



SANDON TOPICS

Summer 2012 Newsletter from Sandon Parish Council

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WE EXTEND A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL NEW RESIDENTS

PARKING IN THE VILLAGE

The age-old problem of parking in roads around the village, much of it inconsiderate, is constantly in the spotlight and councillors have been actively discussing with both Essex and Chelmsford councils to try to resolve this. Essex County Council Highways Design Team will arrange a Scheme Validation Request and come back with their findings. They are requesting the following information.

What is the problem which has resulted in this request? *(Describe the issues being faced and the causes of the problems)*

What is the suggested solution to the problem? *(Write full details of your project. You could include a detailed sketch or map of the project together with a full explanation of what is needed.)*

What is to be achieved by the suggested solution? *(Describe how this project will alleviate the issues described above and what the result that you wish to achieve is.)*

What evidence is there of the need for this solution? *(This can be provided through either a Parish Plan, survey, questionnaire, copy of letters received, petition, etc.)*

Would all householders who are affected by these issues please write or email Ian Wright with suggestions as to how we can move this forward.

BUS SHELTER IN SANDON VILLAGE

Following a review of the parish council's assets, it came to light that the roof on the bus shelter in the village was in need of repair and this was completed on 2nd August. The curved profile was no longer available, but the new roof should last for a good many years.

SANDON QUARRY

The whole of Sandon Quarry has not been worked for approximately 20 years despite there being several moth-balled current planning permissions, some of which may now be extant.

Whilst time and effort has been spent by the operator in securing, or attempting to secure, other commercial planning permissions, little or no effort has been made to restore the southern void which should have been completed 10 years ago.

Your Council became aware last year that no scheme of restoration had ever been submitted by Bretts for the southern void, and they are now in breach. It is incumbent upon them to fulfil this condition. Had we not raised this, the condition would have lapsed.

One thing is certain - the parish have waited many years for restoration, and Bretts will now restore this part of the quarry which will be commencing shortly. This will mean heavy lorries to/from the site but should be completed with the minimum of fuss, and as quickly as possible, to reduce the impact on residents by reason of dust, noise and traffic.

SANDON PARISH OPEN GARDENS DAY

The Open Gardens Day in the Parish on Sunday 20th May 2012 raised a magnificent £5001.83 in aid of Farleigh Hospice. Our grateful thanks go to all the householders who kindly opened their gardens and the many volunteers who made this a special day. Despite the gloomy weather at the start of the day, a record number of visitors attended and it is hoped that this event will continue next year.

CHELMSFORD DIAL-A-RIDE

Chelmsford Dial-A-Ride currently has spare capacity across its service and are happy for your parish council to promote their service in our parish.

They provide door to door transport throughout the borough using a mix of 4 door cars and wheelchair accessible minibuses. They operate from 09.00-17.00 Monday to Friday.

Who can use the service?

Anybody that is experiencing transport problems, it could be because of where they live, or because of age or disability. It is not just for the elderly.

They cover all manner of trips except hospital appointments (this is provided by NHS via GP or hospital Consultants).

Membership of the scheme is required at £5 per annum and a small contribution is levied for all trips starting at £1.90.

If you are interested in the scheme a membership application form can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Current projects include the Affordable Housing project.

Residents may remember a housing survey being distributed by RCCE and this has moved on to the stage where they are trying to locate suitable land adjacent to the village.

JUBILEE MUGS

Residents with children will have received their 'Jubilee mugs' which were donated by the parish council and several residents also purchased them. We have received a great number of thanks and it is good to know that they were appreciated.

CHELMSFORD GOSPEL HALL

Residents received details from the Chelmsford Gospel Hall Trust regarding the proposed plans for their site which would dramatically increase the size of the hall and create over 200 parking spaces. A great number of parishioners attended two open evenings held at their current hall to express their views. We understand that a planning application will be lodged later in the year at which time we will respond appropriately.

HIGHWAYS

Highways matters continue to dominate discussions within the parish council and although there are a numbers of outstanding matters which Highways deem to be of little importance, some of them from two or more years ago, some of the major potholes have been repaired and most recently some of the local roads are being 'top dressed'. Highways did however find the time to remove the Charity Boards advertising various events throughout Sandon, Danbury and Little Baddow. We will continue to pursue the long overdue current issues and any new issues which arise, despite the difficulty in communicating with the highways office.

THE CROWN

We were sorry to learn, that due to illness, Liz and Eddie have left the Crown and would like to thank them for being a part of the village and for their generous donation to the Open Gardens Day.

EMAIL FORUM

Do join our email forum to be kept up to date in particular with the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. If you have email and are not a member of one of these forums, please contact David Pearson by email on dsp2026@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone on 01245 471589. You can also join through the Sandon Parish Council website www.sandon.info or the Howe Green Community Association website www.hgca.org.uk

CITY COUNCILLORS

We would like to remind all residents that besides holding the position as Chairman of your Parish Council, Ian Wright is also one of your locally elected City Councillors and is always available to give advice and help regarding any issues for which Chelmsford City Council are responsible. Early contact is very important as this will allow Cllr Wright to obtain the best advice for you. Don't be concerned that he will ever consider your issues unimportant or trivial. He is there to help.

All Parish Council information is available on our website including minutes of meetings at www.sandon.info. Minutes will always be a month behind as they are only published once they have been approved at the following meeting.

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month and parishioners are very welcome to attend.

The parish office is manned normally on a Monday and Thursday morning, although an answerphone is always available; emails are picked up on a regular basis too. A reminder of our address: parishclerk@сандон.info. Please **do not** contact our Parish Clerk on her private telephone number. All Parish Councillors are available to contact by phone or email to help with any enquiries you may have.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Council meets at 7.15p.m on the 2nd Monday of each Month at Sandon Village Hall and on alternate months at Howe Green Chapel. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Church Warden
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Rector
Sandon Parish Council
Bell Ringers
St Andrews Youth Fellowship
77 Youth Club
Women's Institute
Sports Club
Garden and Allotment Association
Howe Green URC
Howe Green URC Elder
Village Hall Management Committee
Guides
Brownies
Scouts
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Mother and Toddler Group
Village Hall Bookings
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Chelmsford Rambling Club
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