



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 12 July 2022

In Attendance:

Cllr C Robinson (Chairman) (CR)	Cllr A Kerry (AK)
Cllr M Phillipson (MP)	Cllr J Roper
Cllr P Phillipson (PP)	TWBC Cllr S Holden - KCC
Cllr D Rogers (DR)	Mrs J Horan (Admin) JH
Cllr L Erwood (LE)	

Item No	
1.	Welcome & Apologies
	Apologies were received from Cllr Griggs (MG), Cllr K O'Neil (KO) and Mrs C Catt (Clerk & Proper Officer)
2.	Declarations of Interest
	Councillors were reminded that they must inform the Monitoring Officer of any changes to their Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. There were two declarations of interest concerning an item on the agenda: DR & LE as Allotment Holders
3.	Approval of Minutes
	To resolve that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 June 2022 are a true record of the meeting. Members were reminded the only issue relating to the minutes that can be discussed is their accuracy. MP Proposed ; PP Seconded and those present agreed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting.
4.	Matters Arising
	Allotment Fence Repairs: The fence repairs have been reported to the housing associations, there will be a delay before the repairs are made as they have a huge backlog from Storm Eunice in February. Allotment Gate: A quote was received for £460 to alter the gate. DR to contact contractor. CR Proposed to accept the quote ; MP Seconded. All present agreed. Bollards: Bottom Green and Top Green have been completed the Memorial should be done within the next few weeks.

5.	Councillor Intervention
	Sean Holden: The big thing which has been happening is the discussion around the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee about the reduction of subsidies for buses across the county to the value of £2.2 million. There were 39 routes that were facing the loss of their subsidy, there were a few which were removed from the list for various reasons, which leaves 29 routes affected, one of which is the Sandhurst to Tenterden service which runs once a week and costs £24 per passenger journey. One of the things we have had to consider is the cost to the tax payer of subsidising these buses. Some people are going to be losing a service that they value. There is an allocation of £35 million from the government for bus service improvement but that is not be used to support or subsidise existing services, more for infrastructure. KCC are helping to place Ukrainian families with volunteer families. The idea that this was for six months; The question was asked; What happens after six months? The answer received was; we are working on that. Some good news, around 14 years ago KCC had a dire reputation for children's services. There has been a recent Ofsted inspection of KCC Children's Services and it has been rated as outstanding.
6.	Finance and Accounts
	To approve accounts retrospectively for payments from 1 June to 30 June 2022 To receive details retrospectively of receipts from 1 June to 30 June 2022 To note the bank reconciliation as 30 June 2022 Cllr Griggs will check the bank reconciliation and sign before next meeting. • AK Proposed ; MP Seconded and those present approved the accounts Lionel Robins Report: Circulated prior to the meeting. Mr Robbins reported that he found no reference to the Statement of Internal control. This will be brought before the council and minuted at the next meeting.
7.	Defibrillator Storage
	Ken Hopkins from Hopkins+, who maintains the village defibrillators attended the meeting and explained the storage challenges the village is facing with regard to the defibrillators. Currently the way the defibrillators are being stored is not suitable, they are being damaged by condensation caused by temperature fluctuations and in the winter could likely fail if the temperatures drop below a certain point. The defibrillators need to be stored in insulated, heated cabinets, which are suitable for year round outside storage. Ken's recommendation is an insulated heated cabinet which will need a power supply. These boxes are supplied with or without a lock. With a lock £499.00 and without a lock £469.00. Each box will cost approx. £150 to install. CR asked if there were a solar option which would not require connection to the mains; Ken said that was an option but would cost around £3,500 each. To provide heated boxes for each of the six defibrillators a power supply is needed: The Ringle Green defibrillator needs to be moved to the pavilion, where there is an available power supply.

