

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of the annual meeting of Sandy Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 18 May 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs P N Aldis, J Ali, A M Hill, A Jackson (Mayor), G Leach, C Osborne, M Scott, P Sharman and S Sutton

Absent: Cllrs T Cole and M Pettitt

In attendance: Barry Groom and Anne Elliott-Flockhart (Administrators), CBC Councillors C Maudlin, P Smith and T Stock and six members of the public

	Action
<p>1 Election of the Town Mayor (1-2015/16) RESOLVED to elect Cllr A Jackson as Mayor for the municipal year 2015/16.</p>	
<p>2 Declaration of acceptance of office of Town Mayor (2-2015/16) The declaration of acceptance of office of Town Mayor was made by Cllr Jackson. He thanked everyone for their votes and support.</p>	
<p>3 Election of Deputy Town Mayor (3-2015/16) RESOLVED to elect Cllr C Osborne as Deputy Town Mayor for the municipal year 2015/16</p>	
<p>4 Apologies for Absence (4-2015/16) Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs T Cole and M Pettitt.</p>	
<p>5 Co-option to fill casual vacancies (5-2015/6) The Admin Team Leader had spoken to the Returning Officer at Central Bedfordshire Council who had said that it is now in the hands of the Town Council how it wishes to co-opt to fill the four casual vacancies. After the complaints resulting from the last co-option it was RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Policy Finance & Resources Committee should review the co-option procedure before advertising the vacancies. It was also agreed to issue a press release requesting interested members of the public to attend meetings prior to co-option to get an idea of what is involved in being a councillor.</p>	
<p>6 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations (6-2015/16)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) <i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - None</i>ii) <i>Non Disclosable Interests - None</i>iii) <i>Dispensations - None</i>	

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7 Election of Representatives to Outside Bodies (7-2015/16)

RESOLVED to elect the following members to serve as representatives on outside bodies.

22 Squadron Air Training Corps Parents and Friends Committee	Cllr Sutton
Talk of the Town Transport Committee	Cllr Hill
Sandy Town Team	Unfilled at this time
Village Hall Management Committee	Cllr Aldis
Sandy Twinning Association	Cllr Pettitt
Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights	Cllrs Cole, Hill, Sharman, Ali, Jackson and Aldis
Sandy Charities	Cllr Sharman
Sandy Sports and Leisure Association	Cllr Hill
Sandy Young People's Youth Representative	It was reported that this no longer operates
Sandy Walkers are Welcome	Cllrs Jackson and Leach
The Diamond Jubilee Central Bedfordshire Community Task Force	It was reported that this no longer operates
Chamber of Trade	Cllr Cole
SG19 Road Safety Group	Cllr Scott
Beeston Working Group	Cllrs Scott, Hill and CBC Councillor Stock

RESOLVED to write to all organisations to notify them of their new representatives and ask them for the date of their next meeting.

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RESOLVED to write to all representatives and remind them to report back to Town Council in writing no less frequently than once per year on the activities of the outside body on which they would represent the Town Council.

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8 To Consider Amendments to the Scheme of Delegation (8-2015/15)

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It was **RESOLVED** to amend the Scheme of Delegations to allow all 11 current members of the Council to serve on the three main committees (Policy, Finance and Resources, Community Services and Environment and Development Scrutiny) until co-option has taken place and the vacancies filled. This will then be reviewed.

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- 9 Policy Finance & Resources Committee (9-2015/16)**
RESOLVED that the Chairman be Cllr Scott and the Vice Chairman be Cllr Cole.
- 10 Community Services & Environment Committee (10-2015/26)**
RESOLVED that the Chairman be Cllr Aldis and the Vice Chairman be Cllr Sutton.
- 11 Development Scrutiny Committee (11-2015/16)**
RESOLVED that the Chairman be Cllr Pettitt and the Vice Chairman be Cllr Sharman.
- 12 Human Resources Committee (12-2015/16)**
RESOLVED that the five existing members Cllrs Aldis, Jackson, Pettitt, Osborne and Sutton be elected together with Cllrs Cole and Hill. The Chairman to be Cllr Hill and the Vice Chairman be Cllr Pettitt.
- 13 Sub-Committees and Working Groups (13-2015/16)**
- (a) Grievance and Complaints Committee**
RESOLVED to elect Cllrs Ali, Leach, Scott and Sharman which leaves one vacancy.
 - (b) Cemetery Working Group**
RESOLVED to elect Cllrs Aldis Pettitt, Scott and Sharman which leaves one vacancy.
- 14 Public Participation Session (14-2015/16)**
A member of the public gave his views about the co-option procedure. He also requested an update on the position of the Clerk and it was confirmed that this is still progressing. Another member of the public wanted confirmation that a proper employment lawyer is dealing with this matter. The Mayor will confirm this to him.
- Mr David Sharman gave a statement thanking all councillors and members of staff for all their help and kindness during his term of office and offered all best wishes to the present Council.
- 15 Minutes of previous Town Council Meeting (15-2015/16)**
RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the meeting held on the 13 April 2015 which had previously been circulated. These were approved and signed by the Mayor.
- 16 Minutes of committees and recommendations therein (16-2015/16)**
RESOLVED to note the minutes of the meetings of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on 20 April and 5 May 2015 which had

