SANDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held at the **Howe Green Reformed Church** on **Monday 10th February 2025** commencing at 7.15 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Martin Cross
Cedric Calmeyer
James Colbeck
Darren Chaplin
Gary Nicholls p/t
Charlotte Lyons

In attendance: Clerk

ACTION

010225 Apologies for absence – Alan Kalbfell, City Cllr Julia Jeapes

020225 Declarations of interest (including pecuniary) – None declared

030225 Public participation session. – None present.

040225 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 13th January 2025 were approved. Cllr Cross then signed the minutes at the meeting.

050225 Essex County Cllr's report. The clerk read out the following from our new ECC Cllr Sue Dobson.
She thanked all of those residents who had voted for her.
Essex CC is actively getting involved in the local government reorganisation. It is expected that the next ECC elections will be delayed until May 2026.
All council meetings are available to see on the ECC website.
She will try and get around and visit as many parish council meetings as she can.
Residents can email her on cllr.sue.dobson@essex.gov.uk
Clerk to add future ECC Cllr reports as an agenda item for future meetings — Clerk

060225 City Cllr update via Cllr Cross. The LHP request for a 40 mph buffer zone on Southend Road has not been recommended as this stretch does not meet the Essex Speed Limit Strategy guidance. They would, however, recommend improved signage and better roadside vegetation maintenance. Note that funds for the LHP were very limited. This has resulted in the new bus stop opposite Alexander Mews being delayed.
The potential elimination of CCC and the impact on local P.C.'s will continue to be monitored.
The CCC has a balanced budget for this year, but next year is predicted to be a challenge.

070225 Clerk's Report. Clerk needs to contact CIO secretary to handover website authority details now that he is back. — Clerk

080225 Finance

(a) The following payments were tabled and approved.

sub total employee costs	£1,034.90
TalkTalk	£20.80
C Calmeyer	£96.78
Strutt & Parker	£2,350.00
JRN Electrical	£120.00
Sandon Community Sports Centre	£1,500.00
Microsoft	£1.99

(b) The budget for the ten months to Jan 2025 was presented.

Cllr Nicholls joined the meeting

090225 Planning:

22/01732/FUL Land At Manor Farm, Sandford Mill Lane. Hybrid application (part full and part outline) for: 1. Full application for residential development of: 342 dwellings, including 126 affordable dwellings (Class C3); landscaping; local open space; highway infrastructure; pedestrian, and cycle routes; vehicular and cycle parking; drainage works; ground re-profiling: and works to provide services and utilities. Change of use of land from agriculture to provide a country park, with associated works including the laying out of a visitor car park and access road. Means of access to the site will be addressed by way of a five arm roundabout junction that provides access to Strategic Growth Sites 3a, 3c and 3d, which is the subject of a separate application for planning permission. 2. Outline application for a phased development comprising 18 self-build dwellings (Class C3) with all matters reserved, except access. Means of access to the site will be addressed by way of a five arm roundabout junction that provides access to Strategic Growth Sites 3a, 3c and 3d, which is the subject of a separate application for planning permission. EIA application accompanied by an environmental statement. Await comments. Cllr Cross

24/01768/OUT Land North Of Sandon Lodge, Woodhill Road. Outline planning application for a commercial development of mixed employment, logistics, storage and distribution uses (use classes E(g)(iii), B2, B8) supporting associated development, infrastructure and landscaping. Appearance, landscaping, scale and layout reserved. Access being sought. Await comments. Cllr Cross

Warehouse Action Group. – There is a local HGCA meeting planned for 12th Feb where there may be an update.

No to Hammonds Farm. Cllr Lyons reported that there had been 60 to 70 residents who attended the 5th Feb meeting at the V Hall. 401 objections have already been received. There will be follow up meetings 12th Feb at Sandon V Hall, 14th at Danbury Leisure Centre, 17th at Boreham V Hall and 19th Feb at Little Baddow Memorial Hall. All residents are invited. New banners will be sourced from 22nd Feb. Cllr Lyons

Manor Farm development (areas 3a, b, c and d). – Meeting noted that the developers had withdrawn their plans for areas 3b, c and d.	
Pigeon Columba Park - A motion was agreed to pay £1,200 to Walsingham for their report on the Pigeon outline planning permission application.	
Chelmsford Local Plan – Meeting noted consultation on the Chelmsford Local Plan Pre submission (Reg 19) document will be from 4th Feb to 18th March	Cllr Cross
100225 Current Issues.	
(a) Maintenance – The electrical board for the P.C. office needs updating. Two quotes will be needed.	Cllr Nicholls
(b) Conservation and sustainability – Meeting to note that the next Chelmer Valley Landscape Group zoom meeting will be held 11:15 11th Feb. Cllr Chaplin expressed the need for a more friendly meeting time for those attendees who are in full time employment.	Cllr Cross
(c) Allotments – No update	
(d) Community Centre – Cllr Chaplin to chase the Sports Club to get an update on the setting up a new website.	Cllr Chaplin
(e) Sports Club – No update.	
(f) Village Hall – They have expressed concerns about the "top hedge" Further clarification needed.	Cllr Kalbfell
(g) PCC – It was confirmed that The Friends of St Andrews has been disbanded.	
(h) Social media and our new website – Cllr Lyons gave an update on recent Facebook comments and our website. There are now over 400 members on the former. Note that she is always looking for new content	
(i) The Spring Topics – The need to alert residents about the threatened developments has meant that the timescales have been brought forward. The meeting agreed the list of articles that need to be with the clerk by c.o.p. Thursday 20th Feb.	All
(j) Request for use of the green by The Crown – Motion agreed to permit the use of the green 9th and 10th Aug as long as parking was controlled, and any damage to the green was made good.	Clerk
(k) Parish and Town Council forum 19:00 25th Feb. via Teams – Cllr Cross to attend	Cllr Cross
110225 Correspondence received and action required – A resident has raised a complaint about the faulty lighting on the path between The Lintons and Hall Lane. Clerk has lodged this with Essex Highways but they may claim that these lampposts do not belong to them.	Clerk
120225 Items for future agendas – None	

130225 Items for future Topics – Already discussed. See item (i) above

Meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held Monday 10th March 2025 at St Andrews Church Hall starting at 7.15pm.