

Sandy Town Council

To: Cllrs P N Aldis, P Blaine, T Cole, A Gibson, A M Hill, W Jackson, T Knagg, G Leach, C Osborne, M Pettitt, M Scott, P Sharman, J Sparrow, S Sutton and N Thompson

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Sandy Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 4 March 2019 commencing at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the items of business below



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26th February 2019

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING

A G E N D A

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

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 Pecuniary Interests*
- iii) Dispensations*

3 Public Participation Session

To receive questions and representations from members of the public.

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4 Minutes of previous Town Council meetings

To consider the Minutes of the meeting of Sandy Town Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 21 January 2019.

5 Minutes of committees and recommendations therein

To receive and note the minutes of the meetings of the following committees and sub-committees and (if applicable) to approve recommendations therein which do not arise elsewhere.

- i) Development Scrutiny Committee held on 28 January 2019 and 18 February 2019
- ii) Policy, Finance and Resources Committee held on 28 January 2019
- iii) Community Services and Environment Committee held on 18 February 2019

RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that the Town Council adopt the proposed Terms of Reference for the Council's Events Group.

6 Reports from Central Bedfordshire Councillors

- i) To receive reports from Sandy's Central Bedfordshire Councillors. Members have already received Central Bedfordshire Council's briefing notes.
- ii) To receive notes on the latest quarterly meeting between the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Clerk and Central Bedfordshire Ward Councillors.

APPENDIX I

7 East West Rail Consultation

To receive a report from the Town Clerk on summarising the Council's discussions on the East West Rail Consultation and to resolve the Council's response to the current consultation.

APPENDIX II

8 CB/18/01674/OUT - Appeal by Pigeon Land Ltd

To receive notification from Central Bedfordshire Council and supporting information from the Clerk on an appeal to be determined by public inquiry, to planning application CB/18/01674/OUT for the erection of 228 homes on land to the north of Sunderland Road, Sandy.

APPENDIX III

The Council previously resolved to object to this application at a meeting of the Full Council held on 25 June 2018 (44-2018/19)

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- 9 Action List**
To receive any updates and note the action report. APPENDIX IV
- 10 Sandy General Practice Surgery**
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- 13 Crime Statistics**
- i) To receive and note recent CCTV incidents. APPENDIX VIII
 - ii) To receive and consider the most recent crime statistics for Sandy. APPENDIX IX
 - iii) To receive and consider a letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner which was previously circulated to all Members. APPENDIX X
- 14 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**
- i) To receive a report from Cllr Max Hill on the Talk of The Town bus service. APPENDIX XI
 - ii) To receive a report from Cllr Max Hill on the Sandy Sports and Leisure Association. APPENDIX XII
- 15 Regeneration Group**
- i) To appoint a representative from Sandy Town Council to the multi-agency group working on regeneration plans for the parking around the Winchester Road Estate.
 - ii) To note that an event to discuss improvements around parking will be held in the Sandy Village Hall on Saturday 16th March 2019 from 11am to 1pm.
- 16 Mayor's engagements**
To note a list of recent Mayor's engagements carried out in January and February 2019;

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Monday 21 January 2019 - Treetops Nursery Re-opening

Friday 1 February 2019 - St Ives Charity Quiz

Sunday 17 February 2019 - Stotfold Civic Service

Sunday 24 February 2019 – Leighton Linlade Civic Service

Thursday 28th February 2019 – East West Rail Consultation Meeting

17 News Release

18 Chairman's Items

19 Date of Next Meeting: 15 April 2019

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**DATE:** 4 March 2019**AUTHOR:** Town Clerk**SUBJECT:** **Quarterly Meeting between Sandy Town Council and Central Bedfordshire Council Ward Councillors**

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor meeting with CBC Ward Members on a quarterly basis to share information and discuss shared concerns and issues affecting Sandy. The following notes provide an overview of the main discussion points at the last meeting, which was held on 4th February 2019.

1) Winchester Road Regeneration

Cllrs Stock and Smith provided an update on the Winchester Road area regeneration works. The works are to concentrate on improving parking and removing unused garages.

A working group to agree Terms of Reference and the establishment of a board is set to meet in 5th February 2019. A public event is due to be held in the Sandy Village Hall in March to engage with residents about proposed changes. It is likely that the actual work will take place in the summer of 2019.

2) Potential Community Board Pilot

Work on the first meeting of the Community Board has re-started and a joint committees document has been prepared. This needs approval from the relevant CBC director overseeing the project. A draft agenda for the first meeting has also been created and will go out soon. It is hoped that an initial meeting will take place in March 2019. The first meeting will concentrate on Terms of Reference, budget and future agenda content. Issues looked at must include some which are wider than just Sandy, as the Ivel Valley Forum will form part of the board.

3) Central Bedfordshire Council's Beeston Affordable Housing Application and Heads of Terms for Beeston Allotment Land

The Clerk informed Members that he and the Chair of the Community Services and Environment Committee had amended Heads of Terms for the transfer of community land at Beeston to STC and sent these back to the CBC officer charged with dealing with the matter. The Clerk was finding it difficult to get an update from CBC and their legal team and was eager to get the Heads of Terms agreed so some elements of the project could move forward. Cllr Stock agreed to contact the office involved and look to speed matters up.

4) Sandy Health Centre Right of Way

Cllr Pettitt and the Clerk informed the group that they had met with the owners of the access road which runs from the Market Square to the Health Centre. There is no right of way. The chemist currently open and close the pedestrian gate to control permissive access by pedestrians. This seems to be working well in the short term. The long-term protection of the route is still in question and the owners would like STC/CBC to consider taking ownership of the road.

It seems unlikely that CBC would take ownership of the land, as it would then become a public highway. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask that CBC carry out a technical assessment on what usually happens to land such as this.

5) Highways

Cllr Stock informed Members that A Burt MP had met with a Blunham resident to discuss large vehicle parking on residential streets, which continues to be a problem in Swan Lane. Mr Burt has contacted the Department for Transport to seek clarification on conditions and enforcement around works vehicles parking in residential areas. It is understood that a licence is not required for a vehicle under 3.5t. It was agreed to wait for Mr Burt's response. It was mentioned that residents may be able to start a petition to get double yellow lines installed. Cllr Stock agreed to speak with CBC Cllr B Wells to look into the likelihood of getting parking restrictions on Swan Lane.

