There will be a meeting of the Community Services and Environment Committee of Sandy Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber at 10, Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 4 August 2014 commencing at 7.30 pm

Delia Shephard

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## Apologies for absence

## Declarations of interest

Under the Localism Act 2011 members of Council are not required to make oral declarations of interest at meetings but may not participate in discussion or voting on any items of business in which they have a Declarable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and under Sandy Town Council's Standing Orders must leave the room for the duration of all discussion on such items. (All members' register of interests are available on the Sandy Town Council website or on application to the Clerk.)

This item is included on the agenda to enable members to declare new DPIs and also **those who wish to do so** may draw attention to their stated DPIs and also any non-declarable other interests which they have declared under Sandy Town Council's adopted Code of Conduct and which may be relevant to items on the agenda.

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
- ii) Non-disclosable Interests

## Minutes of previous meeting

To consider the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on Monday 23 June 2014 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.

## 4 Beeston Common Petition

To consider a petition from residents of Beeston for provision of a footpath alongside Beeston Common

## 5 Orchard Road

To receive an update report on traffic and road surfacing issues with regard to Orchard Road, Beeston

## 6 Bedford Road Recreation Ground – Play Equipment

To consider the future maintenance/replacement/removal of play equipment at Bedford Road Recreation Ground

## 7 CBC Service Report

To note unusually high level of reports/complaints from residents of Sandy to CBC during June/July and to consider any further action

## 8 Sandy Markets

To consider a proposal about the future of Sandy's Friday and Farmers' Market (Cllr Groom)

## 9 Skate Park Project

To receive a report from the Clerk on follow-up work with Sandy Skating Association 2000.

## 10 Redevelopment of depot at Stratford Road/Cemetery Extension

To confirm working group's terms of reference and receive an update report on progress with the redevelopment work (Working Group)

## Sandy Cricket Club Licence

To receive an update report with regard to negotiation of a licence for use of Jenkins Pavilion and the cricket square and outfield at Sunderland Road Recreation Ground by Sandy Cricket Club

## Speed Cameras in Central Bedfordshire

To consider revised correspondence from Central Bedfordshire Council about safety cameras in Central Bedfordshire including the opportunity for Town and Parish Councils to contribute financially to the provision of cameras

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## REPORTS

## 4 Beeston Common Petition Clerk's Notes

Front page of petition attached, there are over 180 names on the petition which appear to have been collected by a systematic house to house collection. Three independent letters are also attached.

The petition requests the Council to petition CBC for a pedestrian footway alongside the road. Officers at Central Bedfordshire have advised that the provision of such a footpath would depend on the availability of funding which would need to come from the Local Transport Plan. There are two relevant funding streams the Biggleswade and Sandy Local Area Transport Plan and the Rural Match Funding process. In each case however, there is no funding available to spend this financial year as it has already been allocated to the prioritised projects. CBC is still waiting for details of its award from Central Government for next year and beyond, therefore it is not possible for the council to say at this stage when funding will be available. Members will recall that they have already expressed interest in putting forward an application to the Rural Match Funding scheme for a footway on Orchard Road next financial year once it is known what the status of the scheme will be.

Members will also need to take into consideration Sandy Town Council's role as legal owner of Beeston Green which is a registered Village Green. Legal advice would be needed if the council was considering giving permission for a paved footway which impinges on the Green itself since the construction of any structures on Village Green land is not generally permitted and could be subject to appear by those with grazing rights or indeed any member of the public. The provision of a pavement would make a substantial difference to the character of the Green and should be considered in the context of the wider management of the Green and the problems currently being experienced with parking of vehicles and erosion of the grass Different measures have been adopted on different areas of village green across the county and the Council has begun some work to pursue solutions to the problems but the departure of the Commons Officer from CBC and the workload of the Town Clerk have hampered further progress.

One option to consider might be the establishing of a way marked unpaved grass footpath on the Village Green to encourage pedestrians off the road. Again legal advice would be helpful and this option might or might not be practical for accommodation of those with buggies, wheelchairs or limited

mobility.

The Town Clerk recommends that the Committee should obtain further information before making a definitive response to the petition. It is recognised that further delay is regrettable but current resources have not permitted provision of a detailed report on the options for the council at this point. Cllr Will Jackson, Mayor, Sandy Town Council, 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy SG19 1JE



Dear Mayor,

We the under-signed request Sandy Town Council to give active consideration to the construction of a pedestrian footway on the edge of The Green in Beeston.

We consider that this footway is necessary for the safe passage of pedestrians especially the very young, and the infirm, those in mobility scoters and parents with toddlers in buggies. This will enable them to access their homes, the school bus or the footbridge over the A1 in greater safety from the dangers posed by heavy goods vehicles and other traffic using the road by The Green.

If the Town Council agrees with this proposal we request that they lobby Central Bedfordshire Council to pursue this matter.

