,000 is in excess of that provided for in reserves since the last elections.
- On December 12th Councillor Natalie Kemp resigned from the Parish Council. This position cannot be filled by co-option, the vacancy coming less than six months before the 2019 elections. The Council noted the contribution that Councillor Kemp has made to the Parish and wider community over many years and thanked her for her contribution.
- Further information regarding a potential open-air cinema event in the Summer, as requested last month, will be included with the February Full Council agenda.

4777 MATTERS OF NOTE ARISING SINCE THE CIRCULATION OF THE AGENDA

- Councillor John Hale invited a representative of the Council to attend the County Council consultation meeting on A414 corridor on Monday 14th January.

4778 PLANNING MATTERS

Sandridge Parish Council’s Planning Committee meets monthly 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.

Councillor John Hale updated the Council on a recent meeting at Sandringham School to discuss the footpath at the rear of the School on to Sandringham Crescent.

4779 SUGGESTIONS AND/OR MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

- A414 corridor consultation meeting

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Sandridge Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 13th February at 7.30 pm at Marshalswick Community Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.48pm.

Chair

Date