



SANDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Met at Marshalswick Community Centre on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.30pm for a meeting of the Parish Council

PRESENT:

Councillors Jenny Roberts (Vice Chair), James Lambert, Mary Ternouth, Maurice Wells, John Hale, Julie Oakley, Mike White, Carol Chalkley, Adam Twidell, June Reid

OFFICERS:

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

ABSENT:

Councillor Raihaanah Ahmed

IN ATTENDANCE:

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5638 TO RECEIVE AND FORMALLY ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Luke Sieger, Graham Leonard (Chair), Debbie Chachulski.

5639 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There was none.

5640 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 13th DECEMBER 2023

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13th December 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

5641 Questions to Officers

There was none.

5642 Public Participation

There was none.

CLERK'S REPORTS

5643 Monthly Accounts

Members reviewed a schedule of creditor payments for the period 14th December 2023 to 10th January 2024. It was unanimously;

Resolved

To approve the schedule for payment on 12th January 2024.

5644 Jersey Farm Open Space Pump Track

Members received an update from the Project, Amenities and Community Engagement Officer. It was noted that a response from the Parish Council's traffic consultant to the County Council's Highways Department was due to be posted on the District Council's planning portal to allow other interested parties to comment. Also noted was that a new planning application, incorporating the boundary within which traffic control would be undertaken, may need to be submitted.

5645 Bus Shelters/Community Shelters

Councillors discussed a communication received from the Intalink Highways Officer at Herts County Council regarding the creation of 'Community Bus Shelters', being an enhanced version of what is currently used. Following discussion it was unanimously;

Resolved

To ask the Clerk to arrange a meeting to discuss the project further.

5646 Sustainability Policy

The Parish Council's Sustainability Policy was reviewed, after which it was unanimously;

Resolved

To re-adopt the policy until the next review (two years).

5647 Matters of Note

- 1,470 kg of clothing and shoes were recycled through the Parish Council's clothing banks in October and November.
- Councillors Wells and Twidell have replaced timber posts at two points within the Woodland Park to reduce the risk of incursion.
- A report regarding the purchase of an electric vehicle versus retaining the current parish van will go to the Committee for Sustainability in late January. A further report may then go to the Finance Committee in February and to Full Council in March if needed. Also on the agenda will be the Parish Event to agree recommendations to Full Council to ensure the event is held sustainably.

COUNCILLOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

5648 Grant Applications

There were no applications this month.

5649 St Leonard's Lych Gate

Councillor Roberts updated members on the progress of the Lych Gate restoration project. It was reported as proceeding well.

5650 Meetings of Committees:

Members noted this month's committee meetings;

- Planning Committee – see below

5651 MATTERS OF NOTE ARISING SINCE THE CIRCULATION OF THE AGENDA

- The Parish Conference is expected to be held in May this year. Details to follow.
- Herts County Council will decide in February whether to revoke the closure authority issued in relation to the public right of way through Oaklands College.

5652 PLANNING MATTERS

It was noted that the Planning Committee met on 18th December 2023 and 8th January 2024.

The planning applications formally commented on since the last Full Council meeting are;

- 45 Windmill Avenue AL4 9SJ 5/2023/2335
- 13 Pirton Close AL4 9YJ 5/2023/0942

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.

5653 SUGGESTIONS AND/OR MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

- Oaklands College public access issues.
- Parish Event update.

Next meeting date – 14th February 2024 at 7.30pm – Marshalswick Community Centre

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.14 pm

Chair

Date

Cllr Jenny Roberts (Vice-Chair)