

# Sandy Town Council

To: Cllrs N Aldis, J Ivanciu-Wilkinson, L Ivanciu-Wilkinson, A lock, R Lock, C Osborne, M Scott, S Sutton (Chair), N Thompson  
c.c. P Blaine, J Hewitt, M Pettitt, P Sharman

You are hereby summoned to attend 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 SG19 1JE on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.



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16<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## A G E N D A

### 1 Apologies for absence

### 2 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 personal 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*
- iii) Dispensations*

### 3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

To consider the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on Monday 26th September 2022 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.

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## 4 **Public Participation Session**

Members of the public may ask questions or make representations to the committee about items of business which are on the agenda.

## 5 **Action List**

To receive the Action List and any updates.

Appendix I

## 6 **Former Days Inn Conference Site**

To receive a verbal update from Tony Keaveney, Assistant Director, Housing Service, Central Bedfordshire Council on the Former Days Inn Conference Site.

## 7 **Electric Vehicle Charging Points**

To receive an update from Tom Price Senior Sustainable Transport Officer at Central Bedfordshire Council and Stephen Mooring Head of Sustainability about Electric Vehicle Charging points and Sandy Town Council's next steps to get them installed.

## 8 **Riddy Connectivity Restoration**

To receive information from the Wildlife Trust about a Riddy Connectivity Restoration Project being undertaken as part of the Network for Nature Programme. Daniel Bolt, Conservation Officer at the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire will be in attendance to answer any questions.

Appendix II

## 9 **Remembrance Parade**

To receive a short report from Cllr Hewitt about the Remembrance Parade.

Appendix III

## 10 **Additional Seats in the Town**

To receive a report from Cllr Aldis regarding the provision of additional benches for Sandy Town.

Appendix IV

## 11 **Consultation – Draft Parking Standards for New Developments**

To receive details on a consultation being conducted by the Strategic Transport department of CBC and to agree a collective response.

Appendix V

## 12 **Chairman's Items**

## 13 **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Agenda Item 5 - Community Services and Environment Committee - Action list**

Subject	Action to be taken Action	Response /Status
<b>Full Council Meeting 20/04/16</b>		
Allotments and Community Orchard At Beeston  (CBC owned land)  <b>Min (22-16/17)</b>	Progress and update reports to go to the Community Services and Environment Committee.	<p>October 2021 – Update received from CBC officer to inform Clerk that this land is to be included with notices regarding other parcels of land and should be in the paper by the time of the Council meeting.</p> <p>Update received on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – Notice still to go in paper, other notices to go with the Community land notice. Those involved were asked to have notices ready by COB 7<sup>th</sup> December to go into the paper for that week.</p> <p>Councillors resolved that they did not wish for the Council’s solicitor to undertake any work on the lease or incur charges until CBC had progressed the disposal notice and started work on a lease.</p> <p>Clerk has chased CBC to ask if any objections were made to the application advertised in March and as none were made progress is now going ahead with the lease.</p> <p>Clerk received an email from Lee Newton to say that a draft lease was being created and should be ready for review on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. However, of 14<sup>th</sup> no lease has been forthcoming. Clerk to chase.</p> <p><a href="#">Clerk sent draft lease to Woodfines for comment on 14.10.2022. Not response yet received despite Clerk sending reminder emails on 21.10.2022. Last follow up sent from Clerk on 15.11.2022</a></p>
<b>CSE Meeting 24/08/2020</b>		
Use of former Days Inn conference site  <b>Min (24-20/21)</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> to write to CBC with ideas about potential use of the former Days Inn conference site.	<p>Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Clerk had call with Tony Keaveney in January 2022 and asked for an update on the site. At this stage there are no further agreed plans for the conference site and Mr Keaveney again offered assurance that he would come and speak with the Council about any plans. Mr Keaveney offered to meet with the Council again if Members wished.</p> <p>Clerk to invite Mr Keaveney to Sept/Oct meeting of CSE to give an update on the site.</p> <p>Invite extended to Mr Keaveney on 14.09.2022 to attend CSE meetings on either 26<sup>th</sup> Sept or 17<sup>th</sup> Oct.</p> <p><a href="#">Mr Keaveney to attend CS&amp;E meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November (see item 6) to give Members an update on the site.</a></p>