Some white line marking along the High Street is outstanding and Cllrs Stock and Smith will chase up Mr S Terry, the Highways engineer responsible for having the work carried out. This will include the roundabout at the top of New Road.

The Clerk will chase up the painting of Market Square lighting columns with CBC's Craig Siddle.

6) Sandye Place Academy

The lease still rests with the Department for Education, who have not yet made a decision on the future of the lease. CBC are carrying out feasibility studies on education needs which may be satisfied by use of the facility and there is an intention to engage with the public on the future use of the site. Cllr Stock will ask STC be involved with the task group which will look at the matter.

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**DATE:** 4 March 2019**AUTHOR:** Town Clerk**SUBJECT:** East West Rail Consultation**Summary**

On 28th January 2019 the East West Rail Company launched its first consultation on the proposed East West Rail Link. The consultation focuses on five potential route options. Members of Sandy Town Council considered the options at an informal working meeting. The following report summarises discussion on each of the potential routes.

East West Rail Consultation Events

Sandy consultation event is due to take place on 1st March 2019 in the Sandy Village Hall. The event will run from 3:30pm to 7:30pm.

The Clerk and some Members had attended consultation events in St Neots and Potton to gain more information in preparation for the Council's discussions. The following points were noted by Members who attended the consultation events;

- 11th March is a hard deadline for the submission of consultation responses
- The Council is required to submit its response on the standard consultation form but could send a supporting letter/document.
- This is the first part of the consultation process, which will include three more public consultations.
- There are still a lot of engineering assessments to be undertaken to confirm how the line can cross with the existing north south mainline.
- The possibility of having a flyover has not being ruled out.
- There still appears to be a lot of work needed to establish what is viable.
- The proposed new metro link from Cambourne to Cambridge may impact on route consideration for the East West Rail link and whether a route including Cambourne is included.
- The demand for the the east west rail connection does not currently exist. The project is seen as an economic corridor which will be accompanied by housing development.

East West Rail Company Consultation with Town and Parish Councils

On the 25th January 2019 Sandy Town Council was invited to dial into an East West Rail Company (ERWC) conference call with other Town and Parish Councils to hear about the consultation which was launched on 28th January 2019.

Following this call the Clerk contacted the EWRC to ask that they send a representative to meet with Sandy Town Council. The EWRC have informed the Clerk that they will not be able to meet solely with Sandy Town Council, stating that they would then have to do this with the many other parishes who are potentially impacted by the five route options. The Clerk informed EWRC that Sandy's situation

was different to many of those other parishes based on the proposed route options.

EWRC are proposing to hold a meeting for two representatives from each of the Councils in Central Bedfordshire who are impacted by the routes. The meeting is to be held on 28th February 2019 at Sandy Town Council's offices. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are to attend and a report on the meeting will be presented to Members at the Full Council meeting on 4th March 2019.

The following tables summarise the main points made during discussions on each of the potential routes and their implications for Sandy.

ROUTE A Bedford South – Sandy (re-located South) – Cambridge (Via Bassingbourn)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibly a favoured route due to the lower cost and straight line the route would follow. • The route follows the old line in places and as such may make negotiations with land owners easier. • Relatively flat route which may be less problematic than a project such as HS2. • From a railway point of view this option may make the most sense but it may not be a satisfactory proposition from the point of view of Sandy's sustainability and future development . 	
Potential Positives	Potential Negatives
<p>Route follows a straight line and provides the cheapest option for the Bedford to Cambridge connection.</p> <p>There is scope for creating vehicle access to a new station to the south. Especially if the A1 was to be bypassed.</p> <p>May encourage the town to develop to the east and south, however limited development opportunity exists to the south.</p>	<p>Closure of the existing station.</p> <p>Creation of a new station 1.3km south of the existing station, which is considered too far out of town for access via foot.</p> <p>Residents of Sandy who walk to the current station may have to drive to a station further south, which would create more traffic congestion to the south of town.</p> <p>Provides Sandy with no obvious benefits and could in fact be detrimental to the town.</p> <p>The line would not provide enough development opportunity to support improvements to the A1.</p>
Impact on existing Sandy Station -	Closure
Route A would result in the certain closure of the existing station and the creation of a new station approximately 1.3km to the south of the current station.	
Summary	
Overall it was felt that relocating the station 1.3km to the south of Sandy would place it too far out of the town and was not an acceptable proposition. The proposal was largely deemed to bring limited benefits to Sandy due to its location and lack of development and investment opportunities.	

ROUTE B	Bedford South – Sandy (Re-located north) / Tempsford Area / South of St Neots – Cambourne - Cambridge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fairly direct route compared to routes C and D The proposed creation of a new metro from Cambourne to Cambridge may clash with this option (Noted that the metro is only a proposal at this stage) Potential to include Sandy within its route and provide some economic investment and development. No clear indication of where a new station north of Sandy would be located. If a station was located to the North of Tempsford/South of St Neots the existing station in Sandy would remain and continue to be serviced. 	
Potential Positives	Potential Negatives
<p>If a station is located at north Tempsford the existing Sandy station could continue to operate.</p> <p>If the station was to be located north of sandy there is potential to retain a station within the Sandy parish boundary. Sandy would potentially benefit from a new interchange station.</p> <p>Potential to have a new station to the north of the town which will be in walking distance for significant areas of Sandy.</p> <p>Presence of the railway may stop the coalescence of Sandy and any development that may happen in Tempsford as a result of Central Bedfordshire Council’s emerging plan.</p> <p>Current Sandy Station could be put to a new alternative community use.</p> <p>Sandy has land to develop to the north which may make a station in that area more viable.</p>	<p>Loss of the current Sandy train station if the north of Sandy option is chosen.</p> <p>A relocated station may be sited outside the parish boundary, resulting in the loss of a train station within walking distance of the town.</p> <p>Sandy may continue to develop North, in conflict to the Council’s adopted Planning Concept Statement and away from the town centre.</p> <p>Creation of additional traffic congestion to the north of the town</p> <p>Moving the station away from its current location may impact negatively on town centre activity and economy.</p>
Impact on existing Sandy Station	Possible Closure
<p>Route B’s impact on the existing station is dependant on whether a new station is put north of Sandy or north of Tempsford.</p> <p>An interchange station north of Sandy would result in the closure of the current station. However, the technical documents state that the Sandy station could remain open if a new station was placed around north Tempsford.</p>	
Summary	
<p>Route B was viewed as a potential viable option, if either;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A new station was located in the north of Sandy in walking distance for a large number of residents. Brining economic investment to the town. 2) A new station was located in the north Tempsford area and the Sandy station remained in place and was enhanced. 	

