



SANDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Met at Marshalswick Community Centre on Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 7.30pm for a meeting of the Parish Council

PRESENT:

Councillors Jenny Roberts, Graham Leonard, June Reid, James Lambert, Carol Chalkley, Mary Ternouth, Adam Twidell, Debbie Chachulski, Maurice Wells, John Hale, Rehana Ahmed, Luke Sieger

Mike White arrived at the meeting at 7.55pm

OFFICERS:

Rebecca Pannese, Project, Amenities and Community Engagement Officer, Stef Hayes, Community Centres Manager

ABSENT:

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IN ATTENDANCE:

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5534 TO RECEIVE AND FORMALLY ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Julie Oakley.

5535 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There was none.

5536 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 14th June 2023

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14th June 2023 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

5537 Questions to Officers

There was none.

5538 Public Participation – an opportunity for residents to raise issues or ask questions of Members

There was none.

CLERK'S REPORTS

5539 Monthly Accounts

Members reviewed a schedule of creditor payments for the period 15th June 2023 to 12th July 2023. It was unanimously;

Resolved

To approve the payment of this schedule on 14th July 2023.

5540 Terms of Reference – committee amendments for ratification by Full Council

The Council is asked to ratify the amendments below as agreed by the various committees;

- **Finance Committee:** Annual election of a Vice Chair.
- **Jersey Farm Woodland Park Committee:** Increase membership from five to six parish Councillors.
- **Planning Committee:** The Committee to consist of eight members drawn from across the parish. The Chair to seek agreement from the members of the committee to cancel a planned meeting. Where the planning authority's rules permit and in accordance with those rules, the committee to initiate or support the call in of an application on behalf of Sandridge Parish Council.

Resolved

To formally adopt the amendments to the terms of reference.

5541 Matters of Note

- Councillor Twidell has received instruction in loading, unloading and operating the new Kubota tractor and has undertaken to carry out some of the footpath cuts on the Woodland Park in future.
- The Parish Council hosted the St Albans District Association of Local Councils (SADALC) meeting on July 3rd.
- The Sports and Recreation Committee is looking to recruit 'Park Rangers', ready to commit to weekly, monthly or bi-annual tasks at a preferred location in support of the committee and to assist those interested in achieving their Duke of Edinburgh award. Councillor Twidell gave Members a verbal update on the initiative and it was well received. It is hoped by the committee that more involvement from local people will lead to a greater sense of stewardship in future.

COUNCILLOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

5542 Grant Applications

- Hornbeam Wood Hedgehog Sanctuary (an electronic copy of the Hornbeam Sanctuary Statement of Financial Activities was sent to Members on 6th July 2023)

Resolved

Following discussion, it was resolved to provide a grant of £500 to Hornbeam Wood Hedgehog Sanctuary for contribution towards education leaflets and cards.

5543 Skate Ramp

A verbal report was given by Councillor Twidell on an initiative to involve local young people in an exciting art project on the Jersey Farm Open Space with street artist Ant Steel. This is part of a wider project by the Sports and Recreation Committee to engage with all residents using or living close to recreational spaces. Members were provided with examples of Ant's work elsewhere in the city. It was suggested at the meeting to post the event on Facebook to make local residents aware of the initiative.

5544 Cycle Parking in the Parish

Councillor Wells provided a report to the Council ahead of the meeting with a proposal to improve cycle parking and to encourage bike use in the parish. He presented his arguments for the benefits of providing cycle parking within the parish to Members. Following discussion, it was unanimously;

Resolved

To install a set of bike stands in the vicinity of the Community Garden to the value of £1,000. As this is not a budgeted item in the current financial year, Councillors agreed to fund the installation from reserves. It was also agreed for Cllr Wells to contact Matt Daniels from St Albans Cycle Hub to discuss the installation as they are installing similar stands elsewhere in the district.

5545 Sale of Land Adjacent to Jersey Farm Woodland Park

Councillors discussed the sale of the land adjacent to Jersey Farm Woodland Park. Information was shared to Members ahead of the meeting by Cllr Ternouth with information from HCC on access and rights of way. Due to the timing and urgency of action, it was proposed by Cllr Twidell and seconded by Cllr Roberts to seek to purchase the land and a sum of £80,000 was agreed for this purpose to include costs.

Resolved

For an Officer of the Council to enter discussion with Savills regarding the purchase of the land and bring it into public ownership.

5546 SADALC and HAPTC

A verbal report by Councillor Hale was given on the meetings of SADALC and HAPTC

5547 Meetings of Committees:

Updates were given by the Chairs of the following committees.

- Sports & Recreation Committee 21st June 2023
- Jersey Farm Woodland Park 3rd July 2023
- Planning Committee 3rd July (also see item 5549)

5548 MATTERS OF NOTE ARISING SINCE THE CIRCULATION OF THE AGENDA

Members were informed that St Albans District Council Draft Plan consultation started today, the 12th July.

5549 PLANNING MATTERS

It was noted that the Planning Committee met on 3rd July 2023

Planning application commented on since the last Full Council meeting was;

- Plot 107 Land Adjacent Bridge Cottages, Sandridgebury Lane, St Albans – Planning Application 5/2023/1059

Please note: Planning applications received at the Parish Office from the Planning Authority *after* the Parish Council agenda has been published may also be discussed at the meeting as may applications of complexity or applications likely to impact heavily on the Green Belt.

5550 SUGGESTIONS AND/OR MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

- Parish Council’s response to St Albans Draft Local Plan
- Bentsley Spinney
- Neighbourhood Plan

Next meeting date – 13th September 2023 at 7.30pm – Marshalswick Community Centre

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.02pm

Chair

Date

Cllr Graham Leonard (Chair)