

## SANDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at **Howe Green United Reformed Church** on Monday, 12th December 2016 commencing at 7.15 pm



**PRESENT: Councillors:** Dee Hyatt - Chairman  
Martin Cross – Vice Chairman  
Ron Bullus  
Rosemary Hoare

**In attendance:** Ted Munt, Clerk

**Apologies received:** Cedric Calmeyer  
Richard Mboyne

The meeting commenced at 7.15 p.m.

### ACTION

**011216 Apologies for absence** – apologies were received from Cllr Calmeyer and Cllr Mboyne.

**021216 Declarations of Interest:** –.None

**031216 The Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

#### **041216 Current Issues**

- a) Hall Lane – The potential restorative justice session has been delayed as Cllr Calmeyer has already had a long discussion with the resident concerned. Cllr Hyatt to contact Highways Dept again. Note that the Water Board has temporarily disconnected the water supply to the allotments as the pipe has been damaged. The clerk to monitor water charges.
- b) Youth matters – carried over to next meeting as Cllr Mboyne was not in attendance.
- c) Maintenance issues - Cllr Calmeyer has had a discussion with the current handyman, Keith Dobson, and will table an amendment to his Contract of Employment at the next meeting.
- d) Xmas tree - Cllr Hoare to purchase a Xmas tree with roots so that this can be planted once the current tree is removed.
- e) Sandon Sports Club – Cllr Bullus reported that the P.C. is waiting for their request for £500 to be offset against their legal fees, to be expunged.
- f) Community centre - Cllr Hyatt has created a file containing the 40 responses to the new community centre survey. Note that there were two who said “no” to this proposal.
- g) PCC– Cllr Hoare to draft a letter telling the PCC that we do not want to merge our Topics with their newsletter. However, we would be happy to include PCC matters as a separate item.

**Cllr Hyatt**

**Cllr Mboyne**

**Cllr Calmeyer**

**Cllr Hoare**

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Re the triangle of land adjacent to the car park. The Parish Council will have no objection should the PCC wish to include this in their application to register the car park as church property.

- h) Website Update – Launch date put back to early in the New Year.
- i) Deed of Easement – Clerk has contacted solicitors and is waiting their response. **Clerk**
- j) Car park entrance – Cllr Calmeyer is looking into the costs of repairing the pot holes. **Cllr Calmeyer**
- k) Bridleways – PCC response under 071216 Planning ESS/08/16/CHL on this item refers
- l) Budgets – Clerk has sent through revised format. Cllr Bullus to check that this will be suitable. Cllr Bullus to populate this with next year's numbers and send to Cllr Cross for his comments. The Precept figure needs to be communicated to CCC by 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Cllr Hyatt suggested that we go for an increase between the range of 2% and 5%. Cllr Cross to find out what the challengeable limit will be. The Precept Form needs to be signed by Cllrs Hyatt, Cross and/or Bullus. **Cllr Bullus**  
**Cllr Cross**  
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**Cllr Hyatt**
- m) Sports Club's waste bins – Cllrs Bullus and Calmeyer to meet up when these are emptied. **Cllr Bullus**  
**Cllr Calmeyer**
- n) Note that the Farleigh Hospice Open Gardens day is planned for 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

#### **051216 Correspondence**

Correspondence received and action required –  
It was agreed that we would continue our membership of the RCCE. It was decided that there was no requirement for a local emergency plan. Clerk to look at the letter from The Pensions Regulator re staging date of 1st January.

**Clerk**

#### **061216 Finance**

The following payments were approved:

A Parsons Salary	£87.10
K Dobson Salary	£282.50
K Dobson Expenses	£84.84
T Munt Salary	£293.10
T Munt Expenses	£18.65
Essex PF	£32.90
C. Calmeyer	£100.00
Chelmsford C.C.	£0.25
Essex & Suffolk Water	£107.28
HMRC	£1,053.33

## **071216 Planning:**

**16/01685/FUL.** 16 Gablesfield Sandon. Demolition of existing garage. Part two storey, part single storey side extension. Enlargement of vehicular access including dropped kerb. No observation.

**16/05280/TPO.** The Limes East Hanningfield Road Sandon. G1 - 3x Lime - adjacent rear elevation of The Limes - Individual roots that are less than 20mm in diameter will be cut back to suitable growing point. Reason: To safeguard the future life of the tree. No observation.

**16/02089/FUL.** 2 Gablefields Sandon. Single storey side extension and widening of driveway to front. No observation.

**16/02113/FUL.** Levitts Farm Sporhams Lane Sandon. The construction of security lighting. Sandon Parish Council have issues with Levitts Farm security lighting, as the line of lamps are totally out of keeping for a rural location. Tall Victorian lamp standards are not suitable for this type of location, definitely a city type installation. The amount of light produced is over and above that which is required or needed.

A small holding such as Levitts Farm may require low level lights to mark the roadway to the animal barns, and then good security lighting at the barns to enable the stock to be cared for to a high standard. We do understand the need to have lighting to reduce the possibility of burglaries together with securely locked gates, CCTV, sensors etc.

We see no requirement to move cattle from one pasture to another in the dark as indicated under Health and Safety. The lighting of the roadway does not help working longer hours in the winter. Other farmers do not appear to require lighting for these activities.

Sandon Parish Council therefore request that this application is refused.

**16/05305/TPO.** October House East Hanningfield Road Sandon. T20 Oak - in the front garden of October House - crown reduction by 2-3m max, cutting to suitable growing points; clean out deadwood as required - tree surgeon to check structural integrity of tree. Reason: size and health and safety over road. No observation

**ESS/08/16/CHL.** Sandon Quarry. Restoration of the northern quarry void. Sandon Parish Council approve the efforts of Bretts and ECC to provide bridleways and pathways at the Northern void. We agree the latest proposals for bridleways. It is a shame it was felt the bridge over the A12 was not suitable for horses to cross, and we hope that at a later date it may be possible to open this as a route for horses and cyclists to Sandon Village from Howe Green

## **081216 Reported Incidents - None**

### **091216 Information:**

Following meeting dates were agreed:

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Annual assembly Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Meeting closed at 8:56 p.m.

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th January 2017 at St Andrews Church Meeting Room at 7.15pm**