

SANDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL



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Met at Marshalswick Community Centre on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Councillors Jenny Roberts, John Hale, Graham Leonard (Chair), Mary Ternouth, June Reid, Maurice Wells, Carol Chalkley, Julie Oakley

OFFICERS:

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

ABSENT:

Councillors Luke Sieger, Debbie Chachulski

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Jim Watson from Friends of Jersey Lane.

5837 TO RECEIVE AND FORMALLY ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors, Mike White, James Lambert, Adam Twidell, Raihaanah Ahmed.

5838 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillor Ternouth declared herself a Committee Member of the Friends of Jersey Lane (item 5848).

5839 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 9th OCTOBER 2024

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9th October 2024 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

5840 Questions to Officers

There was none.

5841 Public Participation

There was none.

The grant application from Friends of Jersey Lane was considered at this point (item 5848).

CLERK'S REPORTS

5842 Monthly Accounts

Members reviewed a schedule of creditor payments for the period 10th October 2024 to 13th November 2024. It was unanimously;

Resolved

That Members approve payment of this schedule on 15th November 2024.

5843 Standing Orders

An electronic copy of the Parish Council's Standing Orders was sent to Members on 30th October 2024. After establishing that there were no amendments It was unanimously;

Resolved

To re-adopt the Standing Orders for the coming year.

5844 ICO Model Publication Scheme

Members reviewed the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) Model Publication Scheme. It was unanimously;

Resolved

To re-confirm the Parish Council's ongoing adherence to the ICO requirements.

5845 SYSCA Membership

Councillor Reid confirmed her willingness to take the place of Councillor Twidell on the board of this association.

5846 Matters of Note

- The PACE Officer has received three quotations for a full structural survey of Marshalswick Community Centre as requested by The Council. A contractor will shortly be selected.
- The prolonged power outage at Spencer Meadow has finally been resolved. The street lighting and CCTV are operational again.
- A solution to excessive surface water on the path between The Ridgeway and William Bell Open Space has been agreed with the adjacent householder and works will commence shortly. This expenditure was ratified by the Finance Committee on October 28th 2024.
- The draft 2025/26 Budget and recommended precept increase were presented to the Finance Committee on October 28th 2024. These will appear on the December agenda of Full Council.
- Members are reminded that there will be a public information evening at Marshalswick Community Centre on November 14th at 7.30pm to promote the welfare of local birdlife and, in particular, of swifts arriving in the parish from Africa next spring.

COUNCILLOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

5847 Parish Council Car Parking Provision

Members reviewed an interim report from the Car Park Working Party. After lengthy discussion it was proposed by Councillor Hale, seconded by Councillor Chalkley and;

Resolved;

Not to take further the suggested barrier(s) or lockable posts at this time. The Car Park Working Party to reconvene to consider how better signage and/or bay marking might help maximise the spaces available to hirers of the centre, reporting back to full council in due course. The Parish Office/library car park and clothing banks to be left as current.

5848 Grant Applications

- Jersey Farm Day Care Centre - assistance with Hall fees.
After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Leonard, seconded by Councillor Ternouth and unanimously;

Resolved

To award the sum of £2,400 towards Hall fees, this award made under the LGA 1972 s.145

- Friends of Jersey Lane - various
After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Hale, seconded by Councillor Oakley and;

Resolved

To award the sum of £1,700 towards a strimmer and related paraphernalia. This award made under the Highways Act 1980 s.43

5849 MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES:

- The Chair of the Finance Committee gave a brief verbal update on the last committee meeting.
- Finance Committee 28th October 2024
- Planning Committee – see below

5850 MATTERS OF NOTE ARISING SINCE THE CIRCULATION OF THE AGENDA

- Councillor Wells thanked The PACE Officer for her work in managing the installation of the new footpath on the Harness Way open space.
- Councillor Chalkley confirmed that the installation of the new bus shelter outside Phoenix Barbers is imminent.
- Councillor Wells confirmed the new planter/bike rack to the front of the library is very close to being approved by the County Council.

5851 PLANNING MATTERS

The Planning Committee met on 14th October 2024 and 4th November 2024.

Sandridge Parish Council’s Planning Committee meets every three weeks to review and respond to planning applications received from the Planning Authority, St. Albans District Council. Planning applications commented on since the last Full Council meeting are;

1 Bentsley Close AL4 9PN	5/2024/1587
13 Briar Road AL4 9TH	5/2024/0306
114 Osprey Drive AL4 OLU	5/2024/1504
28 Skys Wood Road AL4 9PG	5/2024/1814
The Stables AL4	5/2024/1462
Land to rear of 235 & 237 Sandpit Lane	5/2024/1691

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.

5852 SUGGESTIONS AND/OR MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Improvements to the Marshalswick Community Centre car park.

Next meeting date – 11th December 2024 at 7.30pm – Marshalswick Community Centre

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.26 pm

Chair **Date**