

SANDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at **Howe Green United Reformed Church** on Monday, 10th October 2016 commencing at 7.15 pm



PRESENT: Councillors: Dee Hyatt - Chairman
Martin Cross – Vice Chairman
Ron Bullus
Cedric Calmeyer
Richard Mboyne

In attendance: Amanda Parsons, Clerk

Apologies received: Rosemary Hoare

The meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m. Cllr. Hyatt welcomed Ted Munt to the Council. Cllr Calmeyer joined the meeting at 7.20 p.m.

ACTION

011016 Apologies for absence – apologies were received from Cllr Hoare.

021016 Declarations of Interest: –.None

031016 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12th September 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

041016 Current Issues

- a) Grove Farm – Cllr Hyatt reported that the Clerk had sent a letter dated 5th October informing Mr Houghton that as he hadn't replied to previous correspondence SPC conclude that he is happy with the property agreement and will maintain the piece of land as agreed in the terms of the letters sent.
- b) Hall Lane – Cllr Hyatt reported that the police have said SPC cannot get the CCTV cameras and the lorries removed. A resident had recently raised the question regarding emergency services having access to Hall Lane and how the lorries would cause a problem to access
- c) Youth matters – Cllr Mboyne reported since the opening of John Lewis he has been very busy. He is in contact with Sandon School regarding the enterprise scheme but mentioned it would be worth developing contacts with other local schools. The scheme helps develop employability, financial management and interview skills. John Lewis is very focussed on getting people into business.
- d) Maintenance issues: Cllr Calmeyer reported that the Insurance Company has come back and offered £393 and Cllr Calmeyer asked the clerk to go back and agree with this amount. The insurance for the van that Cllr Calmeyer offered to SPC's maintenance man was £300 as it was a commercial vehicle. It was therefore proposed not to pursue this idea. Cllr Calmeyer will be sending the information for the new Howe Green notice board. The clerk to purchase.
The maintenance man has requested a copy of the minutes where the proposal to change his employment contract was proposed. Cllr Calmeyer has written a reply and the clerk will type this up and send.
Cllr Calmeyer has researched a recording a device. He will circulate the information but it is approximately £107.99. (The Olympus). Clerk to purchase.

Clerk

- e) Sandon Sports Club – Cllr Bullus reported that the SPC Solicitor has come back and most of the points bought up by the Sandon Sports Club were covered by our Solicitor. The document should be finalised in a months time. Clerk to go to Sandon Sports Club and raise an invoice for back payments. The lease fee was proposed to increase by 50% although Ron Bullus and Cedric Calmeyer have re-negotiated a 25% increase. Sandon Topics – picture of everyone on the front of Sandon Topics. Insert of the survey regarding the community centre. Also, a photograph of the Children In Need Ramble. Also, include a photograph of the Sandon Brook.
- f) PCC– Cllr Hoare. Cllr Hoare has circulated the last set of minutes from the PCC meeting.
- g) Website Update – Cllr Mboyne and the clerk met to discuss the website. The clerk to get the website launched as soon as possible and train the new clerk. It was agreed to keep the existing clerk on until Christmas to complete the website and liase with David Pearson regarding the yahoo forum.
- h) Deed of Easement – Cllr Calmeyer – nothing to report.
- i) New Clerk – Ted Munt will join the Council on Wednesday, 12th October. Ted Munt is booked to attend the New Clerk’s Briefing on the 19th October.
- j) Account System - The new clerk recommended looking at the Excel Spreadsheets and linking them together.

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051016 Correspondence

Correspondence received and action required –

The directorate for sustainable communities planning are saying the telephone boxes are not being used and propose to remove them. If you object then to contact them.

Cllr Hyatt had a recent conversation with Richard Cecil suggesting we combine Sandon Parish Magazine and Sandon Topics. He said they would still have religious and prayer information and they would cover the costs of the magazine. The issue was raised that SPC and the Church are two different entities. Cllr Hyatt said that we do sometimes put additional parish items surveys etc. The clerk to go back to say thank you but as a Council we do not see a way in which this could work.

Precept Capping – correspondence previously circulated.

Clerk

061016 Finance

The following payments were approved:

A Parsons Salary	£490.05
K Dobson Salary	£280.00
K Dobson Expenses	£37.55
Essex PF	£32.90
Baddow Spartak	£45.42
PKF Accountants & Business Advisers	£360.00
EALC New Clerks Briefing	£50.00

071016 Planning:

Applications received –

16/01319/FUL Hilltops Southend Road Sandon Chelmsford Essex CM2 7TE, Proposed 1.2m high wall and change of use of land from field to residential driveway. SPC object to this application. The intended wedge of land is agricultural/rural. It was a lovely young wooded area before being cut down without permission and decimated by the Hilltop owners. We need to protect our rural land. The property has a very large curtilage and we feel the need to steal this wedge of land is not justified.

The damage to the mature oak trees, and the removal of trees to build the wall is not acceptable.

There is already a very large front garden with parking for several vehicles, negating the need for this taking of rural land.

We also feel that a light coloured brick wall will not be in keeping with the general area. The house is built with these bricks and is very prominent. We would prefer a darker brick or a natural hedge. It would contravene several Guidance points in the VDS eg HR1, and HR3. The fencing contravenes the guidance where hedges and trees are preferred rather than fences/walls which detract from the rural feel.

16/01190/FUL, 3 Chalklands Sandon Chelmsford CM2 7TH Single storey side and rear extension. Single storey front extension with front porch canopy. First floor side extension over existing garage and repositioning of first floor side window. No observations

16/01685/FUL 16 Gablefields Sandon Chelmsford Essex CM2 7SP Demolition of existing garage. Part two storey, part single storey side extension. Enlargement of vehicular access including dropped kerb. No Observations

Other planning matters: - previously circulated.

081016 Reported Incidents - None

091016 Information:

Cllr Cross proposed that in future payments are crossed referenced against previous minutes.

Martin to arrange a meeting with Sarah Hill-Sanders Cllr Calmeyer said that he was also interested in attending a meeting with Martin. The percentage of affordable housing was 50% shared ownership. This is proposed to be changed to 25%.

Sandon Topics – photographs to be sent to Cllr Mboyne. Cllr Mboyne proposes to get it prepared for week commencing Monday, 24th October.

Cllr Mboyne

Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th November at The St Andrews Room Sandon Church at 7.15pm