ROUTE C	Bedford South – Tempsford area – Sandy – Cambridge (Via Bassingbourn)
ROUTE D	Bedford Midland – Tempsford area – Sandy – Cambridge (Via Bassingbourn)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route C and D were spoken about together in broad terms, as they have the potential same impact on Sandy. • Bedford Borough Council are pushing for the connection to go via Midland Road station. This would be in conflict with route C. • Potential of development at Tempsford and Bassingbourn which may support viability of route. • The routes propose the creation of more stations, which some Members felt we should be pushing for due to the benefits the increased number of stations have on commuting, traffic and the environment. 	
Potential Positives	Potential Negatives
<p>The existing station in Sandy remains and continues to be served in both proposals.</p> <p>The documentation does not suggest any reduction in services from Sandy station.</p> <p>The current station is functional and within foot reach for a large number of residents and should be retained.</p> <p>There is scope for additional parking to be created at land adjacent to the station.</p> <p>If CBC’s Local Plan were to place development at Tempsford this may provide the required level of development to make the two stations sustainable.</p> <p>The technical documents indicate that a station in the area of north Tempsford would mean the current Sandy station would remain viable.</p> <p>The technical documents indicate the line would follow the East Cost mainline and provide another interchange at Sandy.</p>	<p>Concerns over two stations (Sandy and Tempsford) so close to each other creates operational worries that Sandy may become unsustainable and eventually be closed.</p> <p>Two stations so close together may result in a poorer service for Sandy. It is unlikely trains would stop at both stations.</p> <p>The journey times set out in the consultation document suggests that trains will only be stopping at a limited number of stations. This may place services at Sandy at risk.</p> <p>Biggleswade and St Neots stations are close enough to provide alternative stations with more services should service reduce at Sandy.</p>
Impact on existing Sandy Station	No Proposed Change
<p>The proposed routes would include servicing the existing station at Sandy. Protecting the current station and its services was considered critical by some Members, however some had concerns over the long-term viability of Sandy station if a new interchange station is developed close by at Tempsford.</p>	
Summary	
<p>Potential of supporting these routes as they maintain the current station in Sandy and link the town into the east west line. There are questions about the viability of having two stations close together, which the Mayor and Deputy will ask at an upcoming meeting with EWR, along with questions about how the line will enter and exit Sandy and the station.</p>	

ROUTE E	Bedford South – Tempsford area – Sandy – Cambridge (Via Bassingbourn)
<p>Out of the five routes route E has the least impact on Sandy. Limited to no potential for economic investment and development from the east west rail link Less chance of this option developing a satisfactory route close to Sandy.</p>	
Impact on existing Sandy Station	No Proposed Change
<p>There would be no impact on the existing Sandy station.</p>	
Summary	
<p>It was considered that route E provided no benefits to Sandy or the immediate area in terms of economic investment and development and this was not a favoured option.</p>	

Points for information
<p>It was suggested that a combination of routes B and C may provide an alternative option. This would see the line coming from Bedford South, going to a new station in north Sandy and then down via Bassingbourn.</p> <p>It was felt that there were two major decisions that once decided would impact and narrow the route decision;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Whether the line will go through Bedford or to the south of it. 2) Whether Cambourne or Bassingbourn is the preferred area for a new station and potential development.

Route Options Summary

The following is based on points raised by Members during discussions on the route options.

Route A	While route A follows a direct rail route it does not provide any obvious benefits to Sandy and the relocation of the existing station 1.3km to the south of its current position is not an acceptable proposition for Sandy.
Route B	<p>Allows for the existing station to remain if a new station is placed in the north Tempsford area.</p> <p>or;</p> <p>Potential for Sandy to host a new interchange station in the north of the town and this may be a viable option on the condition that the station is within the parish of Sandy.</p>
Route C and D	Both options protect the current station and suggest that Sandy become an interchange. Members indicated some concern about the long-term sustainability of the station if a new station with more service options is developed at Tempsford. The station would need to be to the north of Tempsford which may provide adequate distance for the two stations to operate.
Route E	This is not seen as a preferred route as it does not incorporate Sandy and provides no scope for economic development and investment in Sandy.

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Your Ref APP/P0240/W/18/3219213
Date 11 February 2019

Dear Mr Chris Robson,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Appeal by Pigeon Land Ltd on behalf of J.W. Infield and G.M. Wheeler, M.A. Wilsher, J.R-M. - CB/18/01674/OUT

Appeal Reference APP/P0240/W/18/3219213

Site at Land to the North of Sunderland Road

A planning application Ref No: CB/18/01674/OUT received on 02 May 2018, for Erection of up to 228 homes, including 6 self-build plots and affordable housing, together with associated access and spine road, reserved site for medical surgery, care home site, family pub-restaurant site, amenity space, allotment site and associated infrastructure (with all matters reserved except for access and spine road) on land to the north of Sunderland Road, Sandy.

at Land to the North of Sunderland Road was submitted on behalf of Pigeon Land Ltd on behalf of J.W. Infield and G.M. Wheeler, M.A. Wilsher, J.R-M..

The appeal will be determined on the basis of a **Public Inquiry**. The procedure to be followed is set out in the Town and Country Planning (England) Rules 2000.

At the present time I do not know the date or venue for this **Public Inquiry**. Once this has been decided upon I will write to you again. You may attend the **Public Inquiry** and as a person who may be interested in or affected by the appeal you may, at the Secretary of State's Inspector's discretion, make your views known.

