

SANDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at the **Parish Office** on **Monday, 4th March 2019** commencing at 7.15 pm



PRESENT: Councillors: Dee Hyatt - Chairman
Cedric Calmeyer
Ron Bullus
Martin Cross
Elaine Williamson
James Colbeck

In attendance: Clerk, plus two members of the public

010319 Apologies for absence – None

020319 Declarations of Interest – None.

030319 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th February 2019 were approved. Cllr Hyatt signed as a correct record.

040419 Public Participation Session – A member of the public expressed an interest in becoming a councillor.

050519 Current Issues .

(a) Maintenance and ditch clearing – New bin has been delivered for the bus shelter on Brick Kiln Rd. Cllr Calmeyer and handyman to inspect the proposed mower prior to purchasing.

(b) Hall Lane - The red skip still needs to be removed. Meeting agreed that Cllr Hyatt would reply to the owner of the land stating that the P.C. could not comment until an outline planning application had been received.

(c) Community centre – Cllr Calmeyer said that the Sports Club were happy with the amendments made. Still waiting for feedback from the Village Hall. Ditto the two power supply companies re the close proximity of the overhead power lines

(d) Neighbourhood Development Plan – Cllr Hyatt confirmed their next meeting would be 5th March.

(e) PCC – Nothing new to add. Unfortunately, tonight's meeting clashed with the PCC's. This is why the venue had to be switched to the P.C. office.

(f) Sports club update – Cllr Bullus confirmed that there was not sufficient space for a cricket pitch this summer as well as for football. Meeting to note that a FOI request has been put forward for further information on the P.C. lease. Clerk to send a redacted version.

ACTION

Cllr Calmeyer

Cllr Hyatt

Clerk

(g) Sandon Village Hall – Cllr Bullus reported that all was in good order. The invoice for the car park repairs was presented. Meeting confirmed that the P.C. would pay the agreed 10% contribution towards this. N.B. After the meeting had ended, the village hall representative requested that this payment be delayed. She would be in touch later.

(h) Topics – The Spring edition had been received and was in the process of being distributed.

(i) Enchanted Cinema – There will be a meeting 6th March with the sports club, and the village hall, to get agreement between the three organisations, and agree the next steps

(j) Annual Assembly – Some of the proposed presenters still need to be contacted. Planning Enforcement unable to attend. The Local Plan co-ordinator is a maybe. Clerk to invite Community Transport rep. Hammonds Farm will be approached to man a stall. Note date is 23rd May.

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(k) Reg Bush’s book – Clerk should be receiving an invoice shortly.

(l) Handyman remuneration – Meeting agreed the contents of a letter that clerk is to send to the handyman re increased remuneration.

Clerk

(m) Upcoming local elections – Clerk updated the meeting with the key dates. Cllrs have between 26th March and the 3rd April to return their nomination papers BY HAND to the CCC offices on Duke Street.

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(n) Great British Spring Clean – Clerk has registered Sandon P.C.’s interest. Awaiting further information.

Clerk

060319 Correspondence received and action required – Cllr Hyatt read out a complaint she had received about sheep bedding that had been left by the edge of a field on Woodhill Road. It was assumed that this was with the farmer’s permission. Cllr Bullus to check. Note that there were no contact details on the letter to be able to respond.

Cllr Bullus

Meeting did not have anyone in mind re nominating a Chelmsford Champions Award.

070319 Finance

(a) The following payments were tabled and approved: Note that individual employee details have been combined under the one cost centre.

Employee costs	£859.84	Tfer
L Cole	£225.00	Tfer
SLCC	£106.00	Tfer
Glasdon	£58.68	Tfer
Village Hall (but see note g above)	£450.00	Tfer

(b) Clerk waiting for the electricity bill from the Sports Club.

Clerk

080219 Planning:

18/02035/REM Site At Chamberlains Farm Sporhams Lane. Demolition of existing commercial storage buildings, re-provision of horticultural buildings, re-provision of existing dwelling and erection of 4no. new residential dwellings.

The development is along Sporhams Lane, which is a very narrow, protected lane. We originally agreed to the application for fewer houses sited around the original Chamberlain Farm House, as the Industrial/Commercial activities were being removed, and the amount of traffic from the fewer houses against that already using the site would be about equal. The application is now for the construction of a complete new road of very large houses.

The house proposed on the field, which is rural land, is completely unacceptable. DC2 clearly states Planning permission will be refused for development with the areas shown as the Rural Area beyond the Metropolitan Green Belt unless for agriculture of forestry etc.

DC-11 for replacement dwellings in the Countryside says (iv) the proposed replacement or rebuild is acceptable in its setting by virtue of its scale, design, siting and materials and would not adversely affect the character or nature conservation value of the area, we feel the placing of 8 new dwellings in this location, forming a completely new road of houses, on a protected lane is definitely not acceptable by virtue of its scale, design and siting. Changing the character of the rural area. 3.18 states Inappropriate replacement or rebuilding of existing dwellings in the countryside have a detrimental affect on the openness and rural character of the countryside. Therefore a key criterion of the policy is to limit replacement dwellings to that of a similar size and scale to the existing property. There is no existing property and we feel this is over development of a very rural site. This number of houses will detract from the rural character of the area.

DC15 - Protected Lanes says planning permission will be refused for development that would have an adverse environmental impact upon Protected Lanes. Any proposals which would give rise to a material increase in the amount of traffic using Protected lanes will not be permitted. This is one such case.

090319 Information – Complaints had been raised about the very loud bangs heard recently. Meeting agreed that these were bird scarers. Cllr Hyatt to respond.

Cllr Hyatt

Cllr Cross to promote the Yahoo forum groups as these were a good medium to update residents about parish issues. He is to present at the A.A. as well as prepare an item for the next Topics magazine.

Cllr Cross
Clerk

Clerk to return completed Parish Cleaning Days form.

Meeting closed at 8.18 p.m.

The next Parish meeting will be held on Monday 8th April 2019 at Howe Green United Reformed Church at 7.15pm

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