

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Community Services and Environment Committee of Sandy Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 25th July 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs N Aldis, R Lock, M Scott, S Sutton (Chair).

Absent: Cllrs J Ivanciu-Wilkinson, L Ivanciu-Wilkinson, C Osborne and N Thompson.

In attendance: Mrs N Sewell (Clerk), Cllrs P Blaine, M Pettitt and P Sharman

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| 1 Apologies for Absence (17-2022/23)
Apologies were received from Cllrs J Ivanciu-Wilkinson, L Ivanciu-Wilkinson and C Osborne | Admin |
| 2 Declaration of Interest and requests for dispensations (18 -2022/23)
i) <i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i> – None.
ii) <i>Non-Pecuniary Interests</i> – None
iii) <i>Dispensations</i> – None. | |
| 3 Minutes of previous Meeting (19-2022/23)
RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Community Services & Environment Committee held on Monday 13 th June 2022 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings. | |
| 4 Public Participation Session (20 -2022/23)
No members of the public were present. Cllr Aldis reported two requests from residents: to introduce a seat at the bus stop on Bedford Road by No 8 and request CBC place 'No Idling' restrictions in the Market Square.
RESOLVED to place both items on the agenda for the next CSE Committee meeting on 5 th September. | |
| 5 Action List (21 -2022/23)
Members received and noted the action list. | |

Allotments & Community Orchard at Beeston:

The Clerk had received notice from CBC that a draft lease was being drawn up but that this had not been forthcoming by the promised date of 14th July. The Clerk had sent a further email to CBC in the morning to request an update.

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Use of Former Days Inn Conference Site

Members commented on the state of the site, that it was neglected, overgrown and a disgrace. One Member commented that the state of the grounds must have a negative impact on the hotel's already vulnerable residents. An email invite to be sent to Mr Keaveney to update members either at the September or October meeting would be sent out by the Clerk.

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SID Sign Locations and Installation:

Cllr Sutton and the Clerk had held a meeting with Wayne Humberstone and Philip Eaton from the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner on the subject which had been very positive.

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As an outcome STC had agreed to encourage residents to set up a Speedwatch Group, run by the police, to help address issues of speeding around the town in the hope that it would expediate access to a SID for Sandy.

STC would work with OPPC to approach the owners of businesses situated along the road to request they also take part in the Speedwatch initiative here.

Member requested if it were possible to conduct Speedwatch on A1, Clerk to investigate.

EV Charging Points

Ward Cllr Ford had contacted the Clerk with a resident enquiry. Clerk has followed up with a request for an update on the status of EV charging points in Sandy with Stephen Mooring at CBC.

Queen's Jubilee – Commemorative Artwork

Publicity for the event had been sent out to local schools, newspapers and posted on the Town Council's noticeboards. A reminder would also be sent to schools in the first week of term in September.

Following a query from a resident on criteria for S106 money-spend Clerk to check and confirm back to resident.

AMP Battery Pods

AMP have been given permission by Sandy Town Council to make enquiries and they will report back on suitable sites around the town for the placing of these battery pods.

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Beeston Green Drainage

Drainage Board looking to come out to undertake work to clear the area in the Autumn.

6 Litter bin at Sunderland Road (22 -2022/23)

Members received a request from a resident to place an extra litter bin at Sunderland Road.

RESOLVED to:

- i. To utilize any spare litter bins that the Council may hold following a renewal of bins in the area in the past year
- ii. If no spare bins are held look to see if an underused bin might be relocated from another area
- iii. If an underused bin is not identified to purchase a new bin using funds from appropriate budget line.

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7 Park Signs (23 – 2022/23)

Members considered a suggestion that what3words location references be included on town park signs.

RESOLVED that what3words reference be included as a criteria on any new signage for the town's parks and open spaces and in the meantime, temporary signs should be created and placed in each park and at the cemetery.

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8 Skate Park (24 – 2022/23)

Members received a verbal update from the Clerk who reported that the Skate Park build was on track to be completed before the end of the Summer. 11th August had been provisionally set for the handover date following a RoSPA inspection.

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9 Events Working Group (25 - 2022/23)

Members received the minutes of the Event Working Group Meeting of 30th June 2022.

10 Car Park Barrier Request (26 - 2022/23)

Members received a request from a resident asking for the timings to be changed for the barriers at the Town Council car park as inconsiderate users had been blocking the High Street queuing for the facility as they did not hold the requisite access cards.

RESOLVED no action be taken at the present time. Members did not feel that changing the time of the barrier would solve the issue just move it to a different time. Other factors such as development in the Market Square and the provision of Electric Charging points would potentially need to change the use for the car park and its management soon and that a new system should be considered as part of these changes. In the meantime, the Clerk would explore options with the barrier provider to see if they could offer a solution.

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11 Chairman's items (27 -2022/23)

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The Chair spoke about the Art UK website, where 30,000 pieces of public art are registered and can be found. She suggested that Sandy Town Council should ensure that it's mosaics and other art at the Town Council buildings be registered on the site also.

12 Date of Next Meeting (28 – 2022/23)

Monday 5th September 2022

The meeting closed at 20.25