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previously been circulated.

17 Sport England Application (17-2015/16)

The Council discussed the Sport England application that had been received via Bedfordshire Cricket Association. They welcomed the application and wish to support it but find it difficult to do so with the lack of information that has been forthcoming from the clubs. It was **RESOLVED** to support the application but to write to the clubs individually asking them to meet with the Council to discuss the application.

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Cllr Aldis, Hill and Scott agreed to meet with the clubs as soon as possible so the matter could be discussed further.

Cllrs
Aldis,
Hill and
Scott

18 Sandy Town Bowls and Cricket Clubs (18-2015/16)

The Council discussed the cost of supplying a skip for Sandy Town Bowls Club and Sandy Cricket Club. **RESOLVED** to meet the cost of the skip through the Bowls Club and Cricket Club's consumables budget and to make a note to discuss the cost at the autumn estimates meeting.

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19 Sandy Town Council Grants (19-2015/16)

RESOLVED that all requests for these will be dealt with by the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee.

20 Administration Charge (20-2015/16)

It was reported that the staff had researched this matter and found that no other local councils charge for enquiries requiring research. It was noted that the Council's website now asks people to contact the office before visiting it or the cemetery to allow time to research the request. It was **RESOLVED** that staff agree timescales for the more common requests so as to be able to inform members of the public as the requests come in.

21 Cemetery Paths (21-2015/16)

RESOLVED that the quotation for additional work totaling £2,450 plus VAT be accepted.

22 News Release (22-2015/16)

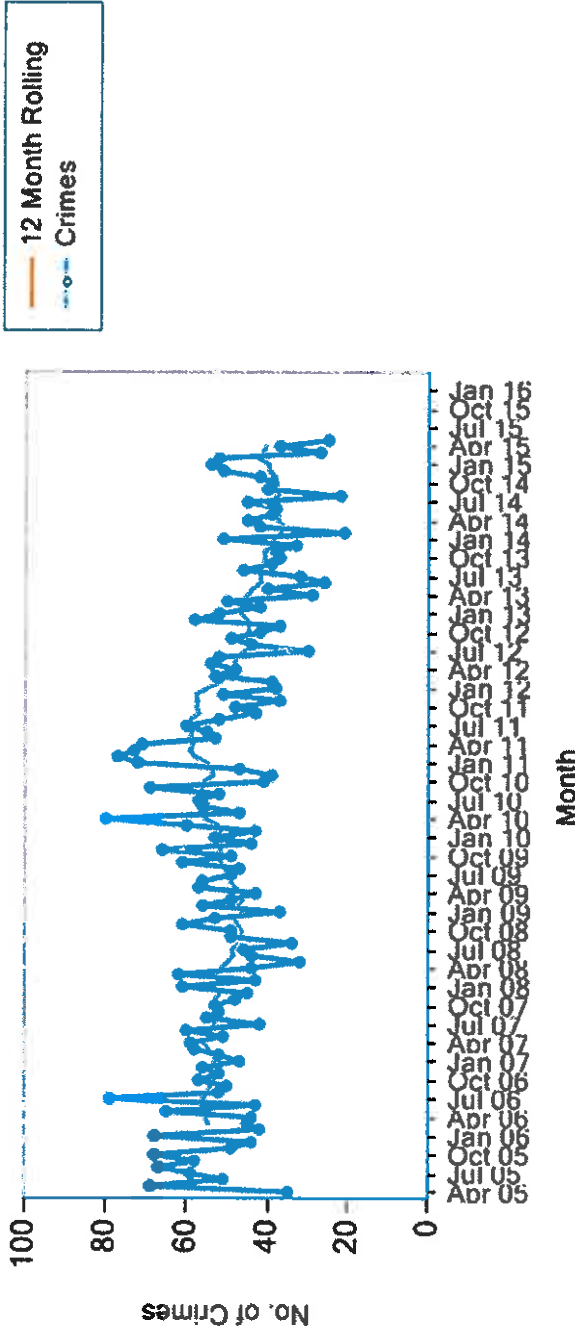
RESOLVED that an article be sent for publication confirming the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor and that all Councillors and new Councillors were welcomed to the Council after the recent elections. As there is the existence of vacancies on the Council following the elections, that members of the public who have an interest in being co-opted onto the Council come to meetings to see what happens at these and to

