



SANDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Met at Marshalswick Community Centre on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 7.30pm for a meeting of The Council

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES:

Councillor James Lancaster

OFFICERS:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Colney Heath Parish Councillor Peter Cook and one member of the public

4914 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were none.

4915 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 12th February 2020

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th February 2020 were reviewed. They were agreed to be a correct record and it was unanimously:

Resolved

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

4916 QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

1. Public Participation

It was resolved that Mr Cook would be able to participate in the later discussions on proposed boundary changes.

The member of the public raised the matter of the planned skate ramp on the Jersey Farm Open Space. She expressed the concerns of herself and her husband in relation to the installation. Councillor Hale undertook to speak further to her outside of the meeting. It was noted that a decision was expected to be made by the Planning Authority at a meeting on Monday 16th March.

2. Questions to the Officers

There were none.

CLERK'S REPORTS

4917 Monthly Accounts

A schedule of payments for the period 13th February 2020 to 11th March 2020 was reviewed. A question was asked and responded to before it was unanimously;

Resolved

To approve the schedule for payment.

4918 Project and Amenities Officer's Report

The Project Officer updated the Council on ongoing projects including the community garden, the Bolingbrook roundabout, tree planting on verges and the upcoming litter pick. Questions were asked and responded to.

4919 Ward Boundaries

Colney Heath Parish Councillor Peter Cook spoke to Members regarding the concerns detailed by Colney Heath Parish Council in its response to the Boundary Commission, in particular regarding District Council representation of Colney Heath and Sandridge village. Councillor John Hale clarified the proposals for Sandridge Parish, the parish boundary for which would remain unchanged. It was noted that Wheathampstead Parish Council had consulted with residents on the matter but with a very low response.

Following an extensive discussion it was unanimously;

Resolved

That a working party consisting of Councillors Graham Leonard, John Newton-Davies and Geoff Churchard be formed to produce a report and recommendation for inclusion on the April agenda of Full Council. It was requested that the report be sent to the Clerk before April 1st. The deadline for consultation is April 13th. It was also agreed that Councillor Cook would write to the District Council on behalf of Parish Councils, including Sandridge, asking that the District Council requests an extension to the consultation deadline. The Clerk was asked to write to the District Council for details of the electorate on a street by street basis.

4920 Oaklands College Rebranding Project

Councillors considered six parish crest designs circulated with the agenda, all produced by graphic design students of Oaklands College in a collaborative project. Each design was scored and an overall winner selected. It was agreed that no design had the support of the council to be used as a replacement to the existing crest. It was;

Resolved

To award the winning student £75 using the General Power of Competence in recognition of their work.

4921 Transfer of Jersey Farm Open Space

Members discussed a previous resolution to take transfer of the Jersey Farm Open Space from the District Council and were reminded that the potential cost of maintaining the lagoon within the park had led to a decision not to proceed. The Clerk informed councillors that the District Council may now be receptive to a transfer of the asset with responsibility for the lagoon remaining with the District Council. It was;

Resolved

To ask the Clerk to make further enquiries with the District Council and then report back to Full Council in due course.

4922 Wheathampstead Parish Council – Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

Members noted that Wheathampstead Parish Council is undertaking a six week consultation under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 following a number of public consultation exercises with residents. Following discussion it was unanimously;

Resolved

To ask the Clerk to write to offer broad approval of the plan, and in particular the promotion of footpaths and cycle paths.

4923 Matters of Note – the following points were noted;

- Sport England has agreed in principle to part fund a new cricket net at Spencer Meadow, subject to the Cricket Club also part funding the project.
- Tree work has been carried out in the Parish Council car park (annual reduction), St Leonard's Open Space (remove fallen tree) and St Leonard's churchyard (remove fallen tree). A substantial Oak has also fallen in Skyswood with the concern that another may need felling. Half of the chippings from the car park work have been taken over to Skyswood to be spread on the paths.
- Whitebeam, Field Maple and Hawthorn trees were planted at William Bell Open Space by volunteers on February 23rd. Hedging was also planted.
- A fence has been erected around the Jersey Farm lagoon by the District Council. This was in response to concerns relating to the deep silt left as the water recedes over Summer.
- Councillors are invited to meet with County Councillor John Hale and the local area Highways Manager on Monday 16th March at 2.30pm in the Parish Council offices to discuss local highways issues.

COUNCILLOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

4924 Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Hale updated Members on the Sandridge Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that the working party had finalised the consultation and submission statements and that the draft plan document would be formally submitted to the District Council imminently.

4925 HAPTC Executive Committee Meeting

Councillor Janet Churchard gave a verbal update on the content of this meeting, held on the 10th March. Issues discussed included the boundaries review, Coronavirus and County Council/Parish Council partnership working.

4926 South Central Hertfordshire Growth and Transport Plan

Members noted the Marshalswick North Residents Association (MNRA) response to Hertfordshire County Council's consultation on the draft Growth and Transport Plan. Following a proposal by Councillor Jenny Roberts it was unanimously;

Resolved

To ask the Clerk to write to Hertfordshire County Council in support of the submission by MNRA.

4927 Grant Applications

There were no grant applications this month.

4928 Meetings of Committees:

There were no issues raised from the following draft committee minutes produced since the last Full Council. Committee Chairs briefly summarised each meeting to Members.

- Human Resources Committee 3rd February 2020
- Planning Committee 13th February 2020
- Finance Committee 17th February 2020

4929 MATTERS OF NOTE ARISING SINCE THE CIRCULATION OF THE AGENDA

There were none.

4930 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.

There were no planning applications discussed at this meeting.

4931 SUGGESTIONS AND/OR MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

The variety of shops within the Quadrant and the increase in rent to some retailers there was raised. The Chair asked for interested parties to come back to a later meeting with clear recommendations on how the council could respond.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Sandridge Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, April 8th 2020 at 7.30pm at Marshalswick Community Centre. This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.33pm.

Chair **Date**

Cllr John Hale