

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 commencing at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs N Aldis, T Cole, A M Hill, T Knagg, C Osborne, M Scott, J Sparrow, S Sutton (Chair), N Thompson

**Absent:** Cllr G Leach, Cllr C Maudlin (CBC)

**In Attendance:** Cllr M Pettitt (Part), Mr C Robson (Clerk), Mrs C Baker-Smith (Admin Team Leader) and one member of the public

## Action

**1 Apologies for absence (80-2017/18)**

Cllr G Leach and Cllr C Maudlin (CBC).

**2 Declarations of interest (81-2017/18)**

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – None
- ii) Non-disclosable Interests – Cllr T Cole declared an interest in Items 9 and 11 as a member of Friends of Fallowfield and Ivel Park. Cllr Dr N Thompson declared an interest in Item 11 as a member of Friends of Fallowfield and Ivel Park.
- iii) Dispensations – None

**3 Minutes of previous meeting (82-2017/18)**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 as a correct record of proceedings.

**4 Public Participation Session (83-2017/18)**

A member of the public raised the question of a streetlight in The Avenue being replaced with LED lighting which did not have as large a light spread as the previous older SOX streetlight. The Clerk explained that the Town Council had agreed to replace older SOX lanterns with LED lanterns when they needed to be replaced. If only the bulbs needed to be replaced, they would be replaced with SOX bulbs as this was included in monthly maintenance charges. The LED lights were more efficient and environmentally friendly, producing a lower carbon footprint. The resident expressed his concern that the LED light which was installed did not light up the paving, only the road and that the beam pattern was wrong. Recent burglaries in the area make lighting particularly important and of a safety concern.

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The Town Clerk is to contact the Council's streetlight contractor regarding the beam pattern and would write to the member of public in due course.

Town Clerk

## 5 **Story in Stone Mosaics Project (84-2017/18)**

Members received and noted an interesting presentation from both the artist and project manager on the Story in Stone Project from start to finish. The project manager said that the project had been completed ahead of the time given by Central Bedfordshire's Market Regeneration Projects and she hoped that the project would be kept alive by regular website updates and events. The Chair and Members congratulated them both on a remarkable achievement.

## 6 **Action list (85-2017/18)**

Beeston Green, Orchard /Allotments: A Member stated that the draft Management Plan should be completed and put out for consultation as soon as possible and that the orchard/allotments be added when the Clerk had heard from Central Beds Council. CBC Cllr Stock was asked to chase this matter.

Town Clerk

CBC Cllr Stock

Parking Restrictions: The Clerk was still awaiting the parking paper but had been in told this was not a priority, but he had asked for sight of the survey already prepared. Cllr Stock was asked to chase this matter.

Cllr Stock

Community Plan: The next meeting of the Community Plan Working Group will be on the Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018.

Rural Match Fund: The Clerk informed the committee that CBC had received the application for the installation of lowered kerbing and Cambridge Road signage, but he was still awaiting a response from CBC Highways.

Town Clerk

Fallowfield Recreation Area – Dog Complaints: A Member informed the meeting that at a recent police briefing he had been told by the police that any public space can have a PSPO. The Clerk stated that Central Beds Council control the PSPO's in our area and they will not place an order on Fallowfield recreation area as there are no sports pitches on the ground.

The Clerk said that he had received a response from Maple Tree Lower School on their views regarding the issues of dog behaviour especially around school drop off and pick up times. They stated that staff had reported issues around dogs allowed off the lead near the school entrance and occasions of parents reporting incidents of dogs running at children. They noted a more general issue with

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dog waste on the field.

## 7 **Barclays Bank (86-2017/18)**

The Clerk's report was noted and considered. Members were concerned regarding negative comments on the Council's Facebook page, even though the Town Council were trying to help the situation of the bank closing.

It was agreed that the Town Council should promote the service on its Facebook page and with posters in noticeboards around the town and at the library. A Member said that the Facebook page was reaching a lot of people and most people had positive comments to make and thanked the Council for negotiating the Barclays Bank pop-up service.

The Clerk confirmed that the pop-up service would be available at the Council offices on Wednesday between 2.30pm-5pm and on Fridays between 9.30am-11am. A press release would be issued promoting the service.

**Admin**

It was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** that the Town Council hosts the Barclays Bank pop-up service on a long-term basis, free of charge for the first three months, and that the Clerk continues organising this with representatives of the bank.

**Town Clerk**

## 8 **The Pinnacle (87-2017/18)**

- i) The Clerk's report was received and considered. A Member stated that staff costs should not be taken into consideration but another Member said they should as this was of benefit to the Town. He went on to say that the annual maintenance of the Pinnacle Field was an issue and future security and clean-up costs should be discussed with the landlord. The Clerk said that he would also check on the level of work carried out on boundary fencing issues. A Member said that the costs should be shared between the Council and the landlord.

- ii) Members received a copy of the amended lease from the Landowner and noted the amendment that the lease was for a fixed term of 99 years but it is terminable by either party on 6 months' notice terminating on 25<sup>th</sup> March in any year.

It was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** that the amendment to the Lease be approved and renew the Lease and that a meeting is arranged with the Landlord to discuss sharing maintenance and cleanup costs related to the site.

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## 9 **Sandy Green Wheel Walking Route Launch (88-2017/2018)**

The Clerk's report was received and noted. The Clerk explained that the Town Council had already given £4,000 to this project and a further £2,000 was in the budget for the next financial year. He asked how involved the Town Council wished to be and a Member said that the Town Council should be supportive, but the event should be led by the Sandy Green Wheel group and they should contact local community groups. It was suggested that the RSPB could be involved along with the Ivel Valley Walkers, Friends of Fallowfield and Ivel Park and perhaps The Guild could be approached to provide refreshments. The Clerk was asked to ascertain the cost of the leaflet from the Group.

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## 10 **2018 Talk Series (89-2017/18)**

The proposal was received and considered. It was agreed to cut the amount of talks to six, missing out talks in July and August as people may be on holiday. The Clerk was asked to find out more about the content of the talks. A Member suggested that Members who attended the talks would be able to assist with the tasks of setting up and closing the venue etc. instead of using staff time.

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It was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** that a series of six monthly talks on the lead up to the WW1 Centenary be approved and that a fee of £2.50 be charged for tickets and that the service groups be offered to provide refreshments on the evenings first, before any other local groups.

## 11 **Great British Spring Clean 2018 (90-2017/18)**

The Clerk's report was received and noted. A Member said that the Friends of Fallowfield and Ivel Park wished to be involved by litter picking on the Fallowfield Estate but would wish to be covered by the Council's insurance. The Committee agreed to the proposal and the Clerk was asked to investigate this.

The Clerk advised that the groundstaff would be taking part in the spring clean by doing a litter pick at The Pinnacle on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and residents would be asked to participate if they wished.

It was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Friends of Fallowfield and Ivel Park be encouraged to take part in the spring clean.

## 12 **Community Engagement Strategy (91-2017/18)**

The first draft of the Community Engagement Strategy was received and considered. Members agreed this document was what they had envisaged and that it was a learning exercise to be improved upon

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and should be reviewed annually.

It was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** that the Community Engagement Strategy be adopted.

**13 Central Bedfordshire Consultation – Changes to Bin Collections (92-2017/18)**

Members considered the consultation. A Member stated that North Beds and South Beds collections are different to Central Beds and they are trying to bring them all together. Another Member said that residents should respond individually. It was also mentioned that people are not educated to recycle.

It was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED** to encourage residents to complete the consultation individually.

**14 Date of Next Meeting (93-2017/18)  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018**