SANDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at **the Howe Green Reformed Church** on **Monday 9th December 2024** commencing at 7.15 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Martin Cross
Cedric Calmeyer
Alan Kalbfell
James Colbeck
Charlotte Lyons

In attendance: Clerk. Two members of the public and Essex Cllr Jaymey McIvor

ACTION

011224 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Gary Nicholls and Darren Chaplin

021224 Declarations of interest (including pecuniary) – None declared

031224 Public participation session. – The two members of the public put forward their thoughts on how the parish could be improved with a wet weather shelter, public benches and more litter bins. The Essex Cllr reminded the meeting about the upcoming election Thursday 12th December. Cllr Calmeyer

041224 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 11th November 2024 were approved. Cllr Cross then signed the minutes at the meeting.

051224 City Cllr update. No updates.

061224 Clerk's Report. No change from the last time. Still waiting for CCC's decision on the current allotment site and whether the LHP will agree to our two requests. The situation re the allotments suits the P.C. so no further action from the clerk until CCC come back with anything new.

071224 Finance

(a) The following payments were tabled and approved.

sub total employee costs	£1,045.62
TalkTalk	£24.12
D.W.Maintenance	£275.00
PMP Printing	£417.55
A Eng	£4,223.00
Bin Shop	£455.88
C Calmeyer	£78.47
Wave	£45.72
Charfleets Fencing	£228.00
Friends of St Andrews	£10.00
1st Sandon Scout Group	£967.50

Cllr James Colbeck joined the meeting

(b) The budget for 2025-26 was presented. The motion to ask for a precept of £41,974 for next year was approved. This represents a 4% increase on this years' — Clerk

(c) Meeting agreed that Cllr Calmeyer be the second signatory for the Nationwide Savings Account. The Business Savings change of authorised signatories form was duly completed and signed. — Clerk

(d) Meeting noted the proposed transfer of £10k from the savings account to the current account. This to be available for February's expenses. — Clerk

081224 Planning:

22/01733/S73/1 Land West Of Kaeden Place, Blind Lane. Variation of Condition 1 of planning permission 22/01733/FUL (Retrospective application for an upgraded pathway/track, post and rail field fencing and proposed storage building) alterations to storage building including change to materials, addition of roof overhang, barn doors, internal subdivision and ceiling opening. Extension of gravel area. Await Cllr Cross's comments — Cllr Cross

No to Hammonds Farm. Cllr Lyons gave an update following their meeting 27th Nov. Waiting for the new NPPF to be issued. Further fundraising could include an "auction for promises event". A meeting is planned for 3rd Jan,.
Columba Park. No update.
Warehouse Action Group. – The closing date for comments has been extended.

091224 Current Issues.

(a) Maintenance – Cllr Calmeyer reported that two litter bins on the sports ground have been replaced and the bus shelter roof repairs have been completed. The Xmas tree was erected 7th Dec and it has been decorated by the W.I. The lights are now working. Clerk to set up the interview session for the litter picker candidates starting 19:30 Tues 17th Dec. — Clerk

(b) Conservation and sustainability – No update.

(c) Allotments – Clerk confirmed that all plots are now taken.

(d) Community Centre – Meeting noted that there was a positive response following the meeting with the grant funders 5th Dec. They had advised that there will need to be a new consultation with the residents. Meeting agreed to a dispensation allowing the two cllrs who were trustees to vote on the next motion. It was subsequently agreed that the P.C. loan the CIO £7,500 to enable the grant funding to commence. A loan agreement to be drawn up stating that this is to be repaid six months following the signing off of the building by CCC. No interest will be charged until then.. — Clerk

(e) Sports Club – No update.

(f) Village Hall – Nothing new to report.

(g) PCC – Nothing new to report.

(h) Social media – The meeting agreed a Social Media Policy. Clerk to post on the website and advise Cllr Lyons — Clerk

(i) The new website – Cllr Lyons updated the meeting on what she had been adding to our new site. She requested that the cllrs provide more news items for her to post. — All

(j) Confirmation of next year's P.C. meeting dates – They were agreed as follows: : 13th Jan, 10th Feb, 10th Mar, 14th Apr, 12th May (incl APM), 9th Jun, 14th Jul, 11th Aug, 8th Sep, 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec — Clerk

(k) Chelmer Valley Landscape Group – Meeting agreed to support their aims. following their presentation at November's meeting

101224 Correspondence received and action required – None

111224 Items for future agendas –

121224 Items for future Topics – None raised

Meeting closed at 9:26 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Monday 13th January 2025 at St Andrews Church Hall starting at 7.15pm.