Yours sincerely,

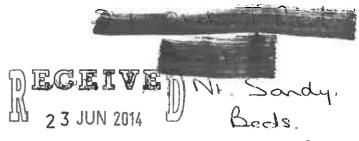
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1st. June 2014

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The problems that the residents of Beeston are having

It is no longer safe to walk along the Green let alone with a practited with a practical children, wheel chairs and school children going for the School bus because of the enormous lorries and extra traffic from Bartrans Timbers daily

Therefore before an accident happer I am requesting that a footpath be made along The Green and around the dangerous corner into Orchard Rd Yours faithfully.





Dear Sir,

The increase in cars and large lorries to and from the wood yard (south end of green) has made walking along the road very dangerous, especially for Moums with children walking or in buggies, older people and those in wheelchairs etc. I therefore suggest a footpath to be installed along the green so everyone can travel safely.



## Orchard Road Clerk's Update

Since issues with Orchard Road were last discussed by the committee it has become clear that no progress can be made with the provision of a footway until CBC's position on funding of the Rural Match Fund is clear (see item 4 above). However this matter will be picked up as soon as the funding position is clarified.

Repairs to the edge of Orchard Road and the depression in the road half way along Beeston Green were carried out on 21 July 2014 as promised and a resident of Orchard Road has kindly written to thank STC and CBC for the efforts to secure completion of this work.

Correspondence has been received by the clerk from residents who remain concerned about HGVs turning in and out of Orchard Road (and New Road) and all concerns have been passed on to the Highways Agency for their consideration. The clerk has also written to the Sandy Tesco store and received confirmation that all delivery drivers are provided with a map and instructions about how to approach and leave their site. Members of the public have been encouraged to report dangerous HGV activity direct to the HA and to Tesco (if relevant).

Members are asked to note this information.

## <sup>6</sup> Bedford Road Recreation Ground – Play Equipment Clerk's Notes

A copy of a report previously submitted to CS&E on 14 April 2014 concerning play equipment at Bedford Road is attached.

Since the last committee meeting the council has been notified of a near miss on the Wicksteed Multiplay unit involving an entrapment incident with an infant playing on a bridge element of the equipment. This equipment was inspected by RoSPA in May 2014 and is checked weekly by STC staff, it does not conform to the safety standards now applied to new equipment (BSEN1176) but is compliant with the legislation in force at the time when it was introduced (BS5696) and has not been considered to pose an unacceptable risk to users. However, as a consequence of the reported incident and having taking specialist health and safety advice, the equipment has been put out of use for the time being. The manufacturers advise that no similar incidents have ever been reported on this equipment and maintain that the equipment is safe to use. However, in view of the reported incident the clerk advises members that the only way to fully ensure the safety of users of the recreation ground is to permanently remove the equipment or to replace the existing clatter-bridge element with an alternative "V" bridge at a cost of £1,123.00 (including installation). There is sufficient budget available to undertake this work but the matter has been brought to the committee's attention because there are also other items of the Multiplay unit requiring replacement including the crawler tunnel, the net climber, the base boards on two of the platforms and the log side pieces on the platforms. As the maintenance budget for the area is only £4000 for the year this would take at least all the remaining budget for the year without allowing for any additional maintenance at Bedford Road. The equipment is now reaching an age when wholesale replacement should be considered as being more cost-effective in the long term than ongoing However some further life could be derived from the unit with continued replacement of worn elements. This piece of equipment is popular and well used by toddlers/pre-school children.

Members are asked to decide whether to continue with repairs to this piece of equipment or to remove it. From an H&S point of view it is not acceptable to leave the equipment in situ with fencing around it on a long term basis.

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## 7 Play Equipment

To consider a report on the need for replacement of items of play equipment.

The Town Council has play equipment at five sites and these are as follows

- Bedford Road Recreation Ground
- Beeston Green
- Fallowfield Recreation Ground
- Sunderland Road Recreation Ground
- The Limes

## **Bedford Road**

The play equipment at Bedford Road is Wicksteed, Tayplay, SMP, Proludic and Jupiter Play. The Wicksteed equipment was installed in at least two stages some approximately twenty years ago and the rest approximately ten years ago. The SMP was installed approximately twenty years ago. The Tayplay was installed approximately 10 year ago. The Proludic and Jupiter Play were installed in two stages, both in the last five years.

Due to the amount of use and age of the equipment various repairs have been carried out in the last five years, this includes replacement of Vamalglas floor boards at £130 on the multiplay unit, replacement logs on the multiplay unit £21, flat swing seats at £40, cradle swing seats at £113, replacement springs for the spring mobile £170, a replacement chain seat for the cableway at £120, rollers for rolaskate £40 and bottom half black collars for rotary net climber £169.

The crawler tunnel on the Wicksteed Multiplay unit which is rusting will need replacing at some stage in the future and when a cost was gained previously this would cost £953.

The Wicksteed Multiplay unit (see picture below) was installed approximately twenty years ago and at the time it met all safety requirements, all new equipment has to meet BSEN1176. At the bottom of the chain net is a hard object in the fall area which would not meet BSEN1176, the item does not need to be replaced as it is an existing piece of equipment. Due to the age of the piece of equipment and to reduce the risk to the Town Council the Council may want to consider replacing this

piece of equipment in the future. The cost to remove and replace the piece of equipment would be approximately £20,000.