I have forwarded all the representations made to us on the application to The Planning Inspectorate and the appellant. These will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, you can do so on the Planning Inspectorate website at www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision/comment-on-an-appeal or by sending an email to alison.bell@pins.gsi.gov.uk. If you do not have access to the internet you can send **three** copies to The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/J, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN quoting their reference, which is **APP/P0240/W/18/3219213**. The Planning Inspectorate does not acknowledge representations. **Do not write to me.**

All representations must be received by **11 March 2019**. Any representations submitted after the deadline will not usually be considered and will be returned. The Planning Inspectorate does not acknowledge representations.

Please note that any representations you submit to the Planning inspectorate will be copied to the appellant and this local planning authority and will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

The appeal documents are available on our website <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk> or at our office at Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford. Should you wish to inspect them I would ask you to telephone 0300 300 8692 to check that the file is available before coming into that office.

You can view and download the Planning Inspectorate's guidance "taking part in an appeal" from the Planning Inspectorate website at www.gov.uk/government/collections/taking-part-in-a-planning-listed-building-or-enforcement-appeal

When made, the decision will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-inspectorate and on the Council's website <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Davie

Andrew Davie
Assistant Director - Development Infrastructure

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**DATE: 4 March 2019****AUTHOR: Town Clerk****SUBJECT: CB/18/01674/OUT – APPEAL by Pigeon Land Ltd****1. Summary**

1.1 The following brief report is intended to provide Members with some basic information about the appeal by Public Inquiry procedure.

2. Public Inquiry

2.1 The appellant requested that an inquiry procedure take place, however the ultimate decision of which procedure is employed rests with the Planning Inspectorate due to the provisions of section 319A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

2.2 Having regard to the criteria for determining the most appropriate procedure, and taking into account the evidence submitted so far and the views of both parties, the Planning Inspectorate considered an inquiry is the most suitable procedure for the appeal to ensure that the appointed Inspector is able to fully understand the evidence and reach a sound decision on the issues in dispute.

3. Public Inquiry Procedure

3.1 Some appeals, especially those dealing with bigger proposed developments, are heard by public inquiry. A public inquiry on an appeal may be held if either the applicant or the local council who made the decision requests it. The move to take an appeal to a public inquiry is a highly significant one and is not a decision that will be taken lightly by the Secretary of State.

3.2 An inquiry is a more formal procedure than the informal hearing route and is usually used for complex cases where legal issues may need to be considered. The following points are worth noting;

- Main parties will usually have legal representatives to present their case and to cross-examine any witnesses.
- Prior to the inquiry date, the Planning Inspectorate will expect to have received various documents from all parties that will be taking part in the appeal.
- These may include statements of case and proofs of evidence from expert witnesses. Third parties may also take part.
- The inquiry will be led by the inspector and will follow a formal procedure.

- All parties will have the opportunity to present their case, and witnesses are likely to be questioned by the inspector and the other parties as to the evidence that they have presented.
 - Much of the evidence may be technical or specialist knowledge that needs to be carefully presented and understood by the inspector.
 - An inquiry may take one or several days, or in some cases weeks. The length of the inquiry will depend on the complexity of the case and the number of witnesses involved.
 - It is likely the inspector and the main parties will undertake a site visit.
 - A written decision is usually made several weeks after the inquiry.
- 3.3 Central Bedfordshire Council have forwarded Sandy Town Council's previous representations on application CB/18/01674/OUT to the Planning Inspectorate. These will be considered by the appointed Inspector. If the Town Council should wish to make comment, amend or withdraw its representations, it must do so before 11th March 2019.
- 3.4 Once a date for the Public Inquiry is known, representatives of STC may attend and may make the views of Sandy Town Council known.

AGENDA ITEM 9

APPENDIX IV

Town Council - Action list

Subject	Action to be taken		Response/ Agenda no.
	Minute	Action	
Meeting 9/11/15			
East West Rail Link	(89-15/16)	Town Council strongly support the East West rail link coming through Sandy and to lobby the relevant authorities.	First stage of consultation process to be discussed at agenda item 7.
Meeting 21/5/18			
A1 – Local Issues	(19-18/19)	To push for decisions on the future of the A1 and action on safety and environmental issues.	The Clerk wrote to A Burt MP following the Council's receipt of a letter from Chris Grayling MP. Further response anticipated. Clerk issued chase up letter to A Burt's office on 26 th February 2019.
Meeting 10/12/18			
Sandy Sports Centre Leisure Facilities	(127-18/19)	The Town Council write to Cllr Dalgarno of Central Bedfordshire Council again with the Town Council's comments and request that a meeting of all parties involved be convened in January 2019.	Confirmation received that no change to the current provision of services is to take place. CBC's portfolio holder for leisure has agreed to meet with STC to discuss sport and leisure investment in Sandy.
Meeting 17/12/18			
Sandye Place Academy	(142-18/19)	That the Town Council place on record its opposition to any future residential development on the site and all other aspects the site could be used for as highlighted in the Council's Community Plan and that CBC Ward Councillors support the Council's position.	Letters issued to CBC, MP, School Commission and DfE asking that STC be involved in discussions on the future of the facility. Matter still rests with DfE.

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: 4 March 2019

AUTHOR: Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Shannon Court Surgery Merger

1. Summary

- 1.1 The following report is intended for Members information on Sandy's Shannon Court Surgery's upcoming merger with the Saffron Health Partnership, which is based in Biggleswade.
- 1.2 Shannon Court Surgery is to become part of the Saffron Health Partnership on the 31st March 2019. An open evening is to be held on Wednesday 6th March 2019 between 18:30 and 19:30 when patients will have the opportunity to find out more information.

2. Reasons for Merger

- 2.1 The surgery has stated that it does not believe the current set up is sustainable and that the best way to secure the future of its services is to link up with another practice locally. As such, an agreement has been made to merge with the Saffron Health Partnership in Biggleswade.
- 2.2 The Surgery have stated that the reasons for the merger are as follows;
- To build resilience and security for the future
 - To enable the practice to develop a diverse workforce
 - To allow the practice to expand its services
 - To share best practice to improve visitor experience.
 - Becoming part of a larger group will make recruitment easier and tackle the previous difficulty experienced in recruiting partners. This will leave the practice less dependant on one lead GP.
- 2.3 The formal NHS contract is to be held by the Saffron Health Partnership.
- 2.4 The plan is that the merger take place on 31st March 2019, but that there will be an integration phase lasting a few months as the two practices align their systems.

