

## SANDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at **Howe Green United Reformed Church** on **Monday, 12th June 2017** commencing at 7.15 pm

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**PRESENT: Councillors:** Dee Hyatt - Chairman  
Ron Bullus  
Cedric Calmeyer  
Rosemary Hoare  
Martin Cross

**In attendance:** Ted Munt, Clerk  
Lee Stevenson  
Andrew and Sarah Harding

**Public session:** Mr Harding expressed his displeasure over a recent forum message that he perceived had insulted both himself and Richard Speakman. He wished to receive an apology either from the councillor concerned or the council. Mr Stevenson expressed his support over the council's actions. Cllr Hyatt responded that the matter would be considered later on in the meeting, and Messer's Harding and Speakman will be contacted in due course.

**010617 Apologies for absence** – Cllr Hyatt regretfully informed the meeting that Cllr Mbonye had tendered his resignation due to family issues. Clerk to write and send him a letter of thanks for his work for the council. Note the council is now two councillors short so all to see whether there are more volunteers out there.

**020617 Declarations of Interest** – Discussions on the village green issues to be held later in the confidential section.

**030617 The Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

### **040617 Current Issues**

(a) Hall Lane – Highways are looking at the drainage problem. Cllr Hyatt to contact Countryside re land at the back of the allotments

(b) Youth matters – In his departing email, Cllr Mbonye reported that the Sandon School trip to John Lewis had proved very successful. He had received a personal letter of thanks directed towards the council from the school. He has contacted the Cubs and Scouts + Beavers by email and is awaiting their response.

(c) Maintenance – The P.C. may need further help in strimming the grass verges during the summer months. Cllr Calmeyer might know someone who could help. The risk assessment on the handyman to be refreshed

(d) Sandon Sports Club – The lease has now been agreed and signed. Clerk to give Cllr Bullus a copy. Clerk to write to Sandon Sports Club asking them to pay the legal fees of £1,152.00. – note that this amount needs to be clarified

### **ACTION**

**Cllr Hyatt**

**Clerk**

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**Cllr Calmeyer**

**Clerk**

(e) PCC – nothing to report

(f) Deed of Easement – Cllr Calmeyer has visited the solicitors and all has now been agreed.

(g) Community centre – Cllr Calmeyer will be meeting up with the Hammonds Farm developer to ascertain their intentions re sports facilities for the village.

**Cllr Calmeyer**

(h) Salt bags – not required

(i) Village green issues – held over as confidential item

(j) Forum issues – It was noted that a new village forum had been set up. Cllr Cross to update his forum members when he knows that they have left the village

**Cllr Cross**

(k) Topics – Aim to have the summer/autumn edition out by the 1<sup>st</sup> Aug. Cllr Hyatt to approach previous editor to see whether he could help. All to come up with articles preferably by the end of June. It would be good to have populated a diary of events. Clerk to summarise previous issues. Cllr Cross to approach Village Hall, Cllr Bullus, the Sports Club, Cllr Hoare, the local religious organisations, Cllr Hyatt could identify what the P.C. can, or can't, do.

**Cllr Hyatt  
All**

(l) Councillor training session – date t.b.a. All invited, though only Cllr Cross has confirmed he is intending to attend.

**050617 Correspondence received and action required - none**

**060617 Finance**

(a) Chairman and Clerk signed Section 1 of the Annual Return

(b) Chairman and Clerk signed Section 2 of the Annual Return

(c) The following payments were tabled to be approved:

HMRC Income Tax	£65.80	Tfer
K. Dobson exps	£72.65	Tfer
K. Dobson salary	£522.50	Tfer
T.Munt salary	£284.31	Tfer
T.Munt expenses	£29.89	Tfer
B.T.	£51.43	Tfer
Essex Pension Fund	£97.21	Tfer
NWG Water bill	£81.73	Tfer
Hyde Lane Services	£32.71	Tfer
Aon Mower ins	£188.10	Tfer
Aon General ins	£891.07	Tfer
SLCC affiliation fees	£55.00	Tfer
Talk to Phoenix Website maintenance	£125.00	Tfer
E Doe & Sons	£25.70	Tfer
Strutt & Parker	£2035.00	Tfer
Crawfords	£97.04	Tfer

(d) Clerk to investigate paying the B.T. bills via direct debit, and going paperless billing. This should save further money off the telephone charges.

**Clerk**

(e) Cll remittances.- Clerk reminded the council that there were sums of money that needed to be spent and accounted for. Clerk to hold onto them for the time being.

Clerk

**070617 Planning:**

17/00836/FUL 36 The Lintons Sandon Part single storey and part two storey rear extension; addition of first floor window within existing East side elevation. No observations

15/00712/MAT Land At 21 Chalklands Sandon. Retrospective application for the variation of conditions 3 and 8 of planning permission 15/00712/FUL (Construction of a detached one and half storey dwelling) for the installation of a garage door, replacement of a first floor side window with a non-opening window, removal of a rooflight and minor alterations to first floor layout. No observations.

17/00490/FUL. October House East Hanningfield Road Sandon. Proposed first floor side extension and pitched roofs to existing flat roof dormer. No observations

17/00950/FUL. Site at Wayside Mayes Lane Sandon. Application for new dwelling to replace existing outbuilding. Sandon Parish Council objects to the application as it contravenes the following policies:

DC1 - controlling development in the Metropolitan Green Belt where planning will be refused unless directly related to Agriculture or Forestry.

DC2 - the countryside within Rural Areas, new building will be refused if not used for agriculture nor an essential small-scale facility for outdoor sport or recreation and does not preserve the openness of the rural area - this is a huge very modern 4 bedroom residential property, outside the obvious current curtilage. it will impact on the openness, appearance and character of this area. This is also over development of the site where there is already a very large house and a smaller residence for the son.

The intrinsic character and beauty of this area of open countryside will be adversely impacted upon. If this is permitted we can see a raft of other applications following!

**080617 Reported Incidents - None**

**090617 Information:** - All to note that Clerk will not be back in the office until 26<sup>th</sup> June

**100617 Confidential session** - Cllr Hyatt drafted out a response to Messer's Harding and Speakman. To be sent

Cllr Hyatt

Meeting closed at 9:31 p.m.

**The next Parish meeting will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at St Andrews Room, Sandon Church at 7.15pm.**