The Wicksteed Aeriel Runway (see picture below) was installed approximately ten years ago with grass mats installed underneath, due to the amount of use the grass has never grown enough for the grass to be successful. Grass mats were installed when the piece of equipment was installed as an impact absorbing surface. To reduce the risk to the Town Council the Council may want to consider replacing the impact absorbing surface. The cost to install an impact absorbing surface would be approximately £5,000.



7 CBC Service Report Report attached.

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As promised I'm following up re the Everton - Sandy road. It is popular with cyclists, but the section that runs under the trees, from approx. ¼ mile outside Everton heading towards Sandy (the east side of the road) now has some very deep and dangerous potholes. They are within 1m of the edge of the road, so right on the cycling line, and cause some cyclists to ride closer to the centre of the road, which is obviously more dangerous	to be made 1 way, there are parking issues here, however there are also speeding issues (advised to contact the poilce, the speed limit has just been dropped here) customer states that there have been RTA's here and many near misses to children being hit by vehicles, because of the parking.	The road surface in Stockton End from its junction with Sunderland Road in Sandy is in terrible condition. In my opinion it is dangerous and requires immediate attention	property is getting to large and beginning to roperty line, I'm also concerned about roots ny foundations	customer requests the possibility of permit parking on St Swithins asap, rail commuters take all resident parking, resulting in customer getting many parking tickets, customer has small child and it's not always possible to get to the car to move it in time.	How much longer are the lights crossing in the High Street, Sandy going to be out of action? It is now at least ten days. Prior to its failure there were complaints about the length of time (over 45 seconds) before they changed. An update please.	
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	Passed to Arboriculture Technician to inspect.	13/06/14	11/06/14	A hedge that is near to a property is in need of a tidy or complete removal, collects kids rubbish and it's a mess, it backs onto a brick wall near a side wooden gate to a property	HEDGES - OVERGROWN	SANDY	WAVERLEY AVENUE	228208A Dutton, Mr.	228208A
	Raised order to prune trees	09/07/14	11/06/14	s of trees at base of tree also tree needs cutting	WN	SANDY	MEDUSA WAY	228207A Dutton, Mr.	228207A
	Request logged by Transportation Team, to be assessed.	02/07/14	11/06/14	use by motorbikes as short only please put signs on dangerous for residents	TRAFFIC MGT & ROAD SAFETY - REQUEST FOR NEW SIGN	SANDY	WAVERLEY AVENUE	.1	228194A
	Please respond	17/06/14	11/06/14	Walking through silver steel pedestrian path at the end of waverley avenue on the right immediately very overgrown thorny bramble with ditch underneath, this area collects rubbish and it's near a bin. This bush needs severely cutting back and the hole filled in under it.	FOOTWAY - OVERGROWN VEGETATION	SANDY	WAVERLEY AVENUE		228183A
- 18	order has been raised to deal with this but due to nesting birds this can not be undertaken untill they have flown.	16/06/14	10/06/14	I emailed a couple of months ago in relation to this, but nothing seems to have been done about this. On the corner of my street as you can see from the pictures the path needs clearing. When the greens maintenance team cut the grass, the cut grass because it isn't getting swept is re growing and the path is getting narrower. The elderberry bush also needs to be cut back. Therefore when peopleare walking past the street, they cannot the use the path and have to walk on the grass. This is a nightmare in winter when the grass gets very muddy, and with the elderberry bush poking you in the eyes when you walk past. I asked in the corner could be tidied up generally to make it easier for people to use. I have attached photos to demonstrate.	VEGETATION	SANDY	POPLAR CLOSE	220130A Bioomneid,	220130A
	Raised order to clear basal growth on tree	07/07/14	10/06/14	At the bottom of the cul d sac in Friars walk, sandy beds, (outside house number 16), there is a bush that is growing around a tree which is now so big when you park your car the bushes are scratching your car. There is limited parking as it is. This bush used to always be trimmed back but hasn't the past year or so. I have numerous scratches to the side of my car from this and believe it is yourresponsibility to keep this trimmed.	GRASS & VERGES - NOT CUT	SANDY	228125A No Details Su FRIARS WALK	Su	228125A
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REQUEST FOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS, BELAM WAY 1806/14 EMAILED ATTACHMENTS TO TRANSPORTATION	r at Park House Nursing Home, in Mill ontacted us regarding a fir tree that is rement outside the house next door to their Lane. There is a low hanging branch that is time a lorry goes past and she is concerned it omeone.	There is a large over growing tree outside my property which is 16/06/14 now so overgrown it is blocking my Sky satellite signal please can it be cut back.	Can you please arrange for the tree out side 3 to 4 rivermead gardens sandy to be cut back as with the parked cars it is making access difficult and the mirror arm of the lorry now catches it every week and we are concerned about damage to out lorry	Payment behind houses is damaged and had collapsed, it has been filled in by a resident for safety	Customer reports two trees that are overgrown and overhanging the roof of the opticians. One is north east of the opticians and there is a seat around it, the other is next to it with a fence round it. He has asked if these can be cut back.	st to prune and	Complaint about large vehicles using this road. There is a roundabout that has a sign to point vehicles left down Bedford road leading to the A1. St Neots has road humps and cars parked either side of the road. Could the sign on the roindabout maybe be bigger? give more info?	DESCRIPTION OF CUSTOMER REQUEST