A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet scheme

Partnerships Community & Engagement Team

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Mon 18/02/2019 14:14

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All Town & Parish Council Chairmen

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Email sent on behalf of Highways England

Dear Chairman and Clerk

I am writing to provide you with an update on the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet scheme.

Between 6 March and 23 April 2017, we held a consultation to invite comments on three route (orange, pink and purple) and three roundabout (A,B and C) options for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet scheme.

I am pleased to announce that after careful consideration of more than 4000 responses and extensive technical design work, which included environmental analysis and traffic growth forecasting, we will be taking forward the development of the Orange route and Option C for the Black Cat roundabout.

Both of these options were widely supported in our consultation and our assessment shows that these offer the best benefits for road users, significantly reducing congestion and rat running through local communities and providing the best value for money.

The preferred route was carefully selected as the one that minimises environmental impacts as far as possible whilst providing transport and economic benefits in the region, and ensuring the road is built to cope with future growth. The new road will be built to high safety standards incorporating the most up-to-date engineering.

You can find out more in our Preferred Route Announcement booklet on our web page at: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/a428 where you will also find a copy of the Public Consultation Report.

We understand that a major new infrastructure project on this scale can cause worry and concern, particularly about the effect it will have on homes, communities and the environment. We are contacting those land and property owners directly affected by the route to help them understand potential impacts, their options and their rights, and have prepared a number of land and property documents for guidance. These are available to view on our website at: www.highwaysengland.co.uk/a428

Wherever possible we will maximise opportunities for road users, our stakeholders and local communities to be part of shaping and delivering this vitally important

project and will be holding a second public consultation later this year to help refine the design by providing a further opportunity for comment.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact :

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SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**DATE: 4 March 2019****AUTHOR: Town Clerk****SUBJECT: Air Quality Management Consultation**

Central Bedfordshire Council is consulting on its Air Quality Action Plan. A copy of the Action Plan has been circulated to Members and is available on the Central Bedfordshire Council website. The following information is taken from Central Bedfordshire Council's website for Members information.

1. Overview of Air Quality Action Plan consultations

The adverse effects of air pollution on human health and the surrounding environment are now recognised. Tackling air pollution is about preventing ill-health; improving health, life expectancy and our quality of life; and also benefiting the environment.

Generally, if people are in a good state of health, moderate air pollution levels are unlikely to have any serious short-term effects. However, high levels and/or long-term exposure to air pollution can lead to more serious symptoms and conditions.

Air pollution particularly affects the most vulnerable in society: children and older people, and those with heart and lung conditions.

Poor air quality also impacts on the environment, harming ecosystems and biodiversity. Measures to tackle air quality, such as speed restrictions, may have a beneficial impact on noise pollution, and vice-versa.

2. Background

The government estimates that the impact on society of poor air quality is around £16 billion. They have therefore set air quality objectives for certain air pollutants to protect public health.

Councils have a duty under Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 to regularly review and assess the air quality within their districts, using a range of sources and information to predict if the air quality in their area will meet or exceed certain objectives set by the government for a range of key air pollutants.

Generally, the air quality in Central Bedfordshire meets government targets. However, we re committed to improving the health of people in our region by reducing their exposure to poor air quality. Our priorities are to implement measures to target emissions from road transportation and to promote the uptake of electric vehicles and/or alternative forms of travel such as walking, cycling and public transport.

Air Quality Management Areas

Where necessary, councils may have to declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). This is an area that need actions because of existing or predicted poor air quality, with an action plan to reduce air pollution levels.

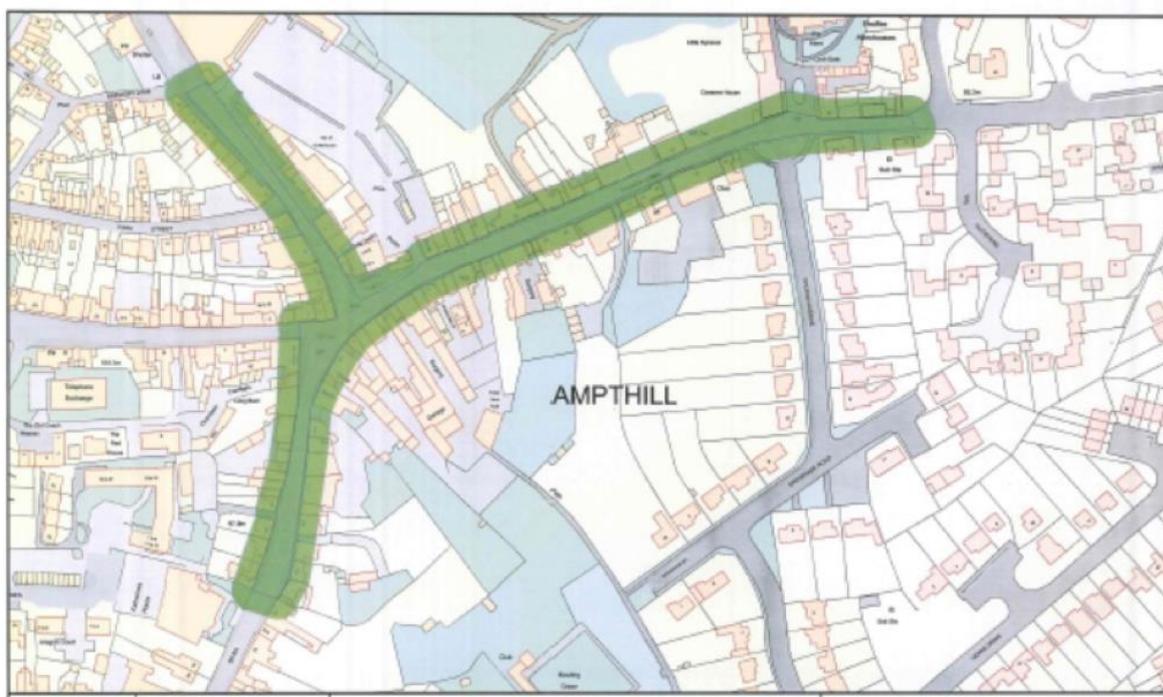
We monitor the main local air pollutants, namely nitrogen oxides, both nitrogen oxide (NO) and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). The main source of pollution within Central Bedfordshire is generated from road vehicles. We measure ambient nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) concentrations at 37 sites across the district. Additionally, in Sandy, there is monitoring of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}.

