

SANDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at **St Andrews Church Hall** on **Monday, 14th November 2022** commencing at 7.18 pm



PRESENT: Councillors: Dee Hyatt - Chairman
Martin Cross
Vic Trew
Gary Nicholls
Cedric Calmeyer
James Colbeck

In attendance: Clerk,

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011122 Apologies for absence – Cllr Alan Kalbfell

021122 Declarations of interest – None declared.

031122 Public participation session. – No members of the public were present

041122 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th Oct 2022 were approved. Cllr Hyatt then signed the minutes at the meeting.

051122 Clerk's Report. Contractor risk assessment to be carried forward.

Cllr Colbeck

061122 Finance

(a) The following payments were tabled and approved.

sub total employee costs	£893.59
Plusnet	£24.37
Corner Green costs	£13,800.00
Andrew Eng maintenance	£436.05
Cabling for Xmas tree lights	£493.96
Talk to Pheonix	£300.00
Charfleets Fencing	£105.00
BFS fuels	£33.00

(b) The budget to Oct end was presented without comments. Clerk to raise payments for The Friends of St Andrews and the HGRC hall hire for Dec. Now that interest rates are rising, Clerk to see whether there are better rates out there.

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071122 Planning:

22/01709/FUL Bramcote, East Hanningfield Road. Removal of existing timber fencing and gates and replacement with 1.83m high metal electrically controlled gates and 1.83m metal fencing. Sandon Parish Council feel the gates are too high. The fence and gate should be no higher than 2 metres to fit in with the street scene. The BEHR specification shows the gates to be 1.83 at the side and 2.1m in the middle. The application is very confusing as the applicant shows the gate to be straight across but the supplier shows it to be curved. We feel 2m above ground level at the highest is quite high enough.

22/01745/FUL. Oakenshaw, East Hanningfield Road. Demolition of the existing dwelling. Construction of new dwelling with garage. No observations.

22/01714/FUL. Site At Wild Oaks, East Hanningfield Road. Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and construction of 2no. dwellings with detached garages. No observations.

22/01764/FUL. The Gatehouse, Mayes Lane. Demolition and replacement of existing garage. No observations.

22/05183/TPO. The Limes, East Hanningfield Road. G1 - 17 x Limes - Re-pollard (to approx 1.5m) - Reason: Maintain at reasonable size; Limes x2 (Marked L1 and L2) - Height reduction 5m - Reason: Proximity to property, potential for falling. No observations.

22/01955/FUL. Junction of Maldon Road and Sandford Mill Lane, Maldon Road. Full planning application for 5-arm roundabout and associated crossings, infrastructure, drainage, landscaping, earthworks and engineering operations (to facilitate delivery of Strategic Growth Sites 3a, 3c and 3d). No observations.

080122 Current Issues.

(a) Maintenance – The work on the final part of Corner Green work has been completed. The improvements have already attracted positive comments. The meeting agreed not to elect this as a wildflower site as the council did not have the appropriate cutting gear to maintain it. Cllr Hyatt will plant bulbs around the tree bases. The electricity supply to the Xmas tree has now been installed prior to delivery of the tree later this month.

Cllr Hyatt

(b) Allotments – Nothing new to add.

(c) Community Centre – Cllr Calmeyer has had a recent meeting with the Sports Club and they have nominated three of their committee to become trustees of the new venture. Clerk reminded the cllrs of the meeting with the RCCE Village Halls expert 15th Nov 19:30 in the P.C. office. All should attend.

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(d) Neighbourhood Development Plan – The meeting formally approved the draft NDP. The group is moving towards the Reg 14 consultation.

(e) Sports Club – Cllr Kalbfell passed on their concerns about remedial work needed on the fields following this year’s drought, ramblers’ cars being parked in the wrong area, and the need to change the names of the trustees on the lease. Cllr Calmeyer reported that the cameras have been repaired and repositioned.

(f) Village Hall – Nothing new to report.

(g) PCC – Meeting noted the Frosty Fayre is Sat 19th November. This is too early for the Xmas tree delivery.

(h) Speed Watch – Group still going out although less so in the bad weather. Next update will be for April’s meeting.

(i) Neighbourhood Watch – P.C. has a more direct access to our local policeman if this is needed. Next update will be for April’s meeting

(j) NALC pay award – Meeting noted recent 7.7% increase in the Clerk’s salary. This will be backdated to 1st April.

(k) Annual Assembly – Meeting agreed to hold this next year. Clerk to check whether 20th April is free with the school. All to come up with suggestions for speakers

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(l) King Charles Coronation 8th May – P.C. to possibly join forces with the church when deciding how to celebrate this occasion.

(m) Clothing bank offer – Meeting decided not to accept a replacement clothes bin due to all the issues that we had with the old one.

(n) Essex and Herts Air Ambulance – Meeting decided not to contribute parish funds as individual cllrs are already donating.

(o) Winter Topics – Clerk to amend the draft copy following suggestions raised. Revised version to be sent out 18th Nov for further comments. The aim is to get the final version to printers 21st Nov.

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(p) Crocus planting – Cllr Hyatt reported that the group met 8th Nov and planted c.500 bulbs

091122 Correspondence received and action required – Cllrs Hyatt and Calmeyer reported back on the recent New Model Code of Conduct Teams meeting.

101122 Items of report and potential matters for future agendas – None.

111122 Items for next edition of the Topics – Already discussed

Meeting closed at 8:53 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Monday 12th December 2022 at the Howe Green Reformed Church starting at 7.15pm