	18/06/14		16/06/14	13/06/14	13/06/14	13/06/14	12/06/14	RECORD ED
30/06/14	07/07/14	18/06/14	07/07/14	23/06/14	07/07/14		07/07/14	LAST UPDATED
Customer written to regarding parking issues, also given details regarding applying for disabled parking bay.	Raised order to remove lower branch to clear c/way	Can you please inspect	Raised order to prune tree	Awaiting confirmation from CBC as to who owns this land.	Raised order to cut back tree from property		Telephoned customer and advised signing in Sandy is currently under review.	INSPECTORS NOTES
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ich were repaired earlier this year have as the repair was not done correctly. These are of Swansholm Gardens from Mill Lane,	Customer reports overgrown hedges at the back of her property 23/06/14 which are situated on Midland Road. She has been in contact with Aragon Hosing but they are unable to cut them back. She has requested if we can do anything and says that we came out to them last year.		Overgrown house near no 5becoming a dumping ground as is so overgrown	omer has called to request calming measures along station, customer states that there are no crossings for pedestrians g to Tesco's, and traffic speeds along this road, she has had ral near misses herself from people coming out of the on, customer is aware these are police issues, customer s that there is a new estate going in next to where she lives h will add to the congestion, customer also states that friend and neighbours have had cats killed on this road ntly, customer believes that traffic calming will ultimately the traffic down and alleviate some of the promblems	IER REQUEST
23/06/14			20/06/14	19/06/14	RECORD ED
25/06/14	24/06/14		10/07/14	23/06/14	LAST
Order issued to repair potholes	Passed to Landscape Technician to investigate	customer feels that this spot is encouraging kids to come and drink and hang at this spot. Pleasentinue to monitor to see if this litter depositing at this location is	Another call as everyday more rubbish, bottles are being thrown in the bushes. Request for removal as	Customer written to with a response.	INSPECTORS NOTES
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ed. presume illst grass eplaced it.	Cover has been replaced, presumed damage was caused whilst grass cutting and they have replaced it.	c d C		Beeston, 01767 681201, to say that the man hole cover near the swings on Beeston Green is broken, leaving a hole which is dangerous for the children that use the swings. please inspect	VER				
Can you please inspect and reply.	Can you pleas			Customer has reported that the tree o/s number 50/48 is extremely overgrown and needs cutting back. Its now growing out into the road and on the footpath. Its causing an obstruction and is now dangerous. Please inspect asap	OVERGROWN  DRAINAGE	SANDY	22/386A March, Mr DAPIFER DRIVE 227832A Elliot-Flockha ORCHARD ROAD	22/386A March, Mr 227832A Elliot-Flockha	227832A
Can you please inspect and reply	Can you please	07/07/14	02/06/14	Hi, I don't think it is correct that I am having to write to you to request that the grass verges within and around western way to be cut. I would have expected this service to be carried out periodically. With the current weather conditions the length of grass is now bordering, ridiculous and extremely untidy. Please can you arrange for one of your contractors to promptly visit the area and get the grass seen too.	GRASS & VERGES - NOT CUT	SANDY	227463A Clements, Mr LONDON ROAD		227463A
ape Technician to	Passed to Landscape Technician to investigate	08/07/14 F	05/07/14	tree out the front of my property is so overgrown it is now touching my house and blocking light, roots are also causing problems, the tree at back of property is also the same.	TREES - OVERGROWN	SANDY	229976A No Details Su WINCHESTER ROAD	No Details Su	229976A
inor damage ently a high ontinue to hrough our spections.	Inspected today, minor damage found but not currently a high priority. We will continue to monitor this road through our normal planned inspections.  Customer report closed down.	07/07/14	02/07/14	A health and safety form has been raised by Biffa North, ref 156*1625 re the above location. "Lots of over hanging trees on verge of the green and on the approach to Gateshead Close on Sunderland Road" They are concerned about the possible damage that could happen to there vehicles if the branches get any bigger. Can you please investigate - Thank you	TREES - OVERGROWN	SANDY	229721A No Details Su SUNDERLAND ROAD	No Details Su	229721A
nove all ees and shape	Raised order to remove all deadwood in 2 x trees and shape and balance	07/07/14	01/07/14	Trees are overgrown at the front and rear of No. 36	TREES - OVERGROWN	SANDY	ABBEY GRÔVE	229636A   Harding, Mrs	229636A
Transportation gated.	Request logged by Transportation Team, to be investigated.	04/07/14	01/07/14	Could you please tell us what traffic calming measures CBC would consider installing from The Knolls to the corner of Orchard Road and then along Orchard Road to the A1?	ENQUIRY/REQUE ST FOR INFORMATION	BEESTON	THE KNOLLS	229588A Shuba, Mr	229588A
RS NOTES	INSPECTORS NOTES	LAST UPDATED	RECORD	DESCRIPTION OF CUSTOMER REQUEST	FAULT TYPE	TOWN / PARISH	STREETNAME	REF NO REPORTED BY	REF NO

