

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Sandy Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 21st August 2023 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs P N Aldis, B Blackley, A Effiong, J Hewitt (Chair), R Lacey, A Lock, R Lock, C Osborne, M Pettitt, M Scott, P Sharman and S Sutton

Absent: Cllrs S Baker and N Thompson

In attendance: Mrs N Sewell (Clerk)

Action

1 **Apologies for Absence (91-2023/2024)**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Baker.

2 **Declaration of Interest and requests for dispensations (92-2023/2024)**

- i) *Disclosable Pecuniary Interests* - None
- ii) *Non-Pecuniary Interests* – Cllr R Lock item 7 page 5 as a member of the PCC if the Churchyard wall was to be discussed.
- iii) *Dispensations* – None

3 **Public Participation Session (93-2023/2024)**

No members of the public were present.

4 **Minutes of previous Meeting of Town Council (93-2023/2024)**

Received the minutes of the extra ordinary meeting of Sandy Town Council held on Monday 7th August 2023 at 7.30pm and **RESOLVED** to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.

5 **COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION (94-2023/2024)**

It was proposed and agreed that in terms of schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, **proposed and agreed** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.

6 **Cemetery Extension Project Landscaping Phase Costs (95-2023/2024)**

- i) Members received a report from the Town Clerk setting out indicative costs for the full landscaping works that make up the next phase of the Cemetery Extension project.

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RESOLVED to note the report.

ii) Members were presented with a list of cost liabilities for Capital Projects in 2023/24 and potential liabilities for 2024/25.

RESOLVED that the Council would in 'principle' agree to seek to fund the project through a loan with the Public Works Loan Board. It was recognised better information about the project costs and budget for 2024/25 was needed in order to take this forward.

iii) Members received a list of specifications supplied by CDS for the landscaping of the Cemetery Extension.

RESOLVED to accept CDS's specification as a baseline to build into a tender document.

**7 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960
READMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC RESOLVED**
that the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting. **(96-2023/2024)**

8 Chairman's Items (97-2023/2024)
The Chairman wished to remind all Members that the Council had signed up to the Civility & Respect Pledge in January 2023, and that all Members were bound by the Code of Conduct. She requested the Clerk circulate these documents to the Members along with the Council's Dignity at Work Policy and stated it was important to remind members of their duty to each other and Council Officers under these policies.

9 Date of next meeting:
18th September 2023

The meeting closed at 19.26

Town
Clerk