<b>CSE Meeting 05/10/2020</b>		
<p>SID Sign locations and Installation</p> <p><b>Min (37-20/21)</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> to approve sign locations and the Clerk work with CBC to arrange installation.</p>	<p>Local policing team to express their support for SID signage in Sandy to CBC. CBC Highways informed the Clerk that due to the number of requests for SID signs they wanted to review their approach. No new signs to be agreed by Highways until a new guidance document is produced.</p> <p>CBC Highways contacted the Clerk and stated that they have considered request and do not consider that a SID would be appropriate along Sunderland Road, however they have added the issue of 'vehicle speeds along Sunderland Road' to their four-year plan.</p> <p>Other individuals, including Cllr Maudlin and the PCC offered to raise matter with CBC. No progress was made.</p> <p>Council agreed to undertake a traffic flow and volume study at a cost of £300 which may be able to provide the evidence needed to have an SID sign agreed by CBC. Report on agenda.</p> <p>Meeting between Clerk and Cllr Sutton cancelled at the last minute a new date is being fixed for this meeting. Clerk reached out to other CBC Clerks to understand how they had dealt with the same issues. Confirmed that CBC has the final say on whether SID can be installed.</p> <p>Cllr Sutton and Clerk met with Philip Eaton and Wayne Humberstone from the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner to discuss the issue on 04.07.2022. They agreed to pursue the matter with CBC. The response from CBC was: "<i>CBC Engineers are aware of the speed concerns, anticipating that a SID installed in isolation was unlikely to be effective or unlikely to have the desired impact on driver behaviour - leading to disappointment.</i></p> <p><i>They believe it is better to investigate the problem, so have included the location in the 2022 annual road plan, ensuring a thorough review of the speeds and appropriate measures when they will be able to update the Town Council.</i></p> <p><i>Subject to CBC / TC accepting verge parking, The Camera, Ticket, and collision unit aims to provide the periodic presence of a high visibility marked safety camera van in the area that will influence driver behaviour and encourage compliance of the speed restriction.</i></p>

		<p><i>As well as the above I will be speaking to the OPCC comms lead to promote the idea of a speed watch in the Sandy area and would also ask that you promote this scheme through whatever communication channels you have will residents and businesses.</i></p> <p><i>I do not have any timeline for the work CBC are going to do but feel that this is matter has been highlighted to them and included in their 2022 plan.”</i></p> <p>No current Speedwatch in Sandy. Clerk to help OPCC promote Speedwatch and make a call out to volunteers via social media and newspapers.</p> <p>Publicity on facebook and Council website published in July. Unfortunately, response from residents was negative. Clerk contacted Cllr Maudlin to suggest a possibility of merging streetwatch and speedwatch as the former had proved successful. Cllr Maudlin asked if STC Members would also volunteer to join the groups to help boost numbers.</p> <p>Clerk sent a follow up email to Philip Eaton and Wayne Humberstone on 14.09.2022 to progress matters.</p> <p>Clerk received a template letter and leaflets from OPCC Operation. No further action has been taken. After Christmas Lights Switch on a full push again on social media and leaflets displayed will again ask for volunteers. At a meeting of Full Council on 14.11.2022 Ward Cllr Maudlin asked Members to join the Speed Watch Group.</p>
<p><b>CSE Meeting 23/08/2021</b></p>		
<p><b>Min (33-21/22)</b> EV Charging Points</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk submit a list of STC owned sites for consideration as part of CBC’s EV Charge Point Scheme.</p>	<p>EOI for sites submitted on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Acknowledgment of receipt received.</p> <p>CBC previously went out to tender to find a company to lead on the EV scheme. BP Pulse has been appointed to install and run the network. The first round of sites is to be agreed and the plan is to get a good geographical spread, but CBC’s Head of Sustainability has pushed for charge points in Sandy to be included.</p> <p>It may be that sites with good connection points/grid and capacity are focused on during the initial stage. More information should be known soon. Lead Councillor and staff member to be appointed as contacts for CBC as part of Clerk’s exit and handover.</p> <p>Clerk contacted Stephen Mooring at CBC on 25.07.2022 Reply received on 20.9.2022 (see below*). Clerk has invited Mr Mooring to come to the September or October meeting of the Committee.</p>