	The Baptist Church and The Swan, where two further defibrillators are located need to be contacted regarding using their power supply. Action CR The telephone box defibrillator – need to check if it has a power supply. DR to get a quote from Power Networks and then send plan to EDF about tapping into their supply at the other locations, Tanyard, Downton Cottages and possibly the Phone Box. • DR Proposed all defibrillators to go into heated boxes ; Seconded MP. All present agreed. A discussion took place regarding whether the cases should be lockable or not. In the past one of the village defibrillators was stolen and another vandalised and rendered useless. If the defibrillators were placed in locked boxes the emergency services would be notified of the codes for the boxes and the code given when a 999 call is made. • LE Proposed all defibrillators go into locked boxes ; Seconded MP. All present agreed that it was better to have a locked box to be sure that the defibrillator was present and in working order should they ever be needed.
8.	Playground Fences
	CR circulated a report earlier today regarding the playground fencing quotes for bow-top fencing received. Quotes were requested from three suppliers for installing approximately 65m of bow top galvanised steel fencing, finished in green with a self-closing steel gate with concrete pads 1.2m either side at Marsh Quarter Lane playground. Also to demolish and remove the existing timber palisade fence. All components to be RoSPA compliant. Contractor A - £12,010 Contractor B - £9,950 Contractor C - £10,060 The benefits and cost of the fencing was discussed at length. • LE proposed to use Contractor B ; Seconded MP All those present agreed. CR hopes to have all quotes for the extra play equipment and surfacing by the next meeting.
9.	Boundary Commission Changes
	TWBC are to reduce Councillors from 48 to 39. It is proposed that the borough be split into several wards, with approx. 7,000 people per ward, this would affect and split some rural communities. A letter drafted by Goudhurst Parish Council was circulated earlier, regarding boundary commission changes, requesting TWBC reconsider this for rural parishes. There are 3 options to consider in response to these changes: 1. No view. 2. Agree representations not appropriate – PC to write and express that opinion. 3. Agree with changes. • MP Proposed, option 2 ; PP Seconded. Majority in favour, DR against.
10.	Committees
	No updates

	Cllr Robinson wanted to thank Barbara Simmons for her hard work clearing the weeds from the Old School Hall yard.
11.	Neighbourhood Plan
	No update
12.	Allotments
	Water Tap: The tap has been replaced by Mr Breckon who needs to be reimbursed for the parts purchased. Hedges: To be cut back in September. The hedge is to be cut to 6ft and remains the responsibility of the Parish Council.
13.	Planning Applications
	Application No: 22/01522/FULL Proposal: Single storey rear extension. Address: Swallowhill Barn, Bourne Lane, Sandhurst, TN18 5NT The Parish Council have no concerns regarding this application and have no further comments to make. • DR Proposed ; LE Seconded. All present agreed Application No: 22/01626/FULL Proposal: Conversion of existing barn to a residential dwelling Address: Oaklands Farm, Bodiam Road, Sandhurst, TN18 5LE The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application. • DR Proposed ; LE Seconded. All present agreed Appeal A Ref: APP/M2270/C/20/3246942 Appeal B Ref: APP/M2270/C/20/3246943 Land south of Oakland's Farm, Bodiam Road, Sandhurst, Kent TN18 5LE Decision Notice Date: 04 March 2022 – 6 Months to comply (04 September 2022). Review at next meeting in September 2022
14.	Correspondence to the Clerk
	Email from Resident regarding trees around the clock tower killing hedge – AK to arrange for hedges to be cut back. Correspondence relating to the caravan dumped on Back Road – Action JH
15.	Public Intervention
	One resident wanted to comment on the parking posts and large rocks on the Upper Green. The posts have been replaced and the rocks have been moved to the edge of the green and are inconvenient when parking. You bash the car doors when opening them, the rocks are also difficult to see when parking and resident cannot see what the purpose of the rocks is. <i>The PC replied: The bollards were placed there to prevent people parking on the green and the rocks have been in place for about 40 years. The PC understand the concerns. The placement of the rocks will be reviewed to see what can be done to alleviate the problem.</i>
16.	Dates of Next Meetings
	• 13 September 2022 • 11 October 2022 • 08 November 2022

CATHERINE CATT

Clerk to Sandhurst Parish Council

CC: For Information

County Cllr Seán Holden
Borough Cllr Godfrey Bland
Borough Cllr Ellen Neville
PCSO Simon Fuller

Signed:.....

Dated:.....