

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Services and Environment Committee of Sandy Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 30 January 2017 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs N Aldis, T Cole, T Knagg, G Leach, C Osborne, M Scott, J Sparrow (Vice Chair) and Cllr C Mauldin (CBC)

Absent: Cllrs J Ali, A M Hill and S Sutton (Chair)

In Attendance: Cllrs P Blaine, M Pettitt, Mrs C Baker-Smith (Admin Team Leader) and one member of the public

Action

1 Apologies for absence (83-2016/17)

Cllrs J Ali, A M Hill and S Sutton.

2 Declarations of interest (84-2016/17)

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – None
- ii) Non-disclosable Interests – Cllr N Aldis declared an interest in Item 9 as he uses the public bus service.
- iii) Dispensations – None

3 Minutes of previous meeting (85-2016/17)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on Monday 19 December 2016 as a correct record of proceedings.

4 Public Participation Session (86-2016/17)

There were no questions.

5 Action list (87-2016/17)

Engayne Avenue Estate (including Winchester & Dapifer Roads):
Repair work to the walls has been completed. The unused garage lighting is still awaiting action. Cllr Peter Smith (CBC) to arrange a meeting with Doug Grace of Aragon and Cllr Mike Scott and Ward Councillors (STC) will attend.

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Beeston Green Orchard/Allotments: The archaeology work has started and the CBC planning application will be submitted with the findings.

Play Areas: A report on the play parks will allow the Town Council to look at prioritising parks. It will identify play value and how this could be increased. A member stated that the Town Council needs

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to re-inforce its priorities. Initial Central Beds and Town Council consultations with the public will be based on the report summary of how play could be improved with the installation of certain equipment. A review of the consultation responses will assist with the drawing up of plans and tender documents which Central Beds Council will produce.

The other items on the Action List were noted.

6 **Sandy Green Wheel (88-2016/17)**

(This Item was deferred until after Item 14.)

Mr Cliff Andrews did not attend the meeting. The report was received and noted by members who raised the following questions:

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- i) Why is the group installing a disabled angling platform in the Sandcaste Wood when there are platforms on The Riddy?
- ii) With regard to the surfacing enhancements to the Public Bridleway at the end of Stratford Road, a member stated that there are large potholes appearing since the surfacing substance has been put down and another form of substance should be considered for future re-surfacing.

The Admin Team Leader to pass on the queries to Mr Andrews.

7 **Tree Surveys (89-2016/17)**

The Tree Survey Report was received and noted. It was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** that the trees ranked with a priority 2 or 3 in the report be dealt with in early March this financial year and costs be sought from the contractor and brought back to a Special Meeting of the Town Council.

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8 **Beeston Green Management Plan (90-2016/17)**

- i) Members received the second draft of the Beeston Green Management Plan and made the following comments:
 - Page 4 – The plan to cover a 4 year period.
 - Page 8 – Access to any new residential developments over the Village Green must be **sought from** not **granted by** the Town Council.
 - Page 11 – 7.2 Heading - Change **Fowling** to **Fouling**.
 - Page 12 – 7.5 –Permission will be **sought from** not **granted by**.

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RESOLVED that Item 8 be amended to read that "Parking is not permitted on the Village Green."

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ii) Members received a summary of legal advice regarding access over Beeston Village Green and it was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk incorporates the advice received into the Management Plan and that the Council considers the implications of increased use of access across the Village Green and holds discussions with any present or future developers over access and the requirements of both parties. Clerk

9 **Bus Shelters (91-2016/17)**

After discussion it was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Town Council approves the installation of a bus shelter to serve Fallowfield on Town Council owned land and that the Clerk liaises with CBC Public Transport to ensure the shelter and Real Time information is installed. Town Clerk

10 **Joint Project to Deliver Disability Play Equipment (92-2016/17)**

Members noted the communication from Maulden Parish Council and agreed it was a valued initiative. A member suggested that when consultation on our own play parks takes place the Town Council should consider including disabled equipment. It was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Town Council would not send a representative to the joint project meeting. Town Clerk

11 **The Great British Spring Clean 2017 (93-2016/17)**

Members received the information from Central Beds Council on the nationwide litter pick over the weekend of 3-5 March 2017. After discussion it was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED** that local groups would be contacted to see if they wanted to be included and that the Town Council would apply to Central Beds Council to join the event if groups/volunteers came forward. Cllr Maudlin (CBC) would be involved in the event and would advertise it on Facebook. Members were asked to let the office know of any particular areas in Sandy that needed attention. The Pinnacle and Sand Lane were mentioned at the meeting. Cllrs Aldis, Cole, Maudlin (CBC)

12 **Specialised Markets (94-2016/17)**

Members received the report and Members agreed that specialised markets are paired with local events in Sandy i.e. the Sandy Show, the Carnival or the firework event to draw in the people to attend. A Member stated that Sandy residents need to use the town when events are staged or the town will suffer. Town Clerk

It was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED** that the office brings back to the Committee the full costs of using a market

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provider to host specialised markets.

That the Council aims to hold a specialist market in May/June to coincide with the mosaic project and other local events, with a view to having a further summer and autumn market.

That a proposal and date for the May/June market are brought to the committee or to full Council for approval.

13 **CCTV (95-2016/17)**

Members received the report and after discussion Members stated:

- i) That there was no information on any arrests that the police have made in the report from the Hertfordshire CCTV Partnership.
- ii) That are Town Council owned cameras are not being used as the Town Council would like.
- iii) That Central Beds Council owned cameras feature more than the Town Council's cameras in the report.

It was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk liaises with Hertfordshire CCTV to arrange a date in early March for all Members to visit the control room. Also to arrange a meeting with the CCTV controllers and the operations manager after the main visit to ask further questions.

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14 **War Memorial History (96-2016/17)**

Members noted the report and thanked the office and in particular Val McFarlane for producing the same. Members **RESOLVED** that this report should be included in future editions of the Bulletin and The Villager.

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15 **Chair's Items (97-2016/17)**

There were no items.

16 **Date of Next Meeting (98-2016/17)**

13 March 2017