		<p>Confirmation from Tom Price Senior Sustainable Transport Officer and Steven Mooring Head of Sustainability that they will attend the CS&amp;E meeting on 21.11.2022 (see item 7).</p>
<p><b>TC Meeting 07.03.2022</b></p>		
<p><b>Min (207-2021/22)</b>  Jubilee Beacon/Community Art Funding</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that a gas beacon be used on the day and that a permanent memorial request be referred to the CS&amp;E Committee. One vote against was recorded.</p>	<p>S106 funding agreed for what was originally planned to be a Jubilee Beacon for the town. Following decision on 7<sup>th</sup> March it was agreed that a new Beacon would not be needed and Clerk to investigate how/if S106 funding could be used in an alternate way.</p> <p>It was confirmed by CBC that the S106 funding could be used for a community Arts Project and if it fitted with the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A commissioned bespoke piece of art to commemorate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee to be displayed in the town or</li> <li>2) Suggest an arts-based community engagement event</li> </ol> <p>Members of the public have been encouraged to send suggestions in through the Annual Parish Meeting, social media, and TC website.</p> <p>Suggestions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mosaic from artists that supplied Story in Stone</li> <li>• Engage with local children to produce a design to be judged by the Mayor/Deputy Mayor</li> </ul> <p>A competition was set up asking school age children to produce a design that would then be turned into a mosaic to contribute to the current mosaic trail in Sandy.</p> <p>Press release and competition details have been published and circulated to all local schools, the library and sent to the Chronicle. Local Artist to be engaged as part of the judging panel. Let’s Get Going have been asked to include activity on the competition during the Wellbeing Day at Sunderland Road on 18<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>Original mosaic story in stone team Carolyn Blake and Oliver Budd have been engaged and working with the Clerk to organise a children’s community event with art workshop held in the October half term at the Chamber with Carolyn enabling children to take part in creating the new mosaic for Sandy. The new Lord Lieutenant had accepted an initial invitation to an official unveiling in November.</p> <p>The deadline for entries was to be 21<sup>st</sup> September.</p>

		<p>Following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II, the Clerk placed any further publicity for the competition on hold for Members to agree a way forward and whether the mosaic should be used to celebrate the life, not just the reign of the HM Queen Elizabeth II. Carolyn Blake is to send through alternative dates that would see the event take place later in the year. An update to the community workshop and the competition to also be submitted.</p> <p><a href="#">Cllrs Hewitt and Sutton met with Carolyn Blake with the Clerk on zoom on 17.11.2022 to discuss next steps. A potential event will be planned for February half term.</a></p>
<p><b>CSE Meeting 21.03.2022</b></p>		
<p><b>CSE Meeting 09.05.2022</b></p>		
<p><b>Min (130-2021/22)</b></p> <p>AMP</p>	<p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk seek more detail from AMP about the proposed enclosure for the pod and ask if other sites could be considered that would have less visual impact within an open space.</p>	<p>Details circulated to Members</p> <p>Further information circulated to Members. Suggestions for suitable pockets of land requested.</p> <p>STC has given permission to AMP to contact utilities to explore sites around Sandy for the installation of the battery pods. A report will be circulated once information is forthcoming.</p> <p><a href="#">Update chased on 15.09.2022. Clerk followed up 15.11.2022 no response yet.</a></p>
<p><b>CSE Meeting 09.05.2022</b></p>		
<p><b>Min (134-2021/2022)</b></p> <p>Beeston Green Drainage</p>	<p>Meeting between Philip Lovesey, Operations Manager at Bedford Group of the Drainage Board took place with Cllr Scott, Ward Cllr Stock the Clerk and Members of the Public.</p>	<p>An inspection of the site was made and problems with strimming identified that prevented access to the culvert and therefore any action to remove blockages at site.</p> <p>STC Outdoor Team undertook strimming of the area to enable better access to culvert and CBC Contractors have been briefed by Clerk to maintain the area as now set.</p> <p>Drainage Board looking to come out to undertake work to clear the area by the Autumn. There would be a need to undertake public engagement around the clearance work as the silt would need to be placed on the banks and would have an unpleasant odour, so residents must be made aware.</p> <p>Letter received from Bedfordshire and River Ivel Internal Drainage Board outlining works to be conducted during 2022/23 programme along the River Ivel to advise us that the following work would be taking place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>De silting</li> <li>De silting/clearing</li> <li>Weed-cutting</li> <li>Spraying</li> <li>Flailing</li> <li>Flailing/Clearing</li> </ul>