228462A	228340A	228231A	228187A Bailey,	228122A	228112A	228087A	228017A	REF NO
228462A Chesters, Miss EAST ROAD	228340A Cole, Cllr	228231A Borritt, Mrs	Bailey,	s, Mrs		228087A Hansard,	228017A Brown, Mr	REF NO REPORTED BY
	VE	1	LONGFIELD ROAD SANDY	ROAD	WYNNEFIELD WALK	FIELDFARE	WINCHESTER ROAD	
SANDY	SANDY	SANDY	SANDY	SANDY	SANDY	SANDY	SANDY	TOWN / PARISH
ENQUIRY/REQUE ST FOR INFORMATION		FOOTWAY - SURFACE DEFECTIVE	TREES - OVERGROWN	POTHOLE	STREET LIGHTING - LIGHT OUT	STREET LIGHTING - MAINTENANCE ENQUIRY	STREET LIGHTING - LIGHT OUT	FAULT TYPE
There is currently works going on in her road - footpath works. Mrs Chesters is disabled and will need constant access to her car that is parked outside her home every day. Can we ensure that all the workmen onsite are aware of this situation and can they advise Mrs Chesters of what works will be carried out and a timescale.	Just received a call from local councillor with regards to a lit bollard that has been knocked down by a lorry. Can you please attend. Called through to EDT.	Customer has visited to inform us that footpath outside of 53 Western Way is breaking up near to utility cover. The top surface seems to have broken up and kids have been digging away at the softer areas. Can we please inspect, size is 7 by 5 inches round, and 3-4 inches deep. Located 12 inches from Water meter cover.	Please could you come&have a look at the 3 trees in Longfield 11/06/14 Road/ Cauldwell Court, Sandy (SG19 1DA) They are far too tall&are blocking our light.	customer reports 2 very large potholes one is o/s 7a, customer reports that someone has put a brick in it to stop vehicles going down it, the other is approx 20 yards further along the road going towards the dirt track	light out, its not the usual type of street light its above a walkway that passed under the part of their house. Visiting officer took complaint from customer	The street light opposite our window is far too bright and is causing light pollution. We have fitted blackout blind but it even shines through this. Can it be switched off or changed position as it is causing lack of sleep because of the brightness.	light out, been out 3months	DESCRIPTION OF CUSTOMER REQUEST
16/06/14	12/06/14	11/06/14	11/06/14	10/06/14	10/06/14	10/06/14	09/06/14	RECORD ED
23/06/14	12/06/14	23/06/14	09/07/14	23/06/14	11/06/14	11/06/14	10/06/14	LAST
Referred to structural maintenance team.	attended, made safe	Order issued to repair void in 2 footway	Passed to Arboriculture Technician to inspect	Order issued to repair potholes	We do not think this is one of our columns	This is a fault with the power supply owned and maintained by the electricity distributor and has been passed to them for repair	Fuse replaced	INSPECTORS NOTES
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Harentty, Mrs	228948A Stanbridge, M SAND LANE	228944A Barrows, Mr			22803ZA Waiker, Mr	REF NO REPORTED BY
229006A Harentty, Mrs FILLAND COURT	SAND LANE	MILLS WALK	GLEBE ROAD	ROAD	WAY	STREETNAME
SANDY	SANDY	SANDY	SANDY	SANDY	SANDY	TOWN / PARISH
GRASS & VERGES - BADLY CUT	OBSTRUCTION ON CARRIAGEWAY	TREES - TREE ROOTS	FOOTWAY - OVERGROWN VEGETATION	STREET LIGHTING - EXPOSED	FALLING	FAULT TYPE
The grass area outside my house has a pile of branches that have accumulated over the winter, which the grass cutters just go around. Therefore the grass is never cut properly. Also they cut the grass so fast areas are left uncut and grass cuttings pile up which leaves the whole area looking a mess.	Flytipping on carriage way, 3-4 bags and a trolly full of rubbish	There is a large tree behind my property in Mills Walk Sandy that's roots I believe have damaged my garden wall. Some years ago, a tree adjacent to the one still there was removed and I had my wall rebuilt, but the new wall is now being damaged and has cracked due to this second tree that has been left. It is also very overgrown. When the first tree was removed a smaller tree was planted and thisis also suffering from growth around it which could be addressed at the same time.	Customer states they reported last week (nothing found) that at the r/o 11 Glebe rd sandy (Access via) Mills Walk is over grown with brambles, these brambles and growing over into no 11 garden and they are have problems accessing their shed	COL:LC1, WIRES EXPOSED AT THE BOTTOM	A resident came in today to say that a branch has fallen off a cherry tree on the verge in St Swithun's Way, south of the junction with Peels Place. It is blocking the path making it difficult for pedestrians to get past.	DESCRIPTION OF CUSTOMER REQUEST
23/06/14	23/06/14	23/06/14	18/06/14	18/06/14	18/06/14	RECORD ED
07/07/14	24/06/14	09/07/14	24/06/14	18/06/14	25/06/14	LAST UPDATED
Passed to Landscape Technician to investigate	attended under order 803243	An order has been raised on crn227553	We are currentley investigating the status of this footway as we believe it could be private.	attended, made safe	This has been inspected but no defect found. Customer report closed down.	INSPECTORS NOTES
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229585A Shuba, Mr		3radshaw, Mr	229414A taylor, Mrs	229399A Byrne, Mr	Paterson, Mr	229308A WARRS,	Mr	No Details Su	REF NO REFORIED
