



ANNUAL REPORT

Sandon Parish Council
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CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR

I am pleased to report that this year's Annual Assembly which was held on 26th March 2012 was very well attended. We had a number of interesting speakers, including the Mayor of Chelmsford, together with Derek Stebbing, a member of the City planning team, who gave information on various aspects of the City policies and the effect they have on residents of this parish. Mike Courts from Bretts, who own Sandon Quarry, was also there to give residents an idea of what their future intentions are for the site.

During the meeting the Chairman presented the Sandon Cup to Mr and Mrs Jack Whinney for their many years of valuable voluntary service to this parish. Unfortunately Jack and Su are now moving home to nearby Maldon and although we hope to see them about the parish we will be losing two important key workers for our community. We wish them every happiness in their new home.

The Annual General Meeting of the parish council was held on 14th May and Cllr Ian Wright was again elected as Chairman with Cllr Dianne Neal as Vice Chair.

I am also very pleased to report that we have been re-accredited with Quality Status which reflects the commitment and high standard to which this council is working.

Once again the Sandon Open Gardens event was held on Sunday 20th May and after weeks of miserable weather the day turned out dry and this was a wonderful day with hundreds of people flocking to the event. This is a date in the calendar that is becoming a 'must attend' day! Many people are under the impression that because Dianne Neal is a

parish councillor that this event is run by the parish council. Though we fully support the day, the responsibility of this event falls on Dianne and her supportive family, together with the many generous residents of the parish opening up their gardens and running the barbecue and the classic car display.

I would like to thank all members of the parish council for their support over the last year and in particular our Clerk, Sue Dobson, who works many hours more than she is paid to do. Her service to us is invaluable and very much appreciated. I would also like to thank Mark Little, our new parish groundsman, who has settled into the role well and does an excellent job keeping the parish tidy. Finally I would like to thank all members of our parish who help in so many ways to keep our community thriving and a desirable place to live. Please remember that your parish councillors are your elected representatives and the council's sole purpose is to serve the people of this parish.

What are we planning to do next year?

- We will continue to carefully monitor any proposed development affecting this parish – in particular Sandon Quarry;
- We will continue to attempt to reduce the danger and congestion caused by the parking of vehicles around Sandon School/village hall area at certain times;
- Enlist the help of Chelmer Housing Partnership, Chelmsford City Council and Essex County Council to improve parking facilities in certain areas within the village;
- Ensure that we work more closely with other local authorities to ensure that this parish receives a good quality service.

BUDGET 2011/12 AND PRECEPT 2012/13

Our precept last year was unchanged at £29,000; a brief summary of our finances are as follows:

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| Balance brought forward from last year: | £46,081 |
| Precept: | £29,000 |
| Total other income: | £ 4,628 |
| Total Income: | <u>£79,709</u> |
| Expenditure: Staff Costs: | £12,898 |
| Total other payments: | £15,272 |
| Total expenditure: | <u>£28,170</u> |
| Surplus of income over expenditure: | £51,539 |

For the coming financial year the precept remains at £29,000. This figure has now remained unchanged for the last 6 years. The final audited accounts will shortly be available to view by appointment with the Clerk on 01245 227734 or on the website at www.sandon.info.

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| Broomfield Hospital | 01245 443673 |
| Citizens Advice Bureau | 0844 9938667 |
| Trading Standards | 0845 4040506 |
| Neighbourhood Watch | 01245 471589 |

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