



**SANDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

Met remotely via video conferencing on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm for a meeting of The Council

**PRESENT (VIA VIDEO):**

Councillors John Hale (Chair), Neil Harris, Jenny Roberts, Claudio Duran, Lyn Bolton, Janet Churchard, James Lancaster, Geoff Churchard, John Newton Davies, Graham Leonard, June Reid, Jon Hegerty, John Foster

**APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Patsy Cann

**ABSENT:**

None

**OFFICERS (VIA VIDEO):**

Simon Thwaites, Parish Clerk  
Emma Hostler, Deputy Clerk  
Rebecca Pannese, Project and Amenities Officer  
Martine MacRae, Centres Manager

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Three members of the public

**5074 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Roberts declared herself an occasional helper at the scout group (see 5084 grants)

**5075 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 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.

**5076 QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

**1. Public Participation**

There was none.

**2. Questions to the Officers**

There was none.

**CLERK'S REPORTS**

**5077 Monthly Accounts**

Members reviewed a schedule of creditor payments due for the period 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Questions were asked and responded to before it was unanimously;

**Resolved**

To approve creditor payments as detailed on the schedule.

**5078 Review Information Protection Policy**

Members reviewed this policy and noted a proposed amendment to part 8.7 from Councillor Leonard (a point of clarity). It was unanimously;

**Resolved**

To re-approve the policy including the proposed amendment.

**5079 Tree Planting**

A verbal update on tree planting in the parish was provided by the Project and Amenities Officer. It was noted that approximately 90 trees were planted in the last month with approximately 150 planted over this winter. Locations include the Jersey Farm Woodland Park, Jersey Lane, roadside verges and the Harness Way open space.

**5080 Matters of Note**

- The fourth of five additional payments to Hertfordshire County Council in respect of the pension fund deficit has been made. The final payment of £18,000 will be made in 2021/22 and a revaluation is also expected in that year.
- Almost eighty trees, donated by Bim Afolami MP's office, have been planted at Harness Way open space by a volunteer workforce. The Council thanked him for the contribution to improving our green spaces.

**COUNCILLOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**5081 Marshalswick Pre-School at Marshalswick Community Centre**

A report by Councillor Bolton, circulated with the agenda, was discussed. Discussions centred around the transfer of the Marshalswick Pre School to a new owner and a request to significantly extend the hours of occupation by the Pre School of the community centre. After considerable debate it was proposed by Councillor Bolton, seconded by Councillor Harris and;

**Resolved**

To approve the transfer and allow the additional hours as requested.

*Post meeting note: Councillor Newton-Davies permanently lost connection during the above debate, prior to the resolution being passed.*

**5082 St Leonard's Church Lych Gate restoration.**

Councillor Roberts updated the meeting on progress made in this project. It was noted that the group was working with the diocese to ensure a sympathetic restoration of this Grade II listed monument. Some of the names on the honours boards will also require further research.

**5083 Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor Hale confirmed that the draft Sandridge Neighbourhood Plan will be completed by March 16<sup>th</sup> and will proceed to referendum on election day (May 6<sup>th</sup>). He reminded councillors that the draft plan, now having inspector approval, already carries weight in local planning decision making.

**5084 Grant Applications**

- *1<sup>st</sup> Sandridge Scout and Guide Group*

A grant application from the 1<sup>st</sup> Sandridge Scout and Guide Group was discussed. It was proposed by Councillor Leonard, seconded by Councillor Bolton and;

**Resolved**

To award the sum of £6,000 towards grounds maintenance costs using the General Power of Competence.

**5085 Meetings of Committees:**

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

- Finance Committee 22nd February 2021
- Planning Committee 18th February 2021

**5086 MATTERS OF NOTE ARISING SINCE THE CIRCULATION OF THE AGENDA**

There was none.

**5087 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.

- 3 Ardens Marsh, St Albans – Planning Application: 5/2020/3019
- 10 Runcie Close, St Albans – Planning Application: 5/2021/0041
- Sandridgebury Farm, St Albans – Planning Application: 5/2020/2876
- Shenstone Kennels, Sandridge – Planning Application: 5/2020/2786

The following application was referred from the Planning Committee to Full Council in accordance with Standing Orders.

5/2021/0042 Ivens Orchids, St Albans Road, Sandridge

Proposal: Demolition of glasshouses and structures and the construction of five detached dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and new vehicular access

There was no movement to object.

**5088 SUGGESTIONS AND/OR MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Parish Council Annual Event.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Sandridge Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. This will be held remotely via video conferencing. Councillor Hale reminded Members that, under current regulations, the May meeting would have to be held in person and not via video conferencing.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.58 pm.

Chair .....

Date .....

Cllr John Hale