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get an idea as to what is involved in being a Councillor.



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Crime Type Breakdown in last 12 months

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	37												37	37.00
Financial Year: 2014/2015	45	39	38	45	22	40	39	42	51	54	52	27	494	41.17
Financial Year: 2013/2014	29	40	26	32	46	39	37	38	33	51	21	42	434	36.17
Financial Year: 2012/2013	48	54	52	30	44	49	42	37	58	52	42	50	558	46.50
Financial Year: 2011/2012	71	53	55	60	52	43	48	37	51	38	39	53	600	50.00
Financial Year: 2010/2011	80	47	56	57	52	69	41	39	47	72	77	73	710	59.17
Financial Year: 2009/2010	43	57	56	49	47	61	49	66	44	53	43	60	628	52.33
Financial Year: 2008/2009	44	32	44	46	34	49	49	51	53	37	56	49	554	46.17
Financial Year: 2007/2008	59	51	60	42	55	52	53	48	45	61	43	62	631	52.58
Financial Year: 2006/2007	44	65	43	79	52	50	57	52	56	47	52	58	655	54.58

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Domestic Burglary.

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	0													
Financial Year: 2014/2015	1	2	3	1	0	4	6	2	4	6	5	1	35	2.92
Financial Year: 2013/2014	2	4	1	1	4	3	1	2	0	2	1	2	23	1.92
Financial Year: 2012/2013	3	2	2	1	3	4	4	3	10	16	4	3	55	4.58
Financial Year: 2011/2012	4	3	10	1	7	6	8	5	8	1	1	2	56	4.67
Financial Year: 2010/2011	7	1	3	5	2	5	6	3	3	7	6	7	55	4.58
Financial Year: 2009/2010	1	3	3	1	4	4	2	8	3	7	1	2	39	3.25
Financial Year: 2008/2009	1	1	2	0	2	4	2	5	9	5	3	1	35	2.92
Financial Year: 2007/2008	0	2	5	0	2	7	5	3	7	0	1	1	33	2.75
Financial Year: 2006/2007	3	1	4	9	3	4	1	1	4	2	10	3	45	3.75
Financial Year: 2005/2006	1	1	5	8	3	9	6	2	3	5	4	5	52	4.33

Burglary Other.

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	2												2	2.00
Financial Year: 2014/2015	2	2	3	8	3	1	1	4	0	2	2	3	31	2.58
Financial Year: 2013/2014	3	3	1	3	5	0	2	0	3	8	1	1	30	2.50
Financial Year: 2012/2013	8	7	6	0	3	5	5	6	7	3	2	3	55	4.58
Financial Year: 2011/2012	12	5	3	9	2	3	5	1	2	2	4	4	52	4.33
Financial Year: 2010/2011	20	7	3	6	6	6	5	3	3	8	14	7	88	7.33
Financial Year: 2009/2010	2	4	11	8	4	6	6	3	5	6	2	6	63	5.25
Financial Year: 2008/2009	6	2	8	3	5	3	12	4	5	4	2	4	58	4.83
Financial Year: 2007/2008	11	4	4	2	4	5	3	5	4	5	5	7	59	4.92
Financial Year: 2006/2007	1	6	4	7	3	4	6	2	6	2	4	10	55	4.58
Financial Year: 2005/2006	3	6	5	7	2	5	4	4	1	3	1	4	45	3.75

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Vehicle Crime.