THE GREEN	PICKERING	229454A Bradshaw, Mr CAMBRIDGE ROAD	WINCHESTER ROAD	WAVERLEY AVENUE	229350A Paterson, Mr   HITCHIN ROAD	GARDENS	WINCHESTER ROAD	ROAD	SIREEINAME
BEESTON	SANDY	SANDY	SANDY	SANDY	SANDY	SANDY	SANDY	SANDY	PARISH
POTHOLE	DRAINAGE - RAISED/SUNKEN COVER	DRAINAGE - BLOCKED GULLY	TREES - OVERGROWN	GRASS & VERGES - NOT CUT	SIGN/POST	STREET LIGHTING - LIGHT OUT	ROAD LINES - RENEW ROAD MARKINGS	FOOTWAY - SURFACE DEFECTIVE	FAULT TYPE
Could you please arrange for the heavy pitting and deep pot holes that have already developed on the Beeston Green side road to be filled and maintained in the future?	i its drain and needs naun Marriott Time: eplaced	DRAINAGE - Gullies blocked, during heavy rainfall, have upto a foot of BLOCKED GULLY water. Bad flooding on Monday 23	Local resident would like to advise that there is a group of trees that is at this location, that the residents believe should be pruned back, it is very overgrown/very tall and in the high winds a few months it shed a couple of branches. can you please inspect. This tree is nr garages on left as you drive in.	Grass was cut, but very badly near the edges and generally looks very bad. Needs strimming around the edges	Clean bend/junction warning signs		repaint parking bay lines o/s no.1	The pavement in Sunderland road, Sandy, coming from the roundabout towards Dapifer drive. The hedge is growing over the path and also, after the pedestrian crossing the actual pavement is split and rising up. I am tetraplegic and use a chin controlled wheelchair, this pavement issue causes me a great deal of stress and pain when travelling to the town or my doctors surgery.	DESCRIPTION OF CUSTOMER REQUEST
01/07/14	30/06/14	30/06/14	27/06/14	27/06/14	26/06/14	26/06/14	26/06/14	24/06/14	RECORD ED
09/07/14	30/06/14	07/07/14	09/07/14	08/07/14	07/07/14	30/06/14	26/06/14	26/06/14	LAST UPDATED
Located some carriageway damage on the road leading to Willow Farm which will be considered for Velocity Patching	call out crew to attend to location, make safe missing gully cover. ooh 270614-1634	Gullies not blocked maybe a capacity issue.	Passed over to Aragon Housing	A team will be in the area for strimming all of Sandy	This has been inspected but no defect found. Customer report	Replaced lantern	The parking bays appear to never have been marked up, there are different coloured paving blocks to distinguish the parking bays.	No defects found on the footway meeting our intervention levels. However our Landscape Technician will raise a works order to cut back the hedge.	INSPECTORS NOTES
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FOOLWAY - SURFACE DEFECTIVE			POTHOLE	OVERGROWN	NSHIP NSHIP	<b>1</b> ≥ ≥	HEDGES -	SIGNS - REMOVE TEMPORARY						INFORMATION	ST FOR	FAULT TYPE
Pavement damaged causing large bumps which make it difficult for me to travel in my wheelchair over it to get to my doctors, shops etc.		Market Square, Sandy, SG19 1HU. She said it has been there for a couple of weeks.	A member of the public in Sandy reported a pothole measuring 04/07/14 about 10cm wide on the navement cutside the Boat Office in	Overgrown vegetation encroaching carriage way I believe the 02/07/14 garden is at the back of 116 St Neot's Road in Sandy. There is parking at the back of the houses and the access to this is in East Road. The brambles and collapsed fence is in East Road.	very bad with loose chippings etcalso contractors have left barriers and cones on the verges.	-	Customer says that there is an overgrown hedge that is	Please contact customer before collecting. A few roadwork's signs have been left o/s 11. Please remove asap. pedestrian sign, 7.5 tonne sign, 1/2 mile road works sign.	stones, wood and waste concrete left on the killing the grass. There is also piles of stones left by the parking bays. What grass is left cannot and has not been cut by the local council due to this	areas have been ruined and have bricks, large pebbles,	rather messy in places due to no edgings being used. The main	with Tarmac around my house. The paths are ok although it is	Orchard Road to the A1?	down Beeston Green, from where the footpath stops just past	local pedestrians and children) could be created all the way	DESCRIPTION OF CUSTOMER REQUEST
06/07/14					02/07/14		02/07/14	02/07/14				01/0//14			01/0//14	RECORD ED
10/07/14			07/07/14	09/07/14	04/07/14	9701114	09/07/14	07/07/14				0//0//14		,	04/0//14	LAST UPDATED
This has been inspected but no defect found. Customer report closed down.	Customer report closed down.	tound but not currently a high priority. We will continue to monitor this road through our normal planned inspections	Inspected today, minor damage	This area is privately owned	This job will be completed within the next two weeks.	will get this done		This has been inspected but no defect found. Customer report closed down.				The area has been cleared. Thank you	tootway for this area.	consideration of a new section of	The town council is in the process of putting in a formal request for the	INSPECTORS NOTES
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## 8 Sandy Markets Member's Report