An AQMA has already been set for Dunstable, and there is a separate action plan in place for that.

This monitoring has also identified two other areas with poorer air quality: Ampthill and Sandy. These towns have been formally declared as AQMAs due to road traffic.

3. Ampthill

There is an AQMA in Ampthill town centre. The town has narrow roads and a double roundabout with four traffic streams. It is often congested at peak times. The narrow roads with tall buildings either side means that the traffic emissions don't fully disperse. The area exceeds the Annual Air Quality Objective for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂).



4. Sandy

There is an AQMA in Sandy that covers 10metres wide either side of the A1 between the Bedford Road (A603) roundabout and the Georgetown exit: The A1 road is a national trunk route that has a large volume of daily traffic. Some residential properties are close to the carriageway, which means that the traffic emissions don't fully disperse. The area exceeds both the Annual and Hourly Air Quality Objectives for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂).



5. Why have an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP)?

We are legally required to produce an Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) that outlines the measures we intend to take to improve air quality within Ampthill and Sandy.

These are mainly aimed at reducing pollution from road traffic, as this has been identified as the major source of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) in the area.

Draft AQAPs have been developed to show how we will be work to reduce the levels of NO₂. in these towns. We are now consulting on these plans.

6. What we are consulting on

The government's Local Air Quality Management Policy Guidance (Defra LAQM.PG16) requires that any draft Air Quality Action Plan must be subject to a public consultation.

We are therefore seeking the public's views on the AQAP for these two towns, and what we are proposing to improve air quality there.

We have developed actions that fall into the following broad principles:

- alternatives to private vehicle use (e.g. use of car clubs, information through the council's Travel Choices services)
- freight and delivery management (e.g. shaping future policy by working with transport planners etc.)
- policy guidance and development control (e.g. working with Planners to mitigate negative air quality impacts of new developments etc.)
- promoting low emission transport (e.g. electric vehicles)
- promoting alternatives forms of travel (e.g. walking and cycling, public transport etc.)
- public information (e.g. introduction of an early warning of high levels of air pollution system and online access to annual air quality reports, etc.)
- transport planning and infrastructure (e.g. shaping future planning/policy to consider impact on air quality)
- traffic management (e.g. optimising traffic flow through the affected areas etc).

Out of these, our key priorities are to target emissions from road vehicles and to promote the uptake of electric vehicles as well as alternative forms of travel such as walking, cycling and public transport.

Once the Draft Air Quality Action Plan has been finalised, it will be reviewed at least every five years.

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**DATE:** 4 March 2019**AUTHOR:** Town Clerk**SUBJECT:** CCTV Statistics**1. CCTV Incident Figures**

- 1.1 The figures below come from client reports available on the Hertfordshire CCTV Partnership website and from an incident report provided to the Council. The figures are only for monitored incidents on CCTV equipment and do not include non-monitored events and therefore do not show an overall picture of crime or police activity. The table provides figures available for the last 12 months.

Month	Monitored Incidents	Police Attended	Arrests Monitored
December 2017	3	2	-
January 2018	5	3	-
February 2018	2	1	-
March 2018	1	1	-
April 2018	5	3	-
May 2018	0	-	-
June 2018	1	-	-
July 2018	2	2	-
August 2018	2	2	-
September 2018	1	-	-
October 2018	2	2	1
November 2018	0	-	-
December 2018	2	1	-
January 2019	3	3	-

2. January 2019 Breakdown

Camera	Incident	Action
Market Square	Affray	Police dealt with on scene
Market Square	Criminal Damage	Police dealt with on scene
Co-opp/Post Office	Assault / Robbery	Police dealt with on scene

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: 4 March 2019

AUTHOR: Administrator – Val McFarlane

SUBJECT: Sandy Crime Statistics

1. Summary:

1.1 The following statistics are for Members’ information. The information is the latest received from Central Bedfordshire Council taken from the Police.UK website. The most recent statistics available are for December 2018.

The most recent information October and November incidents which were previously reported as under investigation or awaiting a court outcome is also provided.

2. Update on October 2018 Crime Statistics

Offence Category	Offences	Status as at 15 January 2019		Status at 26 February 2019	
Burglary	11	2	Under investigation	2	Investigation complete, no suspect identified
Public Order Offence	7	4	Under Investigation	3	Under Investigation
				1	Awaiting Court Outcome
Shop Lifting	4	1	Awaiting Court Outcome	1	Awaiting Court Outcome
Vehicle Crime	16	1	Under Investigation	1	Awaiting Court Outcome
Violence and Sexual Offence	22	9	Under Investigation	7	Under Investigation
		1	Awaiting Court Outcome	3	Awaiting Court Outcome

