**SANDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at **Howe Green Reformed Church** on **Monday 14th October 2024** commencing at 7.15 pm

**PRESENT: Councillors:** Martin Cross
Cedric Calmeyer
Gary Nicholls
Alan Kalbfell
Darren Chaplin

**In attendance**: Clerk. Two members of the public

**ACTION**

**011024 Apologies for absence –** Cllr James Colbeck, Cllr Charlotte Lyons, City Cllr Julia Jeapes

**021024 Declarations of interest (including pecuniary)** – Cllr Calmeyer declared an interest in item 091024(h) and any P.C. building work

**031024 Public participation session.** – A member of the public raised his concerns about recent developments on the Highwater Farm land.

**041024 The Minutes of the Meeting** held on Monday, 9th September 2024 were approved. Cllr Cross then signed the minutes at the meeting.

**051024 City Cllr update.** Cllr Cross read out the following report:

Ian Wright's funeral will be held on the 4th of November at 1.30pm. The venue is the larger South Chapel at Chelmsford Crematorium. Hammonds Farm development is progressing. This could be affected by the new National Policy Planning Framework (NPPF) consultation. The results of this will not be due until December 2024. The warehouse development is waiting for the statutory consultees to submit their comments by the end of this month. Cllr Jeapes has expressed her concern about the impact of all these developments on the local infrastructure. The two LHP requests have been raised again and are on the list of projects to be considered. However, this budget is limited.

**061024 Clerk's Report.** No change from the last time. Still waiting for CCC's decision on the current allotment site. Cllr Jeapes has reinstated our two LHP requests with the Essex Highways chairman (see above).

**071024 Finance**

(a) The following payments were tabled and approved.

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| sub total employee costs | £880.98 |
| TalkTalk | £21.56 |
| D.W.Maintenance | £1,200.00 |

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| EALC | £564.00 |
| Grasshopper | £78.00 |
| Userway | £344.58 |

(b) The budget to end of September was presented without any comments

(c) Clerk to progress mandate changes with Barclays following signatures received at the meeting. — Clerk

**081024 Planning:**

**Warehouse Action Group.** No recent developments
**No to Hammonds Farm.** See 051024 above. The K.C. has visited the site and submitted his report.
**Highwater Farm**. Cllr Cross reported that a CCC planning enforcement officer had visited the site. They are satisfied that no planning regulations have been breached, but will continue to monitor the situation.
**Chelmsford Local Plan**. Could be impacted by government's rule changes and new NPPF. Pre-Submission Local Plan to be submitted to the Board by Dec.

**24/05179/TPO**. Peewits, East Hanningfield Road. T5 - Oak - Front Driveway - Crown Reduction of up to 1.5m, to previous cutting points, Crown clean major and minor deadwood and epicormic reaction growth - Reason: To maintain tree at current scale for good tree health and vitality and to allow more light into the surrounding garden areas. No observations.

**24/01284/FUL**. Junction Of Maldon Road And Sandford Mill Lane, Maldon Road, Great Baddow. Full planning application for a five-arm roundabout and associated crossings, infrastructure, drainage, landscaping, earthworks and engineering to provide access to strategic growth sites 3a, 3c and 3d. No observations.

**091024 Current Issues**.

(a) Maintenance – Meeting agreed to purchase a Christmas tree again this year. Clerk to order for delivery end of November. — Clerk

(b) Conservation and sustainability – Cllr Chaplin to write an article about setting up a working group for the next Topics. To include local photos. — Cllr Chaplin

(c) Allotments – A holder has given up a plot. Clerk to contact next person on the waiting list. — Clerk

(d) Community Centre – The new charity has now been set up. The first trustee meeting has taken place. Chris Walshe will be the chair, with Nick Karmy, the secretary. Cllr Chaplin has volunteered to be a trustee. Clerk to progress with Charities Commission. Meeting with Tricolour to be arranged. A new website will be required. The P.C. will now take a backward step with this project. — Clerk Cllr Calmeyer

(e) Sports Club – No update

(f) Village Hall – No update

(g) PCC – No update. The replacement reverend has not yet been found.

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| (h) The new website – Further info needed. The working group to come up with their suggested FAQ's. Cllr's Lyons, Chaplin, and Nicholls to take selfies and send to clerk, together with a very short biography. Cllr Kalbfell's details to be removed. Meeting agreed the areas of responsibility for each cllr. | Cllrs Chaplin, Calmeyer, Lyons,Nicholls Clerk |
| (i) Review of the different versions of social media currently being used – Cllr's Chaplin, Lyons, and Calmeyer to meet up to decide future strategy. Could have an article in the next Topics. | Cllrs Lyons, Chaplin, Calmeyer |
| (j) Chairman training course – Meeting noted Cllr Cross's completion of this course. | |
| (k) Chelmsford District Association Meeting 24th October – Cllr Cross to attend. | Cllr Cross |
| (l) Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy – public consultation closes 25th Oct. Cllr's Lyons and Chaplin to formulate the P.C.'s response. Clerk to send link | Cllr's Lyons, Chaplin. Clerk |
| (m) 2024/24 tree giveaway – None required | |
| (n) Reg. 14 Statutory Consultation for draft Boreham NDP – no comment from the P.C. | |
| (o) 20's Plenty for Essex – Cllr Cross to attend next meeting 23rd Oct | Cllr Cross |
| (p) Chelmer Valley Action Group – Clerk to invite chair to our Nov meeting | Clerk |
| (q) Howe Green Community Association Forum – Cllr Cross reported back on recent meeting. No action needed from P.C. | |
| **101024 Correspondence received and action required** – Cllr Calmeyer to report back on damaged sign outside Howe Green by A12 junction. Action needed on the "No to Hammonds Farm" sign on Corner Green. Excess vegetation at the Nursing Home's bus shelter needs attention. Issue of the non-collection of rubbish from the church car park needs addressing. Cllr Kalbfell agreed to attend the Safer Essex Prevent Training. | Cllr Calmeyer<br>Cllr Kalbfell |
| **111024 Items for future agendas** – None | |
| **121024 Items for future Topics** – Meeting agreed list of articles needed. To include the Sports Club and soccability. Articles to be with Clerk by 1st Nov. | All |
| Meeting closed at 9:15 p.m. | |
| **The next meeting will be held Monday 11th November 2024 at** the **St Andrews Church Hall starting at 7.15pm.** | |