## Sandy Town Markets

## Introduction:

I have compiled this report for the purpose of acquiring the agreement in principle of the Community Services & Environment Committee and the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee prior to submission to Full Council for implementation. I have been working on the project of regenerating the local markets for some six weeks but have been upstaged in my work by the receipt of a communication from a Northamptonshire visitor, copies of which all members have received, whose motives are unclear to me. It may be a genuine grievance about being misled by our out-of-date web-site publicity regarding the Farmer's Market or maybe promoting his own local market and/or the organisation which controls it, FARMA. As a result of this untimely intervention, I have been asked not to further my research in the public domain until a mandate is received from the CS&E Committee. My report is therefore incomplete in certain areas, particularly with regards to talking to the people who really know about market trading. Regrettably, three Council members, all of whom sit on the CS&E Committee, have expressed their desire to close the markets with immediate effect and prior to reading this report – I hope they will now reconsider their position and give the markets one last chance.

## **Time Scale:**

4<sup>th</sup> August Committee

Submission to Community Services & Environment

On approval:

1<sup>st</sup> September

Submission to Policy, Finance & Resources Committee

On approval:

22<sup>nd</sup> September Submission to Full Council for implementation

## **Background:**

I recognise that the weekly market cannot be allowed to continue in its current form for much longer. There has been no significant investment by STC over the last 3-4 years and nor is there likely to be in the foreseeable

future. The weekly market is sited in the wrong place, in my opinion, and therefore suffers from a minimal footfall which adversely affects trade. I understand there are problems in relocating to other sites in the Market Square.

Few traders = low footfall, low footfall = few traders.

The Town Team attempted to revive the Farmer's Market a few years ago but their interest appears to have now waned with little being done to promote it.

There is no doubt that changes in shopping habits have caused a dramatic decline in the number of visitors to all town centres over the past few years. It is easy to blame out-of-town supermarkets for the demise although there is little doubt that a further reduction in numbers will occur when a half-hourly bus service runs to the new Tesco store in the near future but there are other contributing factors such as online shopping for food, Amazon and eBay to name but a few.

The market should be looked on as a series of temporary shops, some selling local home produce and others acting as resellers – they, like the permanent shops, can only survive if the local residents support them. The Friday market may now be beyond saving and will probably be the first to disappear, swiftly followed by more of our shops. I am conscious of the fact that our Market Square is rapidly becoming a haven for betting shops, fast food outlets and charity shops.

## Finance:

The weekly market has a budgeted annual income of £3000 (actual for first 3 months is £250) and £300 for the Saturday market (actual £64 but I believe the fees were not collected in July?). The rates have been paid (£1130) for the year to  $31^{\rm st}$  March 2015 for the use of the car park for the weekly market. Closing the market will result in STC suffering a shortfall in the projected pitch fees collected of around £1-2000 with no saving on costs, the only benefit achievable being the administration involved with the collection, issuing of receipts and banking of the pitch fees, together with time saved on answering enquiries.

## Proposal:

1. Mandate for me (and a small working group?) to talk to relevant

parties and Community groups.

- 2. Agreement in principle, as far as CS&E Committee has authority, of the following:
- a. The markets are operated under the STC banner only and Community groups (eg. Scouts, Air Cadets) be encouraged to participate with local shops on the monthly market which should be re-branded as 'Craft & Food market' with wildcard stalls to accommodate charitable activity (reselling of donated items for example).
- b. All pitch fees for both markets waived for the 6 months 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 – this has the same financial effect as the complete and immediate closure of the market so in reality costs nothing (PF&R Committee).
- c. Letters be sent to prospective stallholders advising them of our promotion evidence of 5 million pounds Public Liability Insurance cover would still be required before trading (cost from £7.90 per day or £40.40 per annum) on weekly market block insurance purchased (approximate cost £60 per market day) by STC for monthly market, a major stumbling block for individual traders who want to 'test the water' (PF&R Committee)
- d. Markets are advertised more fully and press releases issued advising local residents to the effect that they either 'Use it or lose it'
- e. Review to be held early 2015 to determine if it is potentially viable to continue with or alternatively close one or both markets.

