

SANDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at the **Howe Green United Reformed Church** on **Monday, 8th April 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 one member of the public

ACTION

010419 Apologies for absence – None

020419 Declarations of Interest – None.

030419 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4th March 2019 were approved. Cllr Hyatt signed as a correct record.

040419 Approval of new councillor - The meeting approved the co-option of a new councillor, Alan Kalbfell. Cllr Bullus advised the meeting that he would stand down after the May elections. He was warmly thanked for his major contributions to the parish and the council over the years.

050419 Public Participation Session – A member of the public gave a brief synopsis of his planning proposal.

060419 Current Issues.

(a) Maintenance and ditch clearing – Cllr Calmeyer advised that the ditch clearance opposite Coppings should be completed within the month. The new mower will be delivered this Thursday. CCC have advised that CIL monies can be used to offset the purchase.

Cllr Calmeyer

(b) Hall Lane - The red skip still needs to be removed. It appears the land where the old garages stood is up for sale again. The Auction Notice has been placed on the wrong site. The allotment site needs to be upgraded. Clerk to send Cllr Calmeyer a copy of the agreement.

Clerk

(c) Community centre – Cllr Calmeyer reported that the proposed site of the new community centre is too close to the overhead power lines. This will prove a major problem in its construction. Cllr Calmeyer to review what the next steps should be.

Cllr Calmeyer

(d) Neighbourhood Development Plan – Cllr Hyatt advised that the team are still in the information gathering stage and that all was going to plan.

(e) PCC – Nothing new to add.

- (f) Sports club update – Clerk to contact the Cricket Development Manager to say that neither the Parish Council, nor CCC, own the sports ground. **Clerk**
- (g) Sandon Village Hall – Cllr Bullus and Cllr Kalbfell to attend their AGM Weds 10th April. **Cllr Bullus
Cllr Kalbfell**
- (h) Community Film Evening – Meeting proposed some new dates. Clerk to try and establish a Friday evening that would be free. Cllr Hyatt to subsequently pull together a meeting of interested parties. **Clerk
Cllr Hyatt**
- (i) Annual Assembly – Some of the proposed presenters still need to be contacted. Clerk to send out invites using updated list. Note date is 23rd May. **Clerk**
- (j) Upcoming Local Elections – Meeting noted that all six councillors have been elected unopposed. We still have one vacancy.
- (k) Great British Spring Clean – Meeting decided to leave this for this year.
- (l) Sandon Open Garden Day – Planned for 23rd June. Meeting agreed that they could use the two greens. Also that the P.C. would pay for the Taxi bus hire. Cllrs Williamson and Colbeck may be available to join their committee as long as this was held at a time when both were free. **Cllrs Colbeck
+ Williamson**
- (m) Website improvements – Meeting noted the poor responsiveness of the current website host. It was agreed that we move to a better site and go for a three year contract.

070419 Correspondence received and action required – Meeting discussed the recent TPO notice that had been received. Note that representations have already been made.

Meeting agreed in principle to the walkers request to use the car park 5th to 10th August. Clerk to check.

Note Internal Auditor will be visiting the parish office 29th April

Clerk

080419 Finance

- (a) The following payments were tabled and approved: Note that individual employee details have been combined under the one cost centre. It was agreed that Cllr Colbeck take over the countersigning role from Cllr Bullus.

Employee costs	£921.99	Tfer
Plusnet	£21.23	Tfer
Unspent grant money to Groundworks	£563.04	Tfer
Crawfords	£873.48	Tfer
RCCE	£40.00	Tfer
Amanda Parsons (domain renewal)	£7.19	Tfer
EALC	£401.26	Tfer
Sandon Village Hall	£1,350.00	Tfer
Parish Magazine Printing	£202.75	Tfer

The Printing Place	£670.00	Tfer
Ernest Doe	£79.00	Tfer
Thorndon Security	£290.00	Tfer
Lens Lawnmowers	£4000.00	Tfer

(b) Meeting noted the full year's actual spend against budget. Although there was a slight reduction in income, the expenses had come in about £3.4k under budget.

080419 Planning:

19/05522/CAT Elm Tree Cottage Woodhill Road. Pear - Fell - Reason: Tree which has been in decline for several years, baring small deformed fruits, surface roots are lifting paving which has know been removed certain parts of tree appear dead. No observations

19/00340/FUL 12 Sandon Brook Place Sandon Retrospective application for single storey rear outbuilding. Sandon Parish Council asks the Council to refuse this application, now that we have been able to see detailed information on the build. This structure is far too big and domineering for the garden and it blocks the open views from the neighbouring properties, and feel it is not for domestic use but for business purposes.

DC2 agrees with this, where planning permission should not harm the openness, appearance of character of the Rural Area.

Sandon Village Design Statement HG8 states Proposals for outbuildings should ensure the new building should be in proportion to the size of the site and HG9 says Outbuildings should fit into the site context and not dominate the site or street scene.

This huge 2 storey building is totally out of context in its situation.

19/00376/FUL Timbering East Hanningfield Road Sandon. Erection of new detached three car garage and removal of existing shed. No observations

19/05046/TPO Willowside East Hanningfield Road. Trim back any small over hanging branches protruding from stock fencing running beside East Hanningfield Road to previous levels, clear brambles and weeds to promote growth within the area and plant Laurel Hedge within boundary of stock fencing. No observations

19/05031/TPO Land North Of Peach House Cottages Southlands Chase. Oak (T1) - Reduce crown by 2m or to nearest appropriate pruning point. Remove any dead wood of more than 50mm diameter and greater than 0.5m in length; Oak (T2) - Fell to ground level - Reason: Tree is dead (decay visible at base) and presents a hazard of falling into road or into regularly used field; Oak (T3) - Reduce crown by 2 meters or to nearest appropriate pruning point. Remove any dead wood of more than 50mm diameter and greater than 0.5m in length. No observations

19/00388/FUL Land South Of Homecroft Southend Road. Proposed bungalow with all associated works. No observations

100419 Information – Meeting to note Clerk's holiday Weds 10th to 17th April

Meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.

The next Parish meeting will be held on Monday 13th May 2019 at St Andrews Church Meeting Room at 7.15pm. This will include the AGM.