3. Update on November 2018 Crime Statistics

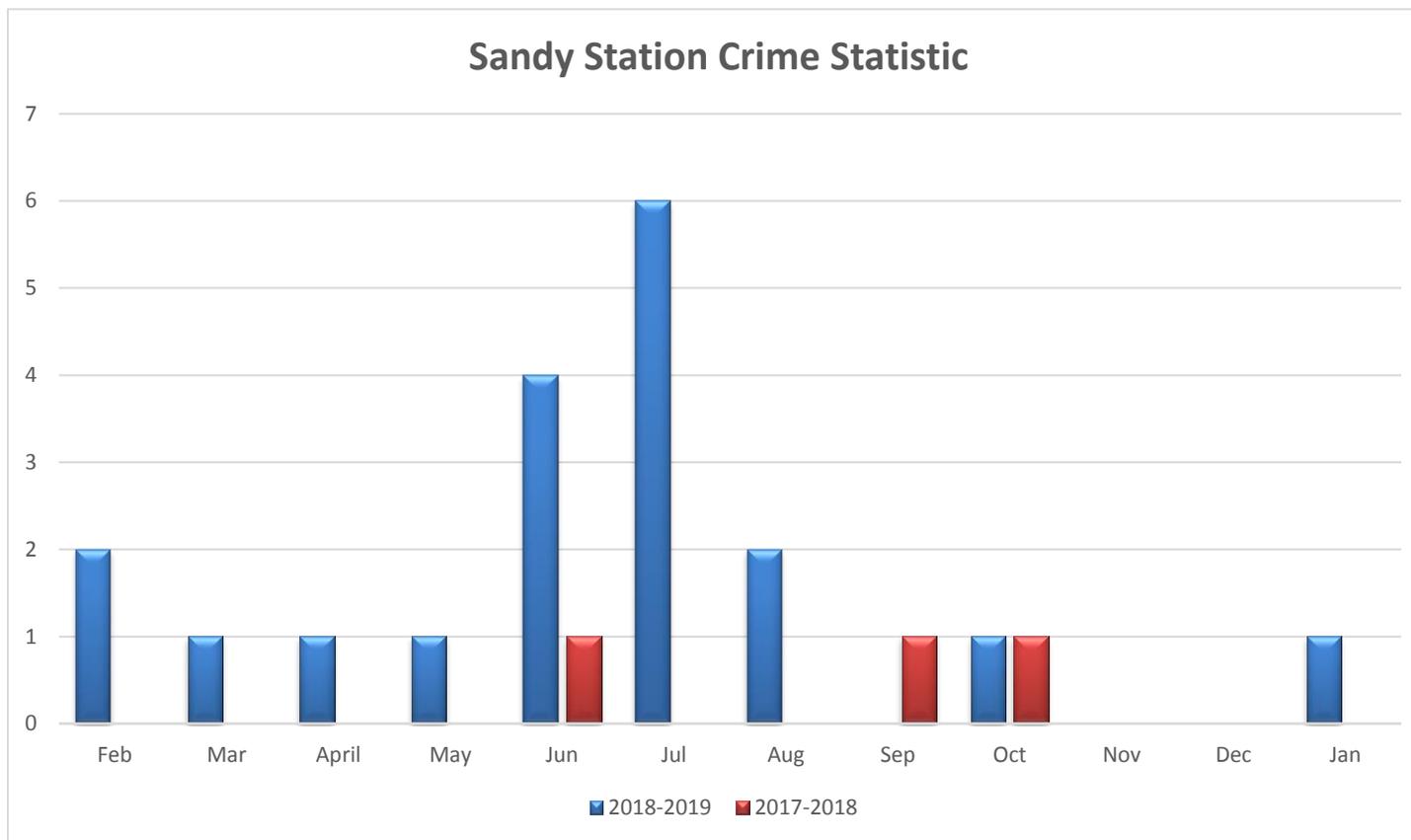
Offence Category	Offences	Status as at 15 January 2019		Status at 26 February 2019	
Burglary	6	2	Under investigation	1	Under Investigation
				1	Investigation complete, no suspect identified
Criminal Damage and Arson	8	2	Under investigation	2	Under Investigation
Other Crime	3	3	Under investigation	2	Under Investigation
				1	Local Resolution
Offences Other Theft	3	1	Under investigation	1	Unable to Prosecute
Public Order Offence	3	1	Under investigation	1	Unable to Prosecute
Robbery	1	1	Under investigation	1	Under Investigation
Vehicle Crime	8	1	Under investigation	1	Unable to Prosecute
Violence and Sexual Offence	15	12	Under investigation	12	Under investigation
		1	Awaiting court outcome	1	Awaiting court outcome

4. December 2018 Crime Statistics

Offence Category	Offences	Status as at 19 February 2019	
Anti-Social Behaviour	17		Details, case timelines and current statuses are not provided for anti-social behaviour.
Burglary	10	5	Under investigation
		5	Investigation complete, no suspect identified
Criminal Damage and Arson	3	3	Investigation complete, no suspect identified
Possession of Weapons	1	1	Under investigation
Public Order Offence	1	1	Under investigation
Vehicle Crime	6	6	Investigation complete, no suspect
Shoplifting	3	1	Under investigation
		2	Investigation complete, no suspect identified
Violence and Sexual Offence	17	10	Under investigation
		1	Action to be taken by another organisation
		1	Investigation complete, no suspect identified

5. Sandy Station Crime Statistics

5.1 The below graph summarises incident numbers at Sandy Station over the last year. These are dealt with by the British Transport Police.



The number of crimes & ASB offences per 100,000 passengers has **increased** from **1.14 to 7.21** comparing Feb 2018-Jan 2019 with the same period a year earlier



(Sent via email)

Tuesday 22nd January, 2019

Dear Clerk to the Parish,

I am writing to you as Bedfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner to explain the current state of policing in the county and to ask for your assistance.

Every community in Bedfordshire, whatever its location, tells me that they wish to see more officers involved in local policing. Bedfordshire has just over 1100 officers to service a population of some 670,000 currently which is forecast to exceed 700,000 within three years and which here, as nationally, is experiencing unprecedented levels of demand with calls to service on some weekend evenings last summer at three times the level of a New Year's Eve.

Bedfordshire faces the third highest terror threat in the country, substantial Serious Organised Crime issues including Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery as a result of the airport and road and rail links together with the close proximity of the capital as well as drug and gun trade along so-called 'county lines' both to and from London and issues at the highest level ever in terms of gang and knife crime countywide.

In December, I won a unique emergency payment from Government of £4.571m from the Policing Special Grant to simply make good the cost of meeting the latter without which the Force was heading for an overspend. I am not permitted to overspend and must bring in policing within budget. Without the grant, recruitment would have had to stop dead.

Also in December, the Policing Minister, Nick Hurd, announced the Policing Settlement for 2019-20 for all forces. Bedfordshire Police received two grants of just £1.318m and £1.117m (the latter being designed to help with the national shortfall in police pensions and which still falls short of the amount needed by £115,000). Bedfordshire Police faces inflationary pressures including an anticipated police and staff pay award of 2% which will cost in excess of £900,000 and soaring insurance costs, including a tripling of vehicle insurance to £300,000 for this year. Your council will appreciate that, collectively, these inflationary pressures cancel out the prospect of growth in officer numbers as well as the benefit of this income.

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I have, however, been awarded the leeway to raise the police precept of council tax by a maximum of £2 per month for Band D homes, without holding a referendum. Such a referendum is not an option for me as the last one, held by my predecessor, not only cost in the region of £1m which Bedfordshire Police could ill afford, once legal costs and the time of the staff of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner were taken into account, but an appeal to raise council tax was rejected by in excess of 70% of those who voted.

