

# Sandy Town Council

**Minutes of the meeting of Sandy Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 17 August 2015 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs P N Aldis, T Cole, A M Hill, A Jackson (Mayor), G Leach, C Osborne, M Scott, P Sharman and S Sutton

**Absent:** Cllrs J Ali, M Pettitt, Cllr P Smith (CBC), Mr S Allen and Mrs D Quick

**In attendance:** Cllrs Maudlin and Stock (CBC), Mrs C Baker-Smith (Acting Clerk), Ms M Bracey (Minutes Clerk), Mr P Blaine, Mr C Butterfield, Mr D Sharman and Mrs J Sparrow and five members of the public.

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1 Apologies for Absence (45-2015/2016)</b> Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ali, Pettitt, Smith and Mr S Allen and Mrs D Quick</p>	Admin
<p><b>2 Declaration of Interest and requests for dispensations (46-2015/16)</b> i) <i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i> – Cllr P Sharman will leave the room at item 5 of the agenda as he is a relative of D Sharman. Cllr Sutton will leave the room at item 15 on the Agenda as she is a Director of D &amp; S Homes Ltd. ii) <i>Non Disclosable Interests</i> – Cllrs Cole and Aldis declared that they were members of the Carnival Committee which will be discussed at item 11 on the agenda iii) <i>Dispensations</i> – None</p>	Admin
<p><b>3 Public Participation Session (47-2015/16)</b> A member of the public raised the question of the tidy tip in Biggleswade being closed and the 35 mile round trip to the tip at Ampthill, as recommended by Central Bedfordshire. He asked what representations had been made to CBC. A member said that Sandy Town Council had offered CBC the HGV area of the car park but this offer had not been taken up, yet. They are looking at the traffic management and risk assessment and we await an answer. Cllr Maudlin also stated that a school playground had been suggested but this had been discounted. The suggestion has also been made to reduce the price of bulk rubbish waste collection. A member suggested that Sandy Town Council write to Central Bedfordshire registering the concern amongst the public in Sandy at the closure of the tidy tip and to reiterate Sandy Town Council's offer and this was agreed by Members. A member of the public raised concerns with the Cemetery proposal</p>	Admin

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at agenda item 9. He was requested to make his presentation prior to the item being discussed.

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| <p><b>4 Minutes of previous Town Council Meeting (48-2015/16)</b><br/><b>RESOLVED</b> to receive the minutes of the meeting of Sandy Town Council held on Monday 6 July 2015 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.</p>   | Admin |
| <p><b>5 Co-option of New Members (49-2015/16)</b><br/>The four candidates present, P Blaine, C Butterfield, D Sharman and J Sparrow gave a short presentation and answered member's questions. Apologies had been received from Mr S Allen and Mrs D Quick and the members had their written applications. As a result of the vote four candidates, Mr P Blaine, Mrs D Quick, Mr D Sharman and Mrs J Sparrow were elected on to Sandy Town Council, and the three present signed the declaration and took their seats. Cllr P Blaine will represent Ivel Ward and Cllrs Quick Sharman and Sparrow Pinnacle Ward.</p>   | Admin |
| <p><b>6 Police Matters (50-2015/16)</b><br/><b>RESOLVED</b> in the absence of PCSO Jeeves, it was proposed and seconded that her report be accepted. Members were advised that if they have questions on the report to contact PCSO Jeeves by email.</p>   | Admin |
| <p><b>7 Minutes of Committees and recommendations therein (51-2015/16)</b><br/>To receive and note the minutes of the meetings of the following committees and sub committees (if applicable) to approve recommendations therein which do not arise elsewhere.<br/>i) <b>RESOLVED</b> to note the minutes of meetings of Development Scrutiny Committee held on 13 July 2015 and 3 August 2015.<br/>ii) <b>RESOLVED</b> to note the minutes of the meeting of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on 13 July 2015 and the four resolutions on the allotments report.<br/>iii) <b>RESOLVED</b> to note the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Finance and Resource Committee held on 3 August 2015 and the request from 1<sup>st</sup> Sandy Scouts for a loan of £2,000 towards this year's bonfire event with a review for future years events.</p> | Admin |
| <p><b>Note</b> – Cllr Osborne took over the Chair.</p>   |       |
| <p><b>8 Financial Matters (52-2015/16)</b><br/>i) <b>RESOLVED</b> to note a summary of the statement of income and expenditure against budget for the year to date as previously scrutinized by the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee.<br/>ii) <b>RESOLVED</b> to note a list of payments for May/June 2015 made</p>   | Admin |

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since the last Town Council meeting (previously circulated).

## 9 Cemetery Extension (53-2015/16)

A member of the public gave a presentation about his concerns regarding the cemetery extension.

Cllr Aldis responded to the points raised, presented the report and moved that it be approved.

**RESOLVED** to note the report and :-

1. To write to the neighbours with the proposal for the sale of the cess pit area, (approximately 150m<sup>2</sup>) at a cost of £2,000 with both sides paying their legal fees and with clarification of the actual size of the area.
2. To confirm in the letter that we do not wish to sell the additional piece of land behind their garage block.
3. To confirm that the boundary treatment around the residents' property will be hedging or a fence, whichever is deemed appropriate.
4. To confirm, unless directed otherwise by the Planning Authority, that the planning application, as amended, is not to be further amended.
5. For the Clerk to seek funding for the archaeological excavation of the site.

## 10 Sandy Bus Service 73 (54-2015/16)

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

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## 11 Council representative for Carnival Committee.(55-2015/16)

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Cole remain on the Carnival Committee as requested and that a list of all outside bodies requiring representation be on the agenda of the next full Town Council meeting on 28 September 2015.

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## 12 Bedfordshire Association of Town and Parish Councils (56-2015/16)

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Blaine be nominated to stand for election on the Association.

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## 13 Town and Parish Council Planning Conference (57-2015/16)

**RESOLVED** that the two representatives from Sandy Town Council at the Planning Conference will be the Chair and Vice Chair of Development Scrutiny Committee, Cllrs Pettitt and Sharman and Cllr Hill as a replacement if required.

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<b>14</b>	<b>Police and Crime Plan for Community Safety in Bedfordshire. (58-2015/2016)</b>	Admin
	Members lamented the fact that Bedfordshire is poorly funded and there is an uneven distribution of resources between larger towns and the rural areas. They also commented that policing in Sandy seems to be through Community Support rather than a police presence.	
<b>15</b>	<b>Community Infrastructure Levy (59-2015/16)</b>	Admin
	Members were confused by the different bands suggested. A member suggested a Neighbourhood Plan may be the way forward. Also that to be briefed by a representative of CBC would be useful. It was said that other members may wish to attend the Planning Conference. <b>RESOLVED</b> to send a similar response as Arlesey Town Council to CBC.	
<b>16</b>	<b>News Release (60-2015/16)</b>	Admin
	Co-option of new members.	