



SANDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Met remotely via video conferencing on Wednesday 10th February 2021 at 7.30pm for a meeting of The Council

PRESENT (VIA VIDEO):

Councillors John Hale (Chair), Neil Harris, Jenny Roberts, Claudio Duran, Patsy Cann, Lyn Bolton, Janet Churchard, James Lancaster, Geoff Churchard, John Newton Davies, Graham Leonard

APOLOGIES:

Councillors June Reid, Jon Hegerty, John Foster

ABSENT:

None

OFFICERS (VIA VIDEO):

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

ALSO PRESENT:

One member of the public
District Councillor Clare Julien

5058 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Item 5067 Councillor John Hale declared himself Chair of St Albans Quieter Skies (STAQS).

5059 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 13th JANUARY 2021

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th January 2021 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.

5060 QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

1. Public Participation

There was none.

2. Questions to the Officers

One question was asked and responded to.

CLERK'S REPORTS

5061 Monthly Accounts

Members reviewed a schedule of creditor payments due for the period 14th January 2021 to 10th February 2021. Questions were asked and responded to before it was unanimously;

Resolved

To approve creditor payments as detailed on the schedule.

5062 Annual General Risk Assessment

Members reviewed a summary of the General Risk Assessment carried out earlier this month by the Clerk and Deputy Clerk. Members noted that there were no items where the risk score required intervention/mitigation but that one enhancement resulting from the assessment was the installation of safety guidance signage on the skate ramp. It was unanimously;

Resolved

To formally note the risk assessment summary and its conclusions as circulated.

5063 Matters of Note

- The Clerk has carried out a budgetary control exercise for the current year. This will be discussed at a Finance Committee meeting on February 22nd. In summary, despite significant loss of community centre income, outturn is anticipated to show a net saving on the 2020/21 budget of approximately £20,000.
- The bench funded by a bequest from a late resident has now been installed on House Lane/Sandringham Crescent.
- The Parish Office, in liaison with Councillor Graham Leonard, has begun a consultation with residents on the proposed bike trail at the Jersey Farm Adventure playground.

Note: Councillor John Newton-Davies lost connection to the meeting at this point.

COUNCILLOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

5064 Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor John Hale gave Members a verbal update on the progress of the Sandridge Neighbourhood Plan, next stages and the impact of the new District Council Local Plan. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Hale, seconded by Councillor Duran and then unanimously;

Resolved

To consent to the Sandridge Neighbourhood Plan proceeding to a referendum and for St Albans District Council to issue a Decision Notice to that effect.

It was further proposed by Councillor Hale, seconded by Councillor Roberts and then unanimously;

Resolved

That the Parish Clerk, in consultation with the Neighbourhood Plan working group, responds to the District Council's consultations on the St Albans Local Plan on behalf of Sandridge Parish Council.

Note, Councillors thanked the Neighbourhood Plan working group for the work carried out to date.

5065 Christmas Decorations in the Parish

Members considered a report by Councillor Jenny Roberts, circulated with the agenda, proposing additional funding for Christmas street illuminations in the village. It was agreed that some of the suggested ideas within the report would be further explored, particularly in relation to there being an available power source. It was then proposed by Councillor Roberts, seconded by Councillor Lancaster and;

Resolved

That the available budget in 2021/22 is increased to £5,000

5066 Disciplinary Policy

Councillors reviewed a draft Disciplinary Policy circulated with the agenda. Subject to a minor amendment it was Proposed by Councillor Harris, seconded by Councillor Hale and unanimously;

Resolved

To adopt the policy.

Note: Councillor James Lancaster left the meeting at this point for another appointment

5067 London Luton Airport – Proposed Expansion

Members considered a report by Councillor John Hale, including a recommendation that the Parish Council objects to London Luton Airport's planned passenger increase. Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Hale, seconded by Councillor Leonard and unanimously;

Resolved

To request the Clerk to forward the objection to Luton Borough Council as the relevant Planning Authority.

5068 Parish Event

Councillor Jenny Roberts presented a report, circulated with the agenda, recommending that some thought be given to the Parish Council's annual event. Following discussion it was agreed to defer the matter until Full Council in May/June and it was asked that councillors contact Councillor Roberts in the meantime with their ideas.

5069 Grant Applications

- Sandridge Cricket Club

A grant application from Sandridge Cricket Club was discussed. It was proposed by Councillor Leonard, seconded by Councillor Geoff Churchard and unanimously;

Resolved

To award the sum of £1,100 towards grounds maintenance costs using the General Power of Competence.

- Sustainable St Albans

A grant application from Sustainable St Albans was discussed. It was proposed by Councillor Duran, seconded by Councillor Leonard and unanimously;

Resolved

To award the sum of £908 towards the Playing Out initiative using the General power of Competence.

- Sustainability Festival

A grant application from the Sustainability Festival organisers was discussed. It was proposed by Councillor Duran, seconded by Councillor Harris and unanimously;

Resolved

To award the sum of £1,000 towards festival costs using the General Power of Competence.

Note: Councillor Patsy Cann left the meeting at this point

5070 Meetings of Committees:

There were no issues raised from the following draft committee minutes produced since the last Full Council.

- Jersey Farm Woodland Park Management Committee 11th January 2021
- PEAP Committee 26th January 2021
- Planning Committee 28th January 2021
- HR Committee 1st February 2021

5071 MATTERS OF NOTE ARISING SINCE THE CIRCULATION OF THE AGENDA

There was none.

5072 PLANNING MATTERS

No matters were raised. It was noted that the Planning Committee had objected to/commented on the following applications since last Full Council.

Sandridgebury Farm, Sandridge - Planning Application: 5/2020/2876
3 Darblay Close, Sandridge - Planning App: 5/2020/3005

5073 SUGGESTIONS AND/OR MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

There was none.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Sandridge Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, March 10th at 7.30pm. This will be held remotely via video conferencing.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.27 pm.

Chair **Date** **Cllr John Hale**