



SANDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Met remotely via video conferencing on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7.30pm for a meeting of The Council

PRESENT (VIA VIDEO):

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

APOLOGIES:

ABSENT:

OFFICERS (VIA VIDEO):

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

ALSO PRESENT:

One member of the public

5103 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Councillor Leonard was nominated by Councillor Reid for Chair, seconded by Councillor Duran. Councillor Hale was nominated by Councillor Newton Davies for Chair, seconded by Councillor Janet Churchard. A vote was taken and it was;

Resolved

To elect Councillor Hale as Chair of Sandridge Parish Council for the coming year. Councillor Hale accepted the nomination.

5104 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Councillor Roberts was nominated by Councillor Hale for Vice Chair, seconded by Councillor Janet Churchard. Councillor Bolton was nominated by Councillor Leonard for Vice Chair, seconded by Councillor Duran. A vote was taken and it was;

Resolved

To elect Councillor Bolton as Vice Chair of Sandridge Parish Council for the coming year. Councillor Bolton accepted the nomination.

5105 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There was none.

5106 TO NOTE THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 22nd APRIL 2021.

These were duly noted.

5107 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 22nd APRIL 2021.

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22nd April 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.

5108 QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

1. Public Participation

A member of the public who has been active in the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan referred to written questions submitted by a colleague to the April meeting of Full Council in respect of Parish Council planning objections not citing the various planning stipulations within the draft Plan. He stated no response had yet been received. It was undertaken by the Chair of the Planning Committee to respond.

2. Questions to the Officers

There was none.

CLERK'S REPORTS

5109 Monthly Accounts

Members reviewed a schedule of creditor payments due for the period 15th April 2021 to 5th May 2021. A question was asked and responded to before it was unanimously;

Resolved

To approve creditor payments as detailed on the schedule.

5110 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL TO OTHER BODIES AND COMMITTEES

Last year, it was resolved not to appoint to committees and other bodies because of the limitations imposed by the pandemic on council meetings. Membership therefore remained in place until this year. A schedule of places on the various committees was distributed in advance of this meeting with a request that Members indicate which committees they wanted to continue on or join. A second schedule was then circulated in advance of the meeting.

A small number of amendments were made, including an increase in member numbers for two committees. Formalising membership of the HR Committee was deferred until after the Finance Committee Chair is elected later this month. It was unanimously;

Resolved

To delegate power to each committee to elect a Chair and Vice Chair (if applicable) at its next meeting.

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SANDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

It was unanimously;

Resolved

To request a review of Terms of Reference by each committee at the next available opportunity, any material amendments to be brought back to Full Council in September for ratification.

5111 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE (GPC) – ANNUAL REVIEW

It was unanimously;

Resolved

That Sandridge Parish Council re-adopts the General Power of Competence in 2021/22, for review at the May 2022 Full Council meeting.

5112 2020/2021 Internal Audit Report

It was proposed by Councillor Harris, seconded by Councillor Bolton and;

Resolved

To refer this item to a meeting of the Finance Committee on May 24th.

5113 2020/21 Final Accounts, Internal Audit report and Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

It was proposed by Councillor Harris, seconded by Councillor Bolton and;

Resolved

To refer this item to a meeting of the Finance Committee on May 24th.

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

5114 MATTERS OF NOTE

- Discussions around potential capital transfers of the Jersey Farm Woodland Park, the Wheat Close playground and receiving permission in principle to construct a bike trail on District Council land have been postponed until after the local elections.

COUNCILLOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

5115 Grant Applications

- Abbey Flyers Nomads Netball Club – having received additional information in support of part of last month's grant application, it was proposed by Councillor Leonard, seconded by Councillor Reid and unanimously;

Resolved

To award an additional £2,000 to the club under the General Power of Competence towards competition and training costs. It was stated that further grant funding may become available once the Sports and Recreation Committee have met in July to discuss use of the Spencer Meadow courts.

5116 Meetings of Committees:

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

- Planning Committee 22nd April 2021
- Combined Community Centres Committee 26th April 2021
- Parish Environmental Assets & Pathways (PEAP) 27th April 2021

5117 MATTERS OF NOTE ARISING SINCE THE CIRCULATION OF THE AGENDA

- Members were reminded that all meetings will be held physically from May 7th.
- Members were informed that they are due to receive an invitation from the District Council to attend the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum count.

5118 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.

6 Highfield Road, Sandridge: Planning Application 5/2021/0582

8 Gladeside, St Albans: Planning Application 5/2020/0607

51 Sherwood Avenue, St Albans: Planning Application 5/2021/0951

5119 SUGGESTIONS AND/OR MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

A review of Standing Orders

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Sandridge Parish Council will be held on Wednesday, June 9th at 7.30pm.

This meeting will be held in person at Marshalswick Community Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.26 pm.

Chair

Date

Cllr John Hale