Michael Groom

July 2014

Members are asked to decide how to proceed.

**Clerk's Note** – members are advised to seek further specialist advice if they wish to follow the recommendation to purchase regular on-going PL insurance for independent traders over whose activities they have no control. The Town Council's own insurers have previously declined to quote for such cover for events such as the Christmas Lights, previously proposed craft market etc.

## 9 Skate Park Project Clerk's Notes

A detailed email was sent to Cllrs Aldis and Jackson in their capacity as Trustees of Sandy Skating Association 2000 with a copy to the Secretary of the Association following the last committee meeting when the future of the skate park was discussed. The email advised that since the Association did not fully support the proposal for a viability study put forward by Groundwork the council proposed to take no further action to pursue this option at this time. It was suggested that the Trustees might wish to meet directly with Groundwork officers and submit with amended or alternative proposals and contact details etc were provided to assist this meeting. Groundwork was informed of the Council's position.

The clerk also reminded the Trustees that:

- i) the equipment at Sunderland Road was deteriorating and would need to be removed in the foreseeable future and the Association would be responsible for the cost of this removal.
- ii) the site of the former equipment could not be left in its current condition indefinitely and a decision about the future of the skate part was important to enable the Town Council to take appropriate action to deal with the site.

A letter from the Trustees in response is expected in advance of the meeting.

Members are asked to note the report and recommend any action arising out of correspondence if received.

Redevelopment of depot at Stratford Road/Cemetery Extension
A report from the Working Group will be made available in due course.

(Working Group)

## Sandy Cricket Club Licence

The Town Mayor and the clerk met with representatives of the Sandy Cricket Club on Friday 27 June to discuss further negotiations of a licence for use of Jenkins Pavilion and the cricket square and outfield at Sunderland Road Recreation Ground by the club.

A constructive meeting was held and further information is now awaited from the Cricket Club about the issues they wish to discuss in more detail. A further meeting is to be held though a date has not yet been agreed.

Members are asked to note this information.

Speed Cameras in Central Bedfordshire Members are asked to note the correspondence attached. (This item of business should properly be referred to PF&R Committee but the revised letter was not received in time for the last meeting of that committee and the deadline for registering an interest is before the next meeting on 1 September 2014. If members believe they can identify a site which meets the criteria the matter could be referred to Town Council on 11 August 2014.)



Your ref:

Our ref:

PF/jw/140422

Date:

08/07/2014

## Dear Chairman / Clerk

## Safety Cameras in Central Bedfordshire

At the Town & Parish Council Conference we gave an undertaking to clarify the information provided in the Safety Camera letter dated 22 Apr 2014.

In 2014/15 we have been successful in bidding for £750k of capital funding and this will be used as follows:

- There are 36 existing camera sites that contain wet film. We are undertaking a review of these sites and the associated traffic data. It is anticipated that we will upgrade these sites to digital over the next few years. The review will allow us to prioritise the sites as well as determine whether they remain a traditional fixed site, average speed site or the camera housing is left but unmaintained. We have allocated £350k to this work in 2014/15 which will upgrade approximately 10 of the sites. The remaining sites will be the subject of a further capital bid in 2015/16 and beyond. There is no town/parish council contribution required for these sites.
- We have committed to provide 2 new camera sites; these are in Poynters Road, Dunstable and Soulbury Road, Leighton-Linslade. We have allocated £150k to this work but the details are yet to be finalised.
- There is a further £250k for new sites. It is this part of the funding which we are seeking to work in partnership with local communities to identify new sites that meet the following criteria:
  - a. Written support from both the town/parish council and ward member(s)
  - b. Evidence of a traffic casualty or speed problem. The limited funds that we have are targeted at known casualty sites

taking the latest 3 year's data into account. For us to consider speed sites the only evidence that can be used is that from the police's own traffic management unit and no other. Camera enforcement is not the only way to solve problems with traffic speed, and evidence that education and engineering works cannot be carried out, or have been done and there is still a problem, will also need to be considered.

- c. Support from the police camera partnership representatives.
- d. Suitable location.
- e. Suitable 3G mobile network services in the vicinity or a secure ADSL line.
- f. A financial contribution from the town/parish council.

In order to keep the costs to a minimum it is anticipated that town/parish councils may work together to come up with locations where a number of sites are identified that can share a camera. Each site would have a fixed casing and an intelligent flash, so it would behave in the same way with or without the camera thereby achieving the speed reduction for the least cost. Data on traffic speeding will be recorded on a memory card that can be downloaded and analysed by the police. However, prosecutions would only be possible when the camera is in situ.

The police are responsible for the moving of the camera and although they would listen to requests to regularly move the camera ultimately it is a matter for the police as to where the camera would be located at any one time.

Please register your interest in a new camera site by providing the details of any locations that you would like considered, together with the evidence requested in a. to f. above or a date when this will be provided. Details should be sent to Peter Fraser by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Brian Spurr

Executive Member for

Sustainable Communities Services

**Clir David Hopkin** 

Deputy Executive Member for Corporate Resources and

Lead Member for Localism