		<p>Hand-work</p> <p>Work has started on the lvel w/c 5.09.2022 Clerk saw works being undertaken in the area alongside the Green Wheel Walk by Girtford Bridge.</p> <p>Clerk has requested an update on works from Philip Lovesey as the works promised for Beeston have yet to be undertaken. He responded that they had missed the window for this year and that the weather was now too wet to undertake the work and so hoped it would be conducted in March/April 2023</p>
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**\*RESPONSE FROM STEPHEN MOORING REGARDING ELECTRIC CHARGEPOINTS.**

Hi Nicola,

Apologies for the delay in coming back to you on this. The current situation is that we have just received confirmation of funding for 12 sites through the On-Street Residential funding Scheme (ORCS). It'll see the addition of 48 new chargepoints (96 sockets) so is a big first step forward for the wider Central Bedfordshire area. It's important to stress that this funding focuses on the provision of chargepoints for the use of residents without access to off street parking with strict criteria around 24-hour access etc, and our ability to make the case that this is needed in a specific location to meet the needs of residents without access to driveways.

Along with bp pulse, we looked at around 150 locations, including the ones put forward by STC. Of the 150 only 12 met the pre-April 22 ORCS criteria (which is the funding round we bid in to) and were also deemed affordable when grid connection costs were taken into account. The reason we focused on this is that percentage scheme funding is 75%, with the post April 22 ORCs scheme being 60%. Grid connection cost is by far the biggest issue we are facing (along with the time to get quotes) and rule many sites out.

Unfortunately, for this round we couldn't make a strong enough case for the sites put forward by STC, so none have made it into the final 12. This was primarily because of grid connection costs, as well being able to demonstrate demand in those areas from residents who have EV's but nowhere off street to charge them.

It's important to stress that this doesn't mean that they are ruled out, but just not suitable for this specific round of ORCS funding round that we bid in to.

The scheme rules have been changed so there is a little more flexibility and Tom is reviewing the long list again in light of the new criteria. It may be that Tom needs to come back to you to get a view on some of the issues which made the site unsuitable for the first round, such as 24-hour access etc.

Running alongside this is the work that the bp pulse network team are doing focusing on the wider public charging network. It's this that I think is more relevant to the sites STC put forward.

They have been given a list of sites and are currently doing surveys, with their recommendations for first phase installs due before the end September. This includes the sites in Sandy. The focus for the first round is getting geographic spread across the area and linking to major transport routes and other attractor (town centres, retail, tourist locations etc). These will be rapid chargers designed for shorter stay so a better fit for your carparks. I will let you know as soon as bp pulse have confirmed this first phase and either Tom or myself will talk you through what we need to do next.

Further to this, in 2023 we expect to be able to bid to the Local EV Infrastructure Fund (LEVI), this will be broader in terms of the types of sites that can be delivered, with less of an emphasis on residential charging. We will look at a charging hub in all our major towns, including Sandy.

I can only apologise for the time this is taking. Just getting connection quotes back from the DNO for grid connection has taken twice as long as it should, meaning the evaluation process is taking many months so this is proving to be quite a frustrating area of work for us too.

I'm happy to come and meet to discuss and work out the best way forward for STC or attend a meeting with your members as required.

Many thanks

Stephen

**Stephen Mooring** MIEMA C. Env  
Head of Sustainability

<b>Date:</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> November 2022</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Riddy Connectivity Restoration</b>
<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Nicola Sewell, Town Clerk</b>

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To receive a report from the Wildlife Trust about their Network for Nature project and works taking place at the Riddy as part of this work. Daniel Bolt, Conservation Officer at the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire will be in attendance to answer any questions.

### **Recommendation**

1. That the Council notes the report.

### **Project details**

**3.0** The project will deliver the following outcomes, as defined in your application (see below):

- **Outcomes**
  1. Restoration of river connectivity
  2. Restoration of terrestrial connectivity
  3. Landscape habitat diversification
  4. Habitat creation for climate resilience
  5. Improved local wellbeing through improved biodiversity
- **Outputs**
  1. 15 trees planted
  2. 860m hedge planted
  3. 105m deadwood/woody debris installed
  4. 31m fence
  5. 1 cattle drink
- **Biodiversity Units**

Habitat interventions are predicted to deliver 0 Biodiversity Units as measured using the Defra 2.0 Beta Biodiversity Metric. The number of units likely to be generated will be verified at the end of the project either by a desk-based analysis or a field-based assessment.

