



SANDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Met at Marshalswick Community Centre on Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 7.30pm for a Meeting of the Parish Council

PRESENT:

Councillors John Hale, June Reid, John Foster, John Newton Davies, Geoff Churchar, Janet Churchar, Jenny Roberts, Patsy Cann, Lyn Bolton, Jonathan Maskell, Graham Leonard

OFFICERS:

Emma Hostler, Deputy Parish Clerk, Rebecca Pannese, Project, Amenities and Community Engagement Officer, Simon Thwaites, Parish Clerk, Stef Hayes, Community Centres Manager

ABSENT:

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IN ATTENDANCE:

There were two members of the public present

5382 TO RECEIVE AND FORMALLY ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies received and accepted from Councillors Jonathan Hegerty, Neil Harris, Sam Vosper.

5383 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There was none.

5384 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 12th OCTOBER 2022

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12th October 2022 were reviewed. They were agreed to be a correct record and it was unanimously;

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chair.

QUESTIONS TO OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

5385 Questions to Officers

Questions was none.

5386 Public Participation – an opportunity for residents to raise issues or ask questions of Members

A member of the public spoke to the meeting of concerns over planning application 5/2022/2417, 28 Skyswood Road. A discussion followed and the resident was advised to raise the matter with the relevant District Councillor.

CLERK'S REPORTS

5387 Monthly Accounts

Members reviewed a schedule of creditor payments for the period 13th October 2022 to 9th October 2022. It was, unanimously;

Resolved

To approve the payment of this schedule which is due to be made on 11th November 2022.

5388 Jersey Farm Open Space – Potential Asset Transfer

Members considered a report on whether to pursue the transfer to the Parish Council of the Jersey Farm Open Space. Following discussion it was;

Resolved

To defer the decision until after the May 2023 elections.

5389 Review of Standing Orders

Members were asked to review and re-adopt Sandridge Parish Council's Standing Orders (last amended September 2021). An electronic copy of this document was sent to Members by the Clerk on 25th October. It was unanimously;

Resolved

To re-adopt the Standing Orders for the coming year subject to one small grammatical error to be corrected by the Clerk.

5390 Wildflower Initiative

Councillors considered a report and recommendation from the Project, Amenities and Community Engagement Officer for an initiative to promote wildflower planting across the parish by providing seeds to residents and setting a collaborative target of planting 'half an acre of meadow'. After discussion it was;

Resolved

To proceed with the initiative as described in the report.

5391 Budgetary Control

Members were informed that on 31st October the Clerk reported a projected budgetary outturn for 2022/23 to the Finance Committee. The figure reported was £338,530, being £34,713 over budget. This was explained as being due to several approved items of non-budgeted expenditure and a fall in centres income. It was noted that a further projection will be brought to the December meeting of Full Council when several adjustments agreed at the Finance Committee meeting have been incorporated into the projected outturn.

5392 Release of Funds to Renovate Two Timber Clad Slides

It was noted that, at a meeting of the Finance Committee on October 31st, it was resolved to increase the funding available for this project to repair two timber mounted slides to a maximum of £9,000 within 2022/23. Following discussion it was unanimously;

Resolved

To ratify the resolution made.

5393 Matters of Note

- The trailer used to transport the previous Kubota tractor to the Woodland Park has had to be modified to carry the new tractor, delivered this summer.
- The draft 2023/24 budget will be presented to Full Council for approval on December 14th.

COUNCILLOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

5394 Grant Applications

There were no applications this month.

5395 St Albans Road – Road Safety Fund

Members were reminded that The Council had previously agreed to support an expression of interest made to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for a Road Safety Fund grant for the installation of ViaCam speed monitoring equipment. Councillor John Hale recommended that the task of submitting a full application is taken on by Sandridge Parish Council and that the Clerk is authorised to submit an application for such a grant in consultation with members of the Traffic Calming Working Party. It was noted that the PCC's office has extended the deadline for submission to 30 November 2022 to allow this to happen. It was unanimously;

Resolved

To authorise the Clerk, in consultation with the Traffic Calming Working Party, to submit an application to the PCC for a Road Safety Fund grant for the installation of ViaCam speed monitoring equipment on the St Albans Road.

5396 Report on HAPTC

Members noted a report from Councillor John Hale, the Parish representative on the HAPTC executive, following a meeting held on 21st October 2022.

5397 Meetings of Committees

The meeting took verbal reports by Chairs of Committees for Meetings held since last Full Council:

- Planning Committee - 13th October and 3rd November 2022 (see below)
- Finance Committee - 31st October 2022

5398 MATTERS OF NOTE ARISING SINCE THE CIRCULATION OF THE AGENDA

Members discussed the latest consultation in respect of parliamentary boundaries. It was accepted that there was no merit in submitting a further comment at this stage.

Councillor Roberts reminded Members of the upcoming Remembrance Day service this coming Sunday at St Leonard's Church.

5399 PLANNING MATTERS

It was noted that the Planning Committee met on 13th October and 3rd November 2022.

Planning applications commented on since the last Full Council meeting are;

1 Wheat Close Planning ref 5/2022/2457

7 Runcie Close Planning ref 5/20222554

5400 SUGGESTIONS AND/OR MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

- A debrief on the recent Herts Climate Change Sustainability Partnership conference.

Next meeting date – 14th December 2022 at 7.30pm – Marshalswick Community Centre

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.24pm

Chair

Date

Cllr Graham Leonard