I am insisting however, since all the elements of income above amount to an extra £12.5m – albeit as a one year arrangement only – that the Force must recruit 160 Police Constables this year to bolster local policing primarily.

I will be frank: this is not enough, especially to provide an uplift in the villages. I provided evidence to Government in October 2017 that Bedfordshire Police requires some 300 officers and 80 detectives to meet its crime demand in a way that is comparable with other forces facing similar challenges.

The Government had intended to address the funding of all 43 forces more fundamentally in December 2020, with a promise to put that of Bedfordshire Police on a more sustainable footing permanently. I am now learning that this is likely to be delayed by a further year, in all probability because of Brexit and the economic uncertainty that surrounds it.

The answer, in your local area, may lie in your hands. I am told by councillors from the three unitary authorities in Bedfordshire (who are also facing substantial reductions in funding) that the parishes hold some substantial reserves. A PCSO costs £31,200 to fund each year. If your council wishes to consider the funding of such an officer to be dedicated to policing in the local area, subject to agreement, I would be very grateful if you would contact me directly at Kathryn.Holloway@Bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

I would be very appreciative if your parish would discuss this matter at the earliest possible opportunity and let me know the outcome as officers cannot be produced out of thin air and I am providing every last one that this Force can conceivably afford; having already made £34.7m of savings since austerity started and with £11m more to find over the next four years to enable me to balance the books as I must.

All very best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathryn Holloway". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kathryn Holloway

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SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: 4 March 2019
AUTHOR: Cllr M Hill
SUBJECT: Talk of the Town Minibus

1. Summary

- 1.1 The latest meeting of the Talk of the Town minibus (TOTT) management group was held on Tuesday January 29th at the Conservative Club. Only five members attended on what was a cold, snowy night.
- 1.2 The minutes of the last meeting were approved. There were two matters arising:
 - Membership of CTA has gone through free of charge.
 - The Blue Badge application was finally processed on the deadline of September 30th. It is valid for three years.

2. Bus Operations

- 2.1 The Chairman reported that mileage in 2018 had dropped slightly, due mainly to the very cold weather early in the year. However, the mileage in January is likely to be over 700 miles and bookings are looking healthy with already 176 advanced bookings for the year. There are lots of regular users with a good spread of community groups.

3. Bus Problems

- 3.1 The tailgate remains temperamental and the problem has not yet been detected. Premier Tail Lifts are to do checks alongside regular service at BS Motors who will now undertake all the servicing from now on. The engine management computer has been replaced. It is intended to buy a new handbrake level assembly.
- 3.2 The pressure on drivers has eased as several new drivers have been recruited, especially for the Ivel Sprinter.
- 3.3 Julie and Ray are still intending not to stand again at the AGM. Invoicing and scheduling are the key tasks. Ray will continue to drive however.

4. Accounts

There is £5354 in the current account at present and no major expenses in the offing apart from the forthcoming maintenance. New tyres are anticipated early next year.

5. Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 20.10. The next meeting will be the AGM on April 23rd 2019 at 19.30 in the Conservative Club. All user groups and volunteer drivers will be invited.

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**DATE: 4 March 2019****AUTHOR: Cllr M Hill****SUBJECT: Sandy Sports and Leisure Association (SSLA)****1. Summary**

- 1.1 The latest half-yearly meeting of the SSLA was held on Tuesday 22 January 2019 at the Council offices. Representatives from all interested parties were present.
- 1.2 The secretary made it clear to those present that although verbal assurances had been given by CBC, that no difficulties are expected over the renewal of existing licences, SSLA needed to have something in writing for its long-term security when applying for grants in the near future for the pitch replacement.
- 1.3 It was agreed a letter would be sent to Claire Byles at CBC to ask for a Letter of Intent jointly signed by the secretary and the Clerk. Hopefully, a reply will be received before Claire leaves her post and is replaced.

2. Pitch Refurbishment

- 2.1 Nottssport are a preferred supplier of synthetic turf pitches and their representative has been to Sandy and provided a detailed pitch condition survey of the existing surface. It is the role of Nottssport to give an assessment, provide suggestions and then, if directed, to progress the refurbishment and approach up to 6 tenders. According to the report, the pitch is good for its age but there is a recommendation for a new surface within the next couple of years.
- 2.2 SSLA and the hockey club would also like to expand the spectator experience and suggestions have been made to move the fence back on the footpath side and on the other side, to construct inserts with dug-outs and a players' shelter, moving the fence back to the line of the floodlight stands. £12,000 is the estimated cost of the new spectator area. STC will need to be approached as any changes will need to be reflected in the lease.
- 2.3 It would be prudent to approach the Cricket Club as well to clarify the possible impact on their outfield. On the northern side there will be a need to approach the Rights of Way Officer. All these consultations should take place between now and May.

- 2.4 As regards the funding of the new project, although the SSLA is holding assets of around £200,000, there is a need to identify an additional £60,000, providing VAT can be recouped. Various funding streams to be researched and the time between now and the May AGM is to be used beginning to talk to and make approaches to potential funding providers.
- 2.5 There is also a need to clarify the formal cut-off date for commitment to Nottssport to move the project forward.

3. Management Report

The following issues were highlighted:

- Service of equipment to take place in February. Hockey and 5-a-side football nets requiring attention.
- One floodlight bulb out, the first for a long time. When a second fails the contractors will be brought in.
- The winch still causing concern. It has no cover and is potentially prone to vandalism. No obvious solution but options being researched.
- Use of the pitch by the school requires more flexibility. The school should be able to say when they want to use the pitch, even with a two-week timetable and not try to insist all maintenance work is done after-school hours. SL needs to have time to sweep the pitch with the tractor in readiness for weekend fixtures, and winter maintenance is always dependent on the light and the weather. SL can accommodate the PE staff as long as they know in advance, e.g. pitch can be swept in two halves. The Head of School promised to sort this out with the PE staff.
- Signage replacement in hand.
- Photos provided by Brian Page showed concerns arising from the broken door of the power box and erosion to the bases of the floodlight columns. These will be looked at.

4. Any Other Business

Have we ever had a lighting test? No, not as such although this could easily be done.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM to be held on May 21st 2019 at 18.00 in the Council Offices.