



PARISH COUNCIL OF SANDHURST, KENT

Please reply to Catherine Catt, Parish Clerk, Old School, Back Road, Sandhurst, Kent TN18 5JS 01580-850295

Approved Minutes Parish Council Meeting 10 September 2019

In Attendance:

Cllr D Leggett	Mrs C Catt : Clerk & Proper Officer
Cllr E Merritt	Mr A Crocker : Responsible Finance Officer
Cllr K O'Brien	
Cllr J Oliphant-Robertson	TWBC Cllr G Bland
Cllr C Robinson	Members of Public

Item No		Actions
09/19/01	Election of Chairman	
	Cllr Kerry proposed Cllr David Leggett should be elected as Chairman of Sandhurst Parish Council. Cllr Oliphant-Robertson seconded the proposal and it was agreed unanimously that Cllr Leggett be elected as Chairman. Cllr Leggett proposed Cllr Christopher Robinson should be elected as Vice-Chairman of Sandhurst Parish Council. Cllr Merritt seconded the proposal and it was agreed unanimously that Cllr Robinson be elected as Vice-Chairman. Cllr Leggett thanked those present saying that he and Cllr Robinson would work together until the elections in 2020.	
09/19/02	Co-Option of Parish Councillor	
	Cllr Leggett proposed that Mr Mark Griggs should be co-opted as a Councillor of Sandhurst Parish Council. Cllr Robinson seconded this proposal and the Councillors present voted unanimously that Mr Mark Griggs should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.	
09/19/03	Apologies for Absence	
	Cllr Cope had given his apologies to Cllr Leggett.	

	Mr Griggs had anticipated attending the meeting but due to the BA strike was unable to be present.	
09/19/04	Declarations of Interest	
	There were no Declarations of Interest for this meeting.	
09/19/05	Approval of Minutes	
	Cllr Kerry proposed; Cllr Oliphant-Robertson seconded and it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9 July 2019 are an accurate record of the meeting. Cllr Robinson abstained as he was not present on 9 July 2019.	
09/19/06	Accounts and Finance & Risk Management	
	Accounts – see Appendix A <u>Approve accounts for payment</u> - The RFO had provided the details in advance of the meeting and the accounts for payment for July and August were agreed retrospectively. <u>Receive details of receipts in July and August 2019</u> - The RFO had provided details in advance of the meeting and the details of receipts were noted and approved retrospectively. <u>Receive the reconciliation of the Council's accounts to the end of August 2019</u> - The RFO will meet Cllr Robinson separately to check and sign off the reconciliation of the bank accounts for the end of July and August. <u>Review spend to date and identify potential overspends and underspends</u> - Cllrs Leggett and Robinson together with the RSO (AC) and the Clerk (CC) had reviewed the budget and spend to date ahead of the Council meeting. The RFO was asked to make some adjustments to the year end forecast and spend – see Appendix B for the revised figures. - Cllr Robinson proposed; Cllr Oliphant-Robertson seconded and the Councillors present voted unanimously to approve the accounts for July and August 2019. Finance & Risk Management <u>Financial Regulations</u> - Having read the draft Financial Regulations which has been circulated, Cllr Robinson felt some adjustments should be made. It was agreed Cllr Robinson, the RFO and the Clerk will review, amend and re-issue the Financial Regulations for approval at the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 8 October 2019.	CR/AC AC CR/AC/CC