- **Milestones**

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>
Project Commencement	01/04/2022
Host project stakeholder engagement meetings for site improvements	31/03/2023
Identify methods, materials, contractors, and volunteers for project outputs	30/04/2023
Submission of appropriate permissions	30/04/2023
Delivery of outputs (timeline subject to return on permissions)	30/09/2024
Review of outputs delivered against proposals	31/12/2024
Project completion and submission of end of project report	31/03/2025

### **Financial Implications**

4.0 None for STC grant funding for the work has been secured.

**Policy Implications**

5. None

**Legal Powers**

6. Council holds the General Power of Competence, for which Sandy Town Council is eligible and is a power of first resort (Localism Act 2011, s.1)

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> November 2022</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Remembrance Parade</b>
<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Cllr Joanna Hewitt</b>

### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To receive a short report from Cllr Hewitt about the Remembrance Parade.

### **Recommendation**

2. To note the report and for the Events Working Group to undertake a full debrief of the event to plan for next year.

### **3 Headlines**

- The parade went off well, with DL and MP in attendance
- The parade was well supported by community groups and public
- Wreath layers being in one group at memorial worked well, together with children being stood to the front.
- PA system
- Positive feedback being received
- Press release/website/facebook updated

### **4 Things we can do better / concerns**

- Rolling Road closure – police support?
- Side road closure – one comment received
- Salute / crowd control
- Dismissal

### **5 Suggestions**

- **ROLLING ROAD CLOSURE:** We have already been advised by the police that we are not likely to receive support next year and only by virtue of our MP being in attendance did we receive cover this year. We should confirm with the fire brigade if they will be able to support us again and/or employ services of private security firm.
- **SIDE ROAD CLOSURE:** We have received one comment that there two were near misses with cars pulling into the parade from the High Street area. More signs need to be put up on the side roads leading off Bedford Rd and High Street. Barriers should be erected and manned on side streets to prevent traffic movements. Again, do we need to employ a security firm.
- **SALUTE:** The salute became very informal and the crowd mixed with the parade in the middle of the road. Move the salute or manage the crowd with cadets.
- **PARADE DISMISSAL:** Comments have been received that the parade dismissal in church does not work. We should consider reforming the Band and cadets in the Church Yard for dismissal.

All matters will be discussed with our new Community Engagement Officer / Clerk

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> November 2022</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Additional Seats in the Town</b>
<b>Report Author:</b>	<b>Cllr Nigel Aldis</b>

**Purpose of the Report**

1. For Members to consider requests by residents for additional seats around the town.

**Background**

2. The hot weather this Summer has highlighted the need for additional seating around the town for the benefit of all but especially for the elderly or infirm.

**Recommendation**

3.0 The Committee to recommend to Town Council that additional seats be provided in the locations listed later in this report.

3.1 The Committee also suggests that the Council carries out a canvass of local community groups and social media to see if anyone would like to pay for a seat in memory of a past resident at one of the locations listed later in this report.

3.2 The Committee take into consideration a report from the Heads of Grounds Team outlining other needs for replacement and refurbished street furniture at our recreation grounds and open spaces.

**Locations for Seats****4.0 Bus stop on Bedford Road by number 8**

There have been changes to the bus routes so that now passengers are more inclined to wait at this bus stop than in the town centre. The pavement is wide enough to permit the installation of a seat near the bus stop.

**4.1 Seat at the Triangle by the Mill**

In fine weather this is a popular place for residents from Park House Nursing Home to be taken. It is also much used by local residents & walkers along the Greensand Way, the Green Wheel or visitors to the Riddy. There is currently only one seat but there is space for another.

**4.2 CBC Land between Willow Rise & Puffers, Station Road**

There is a narrow strip of land next to the fencing of Puffers the former Station Master's House which could accommodate a seat as a resting place for pedestrians carrying shopping back from Tesco in particular but other walkers in general.

**4.3 Station Approach Bus Stop**

Near the bus stop on the approach to the station. As buses are now infrequent there are longer waiting times for potential passengers.

**4.4 Pinnacle Field**

There is a seat at the top of the Pinnacle Hill but nothing in the meadow by the electricity sub-station. Could a seat in this area be used by Green Wheel users?

## **Head of Grounds Team Report**

5.0 During a recent audit of our recreation grounds and open spaces, the Head of the Grounds Team has identified the following areas that need work. Costs will need to be considered (not available at this time):

### **5.1 Benches:**

- 2 new benches required at in Sunderland Road Recreation Ground
- A new table top for the picnic bench at Bedford Road Recreation Ground
- 2 new benches required at Beeston Green.