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	3												3	3.00
Financial Year: 2014/2015	9	13	6	6	1	10	5	3	3	8	3	2	69	5.75
Financial Year: 2013/2014	5	8	3	2	5	3	8	7	5	11	2	9	68	5.67
Financial Year: 2012/2013	6	9	9	5	13	9	3	5	14	5	6	5	89	7.42
Financial Year: 2011/2012	9	6	3	10	8	5	6	5	13	9	7	13	94	7.83
Financial Year: 2010/2011	5	4	8	6	6	4	1	3	6	8	9	5	65	5.42
Financial Year: 2009/2010	10	7	8	9	7	10	13	8	7	7	7	3	96	8.00
Financial Year: 2008/2009	5	4	9	11	6	2	5	12	11	5	6	11	87	7.25
Financial Year: 2007/2008	7	6	7	4	14	7	11	6	9	8	6	16	101	8.42
Financial Year: 2006/2007	6	15	3	8	5	8	15	12	6	4	6	12	100	8.33
Financial Year: 2005/2006	9	17	9	10	9	16	17	5	7	15	6	9	129	10.75

Criminal Damage.

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2015/2016	9												9	9.00
Financial Year: 2014/2015	9	5	3	8	5	10	9	16	23	16	10	3	117	9.75
Financial Year: 2013/2014	5	5	9	11	4	3	7	9	7	5	4	9	78	6.50
Financial Year: 2012/2013	13	14	11	6	6	11	9	9	12	7	8	6	112	9.33
Financial Year: 2011/2012	19	11	12	14	9	8	12	10	12	7	6	9	129	10.75
Financial Year: 2010/2011	14	10	4	15	13	14	11	12	14	22	20	26	175	14.58
Financial Year: 2009/2010	10	23	11	15	12	14	11	22	11	11	12	17	169	14.08
Financial Year: 2008/2009	9	12	12	17	10	17	9	20	15	9	23	8	161	13.42
Financial Year: 2007/2008	25	7	14	12	13	15	12	14	5	18	4	18	157	13.08
Financial Year: 2006/2007	19	19	6	24	16	16	11	15	17	19	12	17	191	15.92
Financial Year: 2005/2006	4	17	11	18	16	9	11	12	10	17	13	10	148	12.33

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Crime Type	Recorded Crime		Solved Crimes	
	09/04/14 to 17/05/14	09/04/15 to 17/05/15	09/04/14 to 17/05/14	09/04/15 to 17/05/15
Violence against the Person	15	17	2	3
Sexual Offences	0	1	0	0
Robbery	0	1	0	1
Domestic Burglary	0	2	5	0
Burglary Other	2	3	0	0
Vehicle Crime	14	3	0	0
Other Theft	14	11	3	2
Criminal Damage	8	12	2	1
Drugs	0	0	0	1
Other Notifiable Offences	0	0	0	0
Total	53	50	12	8

Burglary Dwelling.

- Seddington, on 25/04/15, access was gained via the front door, items were taken including jewellery.
- Northcroft between 29/04/15, possible access through the side window cash and other items were taken.

Burglary Other.

- Everton Road on 17/4/15-24/04/15; access was gained to a shed on the allotment where tools were taken.
- Everton Road on 22/4/15-23/04/15; access was gained to another shed on the same allotment where tools were also taken.
- Engayne Avenue; 17/05/15 at 02.06; access was gained to the Village Hall and cash was taken.

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Vehicle Crime.

- Cottage Road on 24/04/15 between 2130-0600; a side window was smashed on the vehicle and tools were taken.
- Gosforth Close on 29/04/15 between 2045-0800; a window was smashed possibly disturbed as nothing was taken.
- Waverley Avenue between 11/05/15 at 2100-13/05/15 at 1100; 1 full set of number plates and a single plate was taken off of 2 vehicles at the location.

Robbery.

- West Road on 09/05/15; a wallet was demanded from the victim, at least one has been charged.

Other Theft.

- 9 were shoplifting/ making off without payment.
- 2 cycle thefts in the Market Square and Western Way.

Violence Against the Person.

- 11 x were domestic related.
- 5 x were allegations of Harassment.
- 1 x was whilst splitting up 2 dogs.

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Criminal Damage.

- 3 x to dwellings. All domestic related.
- 6 x to vehicles. 11/04/15; between 2015-2355; in the High Street; scratch damage to the vehicle. On 13/05/15 at 2050 in Swansholme Gardens ; dents to the bonnet and roof of the vehicle. On 11/05/15 between 1700-1730; 4 vehicles were damaged in Cambridge Road and St Swithuns Way; 1 person has been charged.
- 1 x to other buildings. On 22/05/15 between the hours of 1100-1800; guttering was damaged.
- 2 x other; between 22/4/15-23/05/15 an allotment gate was damaged. Swansholme Gardens; 22/05/15 between 1700-1000 a garden trellis and a new tree were damaged.

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