

SANDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held online via Microsoft Teams on **Monday, 8th March 2021** commencing at 7.15 pm



PRESENT: Councillors:
Dee Hyatt - Chairman
Cedric Calmeyer
James Colbeck
Martin Cross
Alan Kalbfell
Elaine Williamson

In attendance: Clerk, one member of the public

	<u>ACTION</u>
010321 Apologies for absence –	
020321 Declarations of interest – None.	
030321 Public participation session. A member of the public wished to raise the installation of speed restriction signs on the Southend Road well before the Brooklands houses. The new houses are being occupied by young families and there is a need to get cars to reduce their speed (currently a 60 mph area). Cllr Hyatt to contact ECC to support the resident's request.	Cllr Hyatt
040321 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8 th February 2021 were approved. Cllr Hyatt to sign as a correct record at a later date.	Cllr Hyatt
050321 Clerk's Report. Noted by the meeting	
060321 Current Issues.	
(a) Maintenance and ditch clearing – Meeting agreed to postpone the completion of the clearing of Corner Green until next year. Cllr Calmeyer to meet Cllr Cross to look at the wider area.	Cllr Calmeyer Cllr Cross
(b) Allotments – Clerk to amend the current lease and send out to the cllrs prior to ratification at April's meeting. Meeting agreed to cross charge the allotment holders the water usage at last year's rate. Any additional water costs incurred by the builders will be borne by the P.C.	Clerk Clerk
(c) Community Centre – Cllr Calmeyer to chase the Highways report and to send though the amended plans to the cllrs prior to them being resubmitted.	Cllr Calmeyer
(d) Neighbourhood Development Plan – Team are going to appoint Troy Planning following the receipt of three quotes. Meeting agreed Clerk could pay up to £300 of the consultant's expenses should he wish to charge us for attending the next NDP meeting 15 th April.	
(e) Sports club – Meeting agreed that they could continue to play until the end	

of June in order to complete their fixture list. Clerk to find out from CCC how much they would charge to empty the bins twice weekly. Clerk to contact Community Police re persistent littering. Meeting agreed to Sports Club request to hold an inflatable event as long as it was under their insurance and responsibility. Clerk to chase non-payment of first quarter's rent.

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(f) Village Hall – Meeting noted their intent to put down a replacement patio

(g) PCC – Meeting noted that the PCC are needing funds to renovate the belfry

(h) Security signs in car park – Meeting agreed the quote of £680 from Sign It for the erection of two signs in the car park. It is hoped this will deter anti-social activity. Clerk to place order

Clerk

(i) Agreement of 2021 Action Plan – Cllr Colbeck agreed to re-write so that it was in a more appropriate format. To be agreed at next meeting.

Cllr Colbeck

(j) Email postscript for cllrs – Meeting agreed the wording.

(k) Sandon School playing fields – Cllr Hyatt updated meeting with the recent decision by the School to fence off the Molrams Lane playing field due to the actions of inconsiderate dog walkers.

(l) Love your parish day – Meeting agreed to add replace wooden bollards on Gingerbread Hill/Southend Road. Clerk to re-issue

Clerk

070321 Correspondence received and action required – Cllr Calmeyer to meet with the resident who has expressed concerns over the increased dog fouling and litter within the village.

Cllr Calmeyer

080321 Finance

(a) The following payments were tabled and approved.

Employee costs	£848.47	Tfer
Talk to Pheonix	£158.34	Tfer
C.Calmeyer	£344.82	Tfer
Thorndon Sec	£249.60	Tfer
Plusnet	£19.82	d/d

(b) Meeting noted latest budget.

(c) Clerk to check latest bank rates before P.C. agrees to lock away £20k for a further twelve months

Clerk

090321 Planning:

Cllr Hyatt updated meeting following recent CCC presentation and the Redrow development

21/05017/TPO Ridgeway East Hanningfield Road. T11 Oak/ T12 Oak - crown reduce by 2m - Reason: Tree maintenance. No observations

21/00193/FUL Sunnyside Southend Road. Front dormer No observations

21/00083/FUL Site At Brambles Southend Road. Demolition of existing dwelling. Construction of a new dwelling with integral garage and associated works. Sandon Parish Council disagrees with this application on the following grounds.

1. This large, very domineering 5 bedroom house built in the backlands will take away the privacy and amenity of the neighbouring properties. We note it has been set well back on the newly acquired piece of rural land behind the existing property, but it will have a visual impact on at least 6 of the neighbouring properties. Strategic Policy S11 states in 6.85 Any development in the Rural Area must be suitable and compatible with its character, as set out in other relevant policies in the Local Plan. Development will be supported provided it does not adversely impact the identified intrinsic character and beauty of the Rural Area and complies with other relevant policies of the Local Plan as well. This development does not comply with this, as it will have a huge impact on the intrinsic character of the area, which was a grazing field that the local properties looked out upon.

2. The dividing hedgerow has been allowed to become very tall trees which does form some screening but will need to be maintained. The application mentions planting new trees in the spaces, but during the winter the neighbours will have a very clear view of the new property.

3. The access road is very narrow, and we are very concerned about damage to the houses either side and the amount of traffic for such a large development will cause noise and pollution. Entry from the very busy Southend Road is potentially detrimental to the free flow and safety of traffic on Southend Road.

4. We do not see an ecological survey in the paperwork? With a development of this size and on rural land, we would have expected to see one.

This is a backland plot in the Green Belt, where the buildings should not dominate the scene and views of the countryside. The visual impact, scale and siting of such a large development is inappropriate.

Sandon Parish feel this development is too big for the site and situation behind the houses of Southend Road, it is proposed to be built on Green Belt previously used for grazing and therefore this application should be refused.

21/05027/TPO Chilterns East Hanningfield Road. Oak (T13) - crown reduce by 5m; Oak (T14) - crown reduce by 6m; Oak (T15) - crown reduce by 5m - reason: tree maintenance.

100321 Items of report and potential matters for future agendas – Meeting agreed to cancel this year's Annual Assembly in the light of the current lockdown conditions. All to consider who to award the Sandon Cup this year.

All

110321 Items for next edition of the Topics – Meeting agreed articles for next edition to be with clerk by end of May. To include the presentation that would have been given by the P.C. at the now cancelled Annual Assembly. Article needed on fundraising for the bells.

All

Meeting closed at 9:05 p.m.

The next Parish meeting will be held online Monday 12th April 2021 using Microsoft Teams starting at 7.15pm