### **5.2 Playgrounds:**

- New matting for under the swings at Fallow Field and re-soiling and seeding needed.
- A new gate and fence posts are needed at The Limes
- The youth Shelter at Bedford Road Recreation Ground needs a new roof
- The slide at Bedford Road Recreation Ground needs welding
- The disabled swing at Bedford Road Recreation Ground needs to be replaced
- The basketball nets at Bedford Road Recreation Ground need new fixings.

### **5.3 Trees**

- Trees at the back of the Depot need to be removed as they are encroaching on the telephone wires.
- There is a large dead conifer opposite the farm house by the pedestrian gate on Stratford Road and the branches are nearly touching the farm house and cottage that may need attention.

### **5.4 Pathways**

- At Fallowfield and Sunderland Road cracks appeared on the paths following the extreme heat in the summer. These have now started to close but the worst ones still need postcrete swept in.

### **5.5 Miscellaneous**

- We need to purchase a new line marker is needed the cost is circa £550 - £600
- 10 tonne of top soil is needed for pitches at Bedford Road to fill the depression, this would be done at the end of the season (May 2023)
- Toyota AK needs welding undertaken on the flat bed to repair rust and holes caused by the movement of the water tank in transport. The rest of the truck is in good working order but the flat bed needs either welding or replacing.
- The gate at the rear of the cemetery needs replacing
- The boot cleaner at Sunderland Road Park needs replacing/repairing.

## **Financial Implications**

6.0 Suitable seats start in price from £290 plus VAT. Queen Elizabeth Memorial seats / King Charles Ascension seats are £325 plus VAT.

6.1 Cost will need to be agreed and taken forward to PF&R for inclusion in the budget setting process.

## **Policy Implications**

7.0 Providing and maintaining public seating feeds into the Council's desire, under its *Parks and Recreation Grounds Investment Plan*, 'To Take Pride in it the Town' by making it an attractive place to visit and spend time. Well maintained street furniture not only offers the benefit of a resting place to sit and enjoy the area, but also enhances the street scene.

**AGENDA ITEM: 10****APPENDIX IV**

7.1 We have a duty of care to ensure that our Play Areas and Open Spaces are maintained to a high standard and that the safety of residents and service users remains a priority.

**Legal Powers**

8.0 Council holds the General Power of Competence, for which Sandy Town Council is eligible and is a power of first resort (Localism Act 2011, s.1)

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> November 2022</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Draft Parking Standards for New Developments</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To receive and comment on a consultation being carried out by the Strategic Transport department of CBC on Draft Parking Standards for New Developments.

**Recommendation**

2. To agree a response to be submitted to the Strategic Transport department of CBC before the deadline of 10am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**Background**

**3.0** A well planned and managed approach to parking can help make our local communities better places to live, work and visit whilst helping deliver our commitment to tackling climate change. One of the ways in which we can make a positive difference is through effective parking provision for all vehicle types in new developments. We want to encourage more walking and cycling for shorter journeys, and for longer journeys encourage more sustainable options such as using public transport. Ensuring that routes are attractive and useable for pedestrians and cyclists is key to achieving this. Providing sufficient parking for all types of vehicles so that parked vehicles do not dominate the street scene or prevent access for pedestrians and cyclists is therefore very important.

**3.1** Parking Standards for New Developments is a new Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which builds upon the parking related policies adopted in the Local Plan. The document covers cycle parking, car parking, disabled parking, powered two-wheeler parking and operational parking requirements. It sets out the number of parking spaces required for new developments in both residential and commercial settings. The document brings together several existing standards into one document. Detail is provided on the types of parking that the Council wants developers to provide and the types of parking that have proven to be less successful and will therefore not be accepted.

**Consultation**

4.0 The document for review has been sent to Members separately by email on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 15.24. you can also view it here by using the link:

[https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/38/consultations/1274/draft\\_parking\\_standards\\_for\\_new\\_developments](https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/38/consultations/1274/draft_parking_standards_for_new_developments)

4.1 A hard copy is also available for Members to view at the Town Council offices.

**Financial Implications**

4.0 There are none.

**Legal Powers**

**5.0** Council holds the General Power of Competence, for which Sandy Town Council is eligible and is a power of first resort (Localism Act 2011, s.1)