	Cleaning A member of the public raised concern around health and safety issues about the cleaning of the toilets following vandalism earlier in the year. He felt that specialist jobs should be carried out by qualified contractors – the Chairman noted his comments. ▪ Cllr Merrit who had cleaned the toilets assured those present all the necessary precautions to avoid contamination had been taken. TWBC Cllr Bland had nothing to raise. The Chairman restarted the Council Meeting.	
09/19/07	Website <u>Approve the implementation of the new website</u> ▪ The Clerk reported work on the new website was almost complete and suggested a 'go live' date of 1.10.2019. She gave the meeting a brief overview of what people would be able to find on the new website – agendas, minutes, financial information, planning applications, etc. The planning application section would also include a copy of the draft TWBC Local Plan. Cllr Leggett asked if the new website could be available from 20.9.19, the start of the consultation on the draft Local Plan ? After some discussion this was agreed. ▪ It was also agreed people would be signposted from the old to the new site. Cllr Kerry made the proposal which was seconded by Cllr Robinson and agreed by those Councillors present. <u>Approval of sandhurstparish.co.uk email addresses</u> ▪ Together with the launch of the new website, it was agreed Councillors and officers would use this generic email address to comply with GDPR. ▪ Cllr Merrit pointed out it might be necessary to provide technical support to achieve this which the Clerk noted. ▪ Cllr O'Brien asked if it was possible to create an area on the website for councillor information. The Clerk said an area where Councillors could logon for papers and information was being discussed. <u>Website Spend</u> ▪ The Clerk presented the spend to date and asked for an additional £500 to be agreed which would bring the total spend to £1,300. ▪ This was discussed and Cllr O'Brien was concerned by ongoing spends and asked for a definitive cap. Cllr Robinson proposed £1,040 but the Clerk said this would not allow the final work to be carried out for the 'go live' date.	CC CC CC CC

	▪ Cllr Kerry said it had been agreed a new and improved website was an important communication tool for the Council and agreed with the Clerk's request. Cllr Merrit made a counter proposal for £1,300 which Cllr Oliphant-Robertson seconded. The Councillors agreed to the new proposal with the exception of Cllr O'Brien who expressed concern about costs running away. ▪ It was agreed the Clerk would present any future spends to delegated councillors for prior approval.	
09/19/08	Allotments	
	<u>Tenancy Agreements & Invoices</u> ▪ The Councillors confirmed the Clerk and RFO should issue annual tenancy agreements and invoices at the end of September 2019. <u>Compliance with Tenancy Agreements</u> ▪ It was agreed to review this, together with the contents of the tenant's letter, at the next Parish Council meeting on 8.10.2019 to allow feedback from the Allotment Committee meeting being held on 11.9.2019.	
09/19/09	Village Clock Tower	
	▪ The Councillors confirmed Mr Terry Hannocks would have responsibility for overseeing the maintenance and repair of the clocks in the village clock tower but would not have any responsibility to spend or commit expenditure. Any requests for expenditure would be sent to the Clerk for approval by the Parish Council.	
09/19/10	Correspondence to the Clerk	
	Emails were received from: ▪ Mrs Effenberg's re Traffic Issues in the Village of Sandhurst ▪ Mr Lilly's re Traffic Issues on Back Road Sandhurst Cllr Robinson referred to previous correspondence with KCC Cllr Holden who had expressed sympathy at the time but had not been able to do anything. Cllr Robinson told the meeting it was time to revisit traffic issues in the village taking into account the two emails and results from the 2014 village survey. He asked the Councillors for approval to draft a letter to Cllr Holden which he will circulate for consideration at the next meeting. Councillors approved this action. Cllr Kerry agreed with the issues raised especially in Back Road where he believes someone will be killed if traffic is not slowed down. Cllr O'Brien also expressed concern about the lack of footpaths on some roads.	CR

	Cllr Robinson said the letter should be the first step to renew action and move things forward.	
09/19/11	Confirm date of Planning Committee Meeting	
	A further meeting was requested by Sandhurst residents to discuss and comment on Planning Application 19/02095/FULL. It was agreed to hold a Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday, 24 September 2019 at 19.30 hours. Cllr Leggett said the developers would be notified but made the point this would be a public meeting and not a platform for Clarendon Homes. The Councillors did, however, agree the developers should be able to take questions from people attending so regarding the 3-minute rule the Chairman would be flexible if required.	
	Dates of Next Meetings	
	24 September 2019 : 19.30 hours – PLANNING COMMITTEE 8 October 2019 : 19.30 hours 12 November 2019 : 19.30 hours 10 December 2019 : 19.30 hours	

CATHERINE CATT
Clerk to Sandhurst Parish Council

CC: For Information
County Cllr Seán Holden
Borough Cllr Godfrey Bland