

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING OF SANDHURST PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 8 MAY 2017**

PRESENT: Councillors Davis RD; Williams MW; Wilkins DW

IN ATTENDANCE: P CLARKE (CLERK):

PUBLIC 20

673/ CHAIRMANS WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all to the Annual council meeting

674/ APOLOGIES

Cllrs R Elliott and C. Councillor P Awford

675/ ELECTION OF CHAIR

MW proposed RD, seconded DW and agreed

676/ ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

MW proposed RE, seconded RD and agreed

677/ Declaration of Members Interests and Acceptance of Office

RD signed the acceptance of office

Meeting closed at 7.35pm

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**679/ REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION OR OTHER DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS
INTERESTS**

None

680/ MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3 APRIL 2017

Proposed MW, Seconded DW and agreed

681/ MATTERS ARISING

None

682/ COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Not in attendance

MW noted Councillor Awford had secured a 71% vote at the recent local election

683/ BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

MW – will comment on matters as necessary

684/ JOINT CORE STRATEGY

No update

685/ STANDING ITEMS

VILLAGE GREEN

No update

ALLOTMENTS

No update

Minute 299: Blocked culvert at Mussel End

No update

Gardiners Farm to the Redding

Now ok but noted no recent heavy rain, will review after next rainfall

686/ REVIEW FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Reviewed and agreed with no amendments

687/ REVIEW STANDING ORDERS

Reviewed and agreed with no amendments

688/ INSURANCE POLICY RENEWAL

Agreed as quoted with addition of defibrillator, Clerk to note left in open church all day, and to add to asset register **A: Clerk**

At this point it was noted it is necessary to ring 999 for number

689/ WEBSITE

Matt Philipps offered to take over website hosting for only £8.99 per year

To be agreed at next meeting, Clerk will supply contact details of current supplier to Mr Phillips **A: Clerk**

690/ FUTURE OF RECREATION GROUND

The Chairman summarised the following points and then opened the meeting up for debate

The Parish Council has a legal responsibility to maintain it to a good and safe standard. The goal ends are rotting away and need replacing and other items are deteriorating, he suggested it may be worth moving it, or replacing all of some of it

The recent ROSPA play safety report was circulated.

DW had summarised all the response to recent survey, she had received 10 emailed comments plus 11 face book comments. She noted many comments were positive, but there was concern on its current location, standard of equipment, and concern on the use by travellers as is not overlooked

There had also been lots of ideas for future use, including an orchard, nature reserve, and BMX track

During discussion the following points were made:

Limited development on the site had been ruled out because of flooding

Not spent much on it so far, but in the future could cost thousands

Considering grants to replace rather than patching

The whole village needs to be asked if there is a use for it at all

Moving it does not solve the problem, just moves the problem

Could take down the netting

Current use over weekend is mainly by undesirables who use bad language

We could make it unavailable for a period of time

Could take the hedge out

Put in Adult gym equipment

Ask Longford to contribute to cost of refurbishment

The football ground is predominantly used by travellers, can't let that rule the village

If kept then it has to be made safer

Following the discussion the chairman summarised, it is not an urgent, but need to start the ball rolling, needs some quotes for various options, it s a very emotive subject , as is a big can of worms, and any decision will be contentions. RE has looked at the deeds and will report back to members

DW agreed to put a leaflet together for suggestions, to be dropped around the whole village

691/ Appointment of Councillor Auditor

RD proposed Cllr Elliot to continue in this post, this was agreed

693/ Finance Report

The Clerk circulated the financial report

Accounts for Payment:

PF CLARKE	580	232.59
GREENFIELDS	581	171.89
ROSPA	582	84.00
COMMUNITY FIRST	583	262.67

Cheques as list were agreed

694/ Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2016/17

Deferred to next meeting

Future Agenda Item

695/ Section 2 Accounting Statements 2016/17

Deferred to next meeting

Future Agenda Item

696/ Planning

Planning Consultation - 17/00404/FUL - Margarets Cottage Sandhurst Lane

Cllr Elliott had emailed all councillors with her objections

The development takes the on-road frontage to three houses deep and has a narrow entrance. It is not in keeping with other housing and will start a precedent

Following a vote the members agreed to Object to the development

Planning Decision - 16/01244/PDD - The Reddings

Noted

697/ FOOTPATHS

The survey will be completed within the year, John Robinson asked for help with its completion

MW asked for kissing gates, The Clerk will ask CC footpaths for kissing gates along the Severn Way

A: Clerk

698/ CLERKS REPORT

None

699/ CORRESPONDENCE

None

700/ PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS

The area of verge opposite Base Lane junction needs maintenance

This is owned by CC

Cuttings needs to be removed after each cut at Alcotts House

Agreed

A: Clerk

Can poison be used on rats at allotments?

As long as it is safe to do so

Can agendas go into notice board?

MW will be given the key and will put in a hard copy of agendas

Why don't Greenfields pick up grass cuttings after cut?

They are to asked to clear only once, before Rain and Shine

Twigworth and Down Hatherley are using their precept to fight future development

To put on agenda for next meeting, to get back to Twigworth to find out how much is needed, how much other parish councils have put in and what it is to be used for?

Future Agenda Item

701/ DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5 June at 7.30pm

No further business and the meeting ended at 9.10pm

Signature of Chair.....

Date.....