

SANDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Met at Marshalswick Community Centre on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 7.30 pm for a meeting of The Council

PRESENT:

Councillors Julie Booth, John Newton-Davies, Jenny Roberts, Geoff Churchard, John Foster, Janet Churchard (Chair), Neil Harris, June Reid, Bernard Roberts

APOLOGIES:

Councillors Claudio Duran, Stefania Estacchini, Graham Leonard, John Hale

OFFICERS:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martine MacRae, Centres Manager, and one member of the public were present

4787 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Harris declared himself to be a member of the Sandridge Youth and Sports Community Association.

4788 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 13th FEBRUARY 2019

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th February 2019 were discussed. A minor amendment was proposed and approved, following which they were unanimously agreed to be a correct record and it was:

Resolved

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

4789 ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

1. Public Participation

A member of the public asked for information on the refurbishment of the Bolingbrook roundabout. She was advised that an application had been made to Herts County Council late last year, but approval was not yet forthcoming.

2. Questions to the Officers

There were none.

3. Monthly Accounts

The schedule of payments to be made for the period 14th February 2019 – 13th March 2019 was reviewed before it was unanimously;

Resolved

To approve the schedule for payment.

4. The Ridgeway Car Park

Councillor Harris presented a report on The Ridgeway Car Park's Terms of Use. It was;

Resolved

To reduce the number of disabled bays from four to two and to display signage absolving the Parish Council from responsibility for damage to vehicles.

5. Speed Indicator Device (SID) in Sandridge Village

Members considered a report by Councillors Hale and Newton-Davies circulated with the agenda. It was explained that County Councillor Brewster has offered to joint fund an additional SID to be shared between Sandridge and Redbourn villages, meaning each could have use for six months of the year. The location selected for Sandridge village to be close to the foot of Highfield Road, facing traffic coming from St Albans. It was unanimously;

Resolved

To contribute £2,255 towards the purchase of an additional SID.

Post meeting note; It transpires that the SID will be able to remain permanently in Sandridge Village.

6. Boundaries Review

Councillor Janet Churchard updated Members on the ongoing review of District Ward boundaries, likely to impact the electoral map of the District. It was noted that County and Parish boundaries would be unaffected.

7. Complaints Policy/Procedure

A copy of the Parish Council's Complaints Procedure/Policy was circulated with the agenda, accompanied by a proposed amendment by Councillor Harris. Following discussion, the proposal was withdrawn.

8. Grant Applications

Members considered an application from the Sandridge Youth & Sports Community Association for assistance towards roof repairs to the building at Spencer Meadow. It was unanimously;

Resolved

To award the sum of £8,000 for this purpose under the General Power of Competence.

Post meeting note; subsequent discussions with the SYSCA Chair indicate that works will be carried out in the Summer. Grant funding will therefore be carried forward at year-end.

9. Meetings of Committees:

The following committee minutes were briefly reviewed.

- HR Committee 4th February 2019
- Finance Committee 18th February 2019
- Planning Committee 19th February 2019

4790 MATTERS OF NOTE

- The Green Man Public House has been listed as an asset of community value (ACV) at the Parish Council's request following Councillor Newton-Davies's recommendation. The public house will remain on the ACV register for five years. The owners have eight weeks in which to appeal this decision.
- Trees and hedging plants have been planted by volunteers at William Bell Recreation Ground as part of a PEAP Committee initiative.
- The Project Officer has secured permission to install a handrail at the footpath from Jersey Lane to St Brelades Place and will arrange installation at the earliest opportunity.

4791 MATTERS OF NOTE ARISING SINCE THE CIRCULATION OF THE AGENDA

Councillor Reid reported the recent successful litter pick on Jersey Lane and the surrounding open spaces.

Councillor Jenny Roberts confirmed she has attended the Jersey Farm Residents Association AGM.

4792 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.

4793 SUGGESTIONS AND/OR MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

It was asked if the Project Officer could bring to the next meeting the relevant parts of the report she was unable to deliver to the February meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Sandridge Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 7.30 pm at Marshalswick Community Centre. The Annual Parish Meeting will precede this at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.21pm.

Chair

Date