

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF SANDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Davis RD; Elliott RE; Williams MW

**IN ATTENDANCE:** P CLARKE (CLERK):

**PUBLIC 8**

**738/ APOLOGIES**

Cllr Poole

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

None

**740/ MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3 July 2017**

Proposed RE, Seconded MW and agreed

**741/ MATTERS ARISING**

None

**742/ COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Apologies for not attending recent meetings because of ill health

Reported the following:

Hitchin's application has gone to appeal

Badgers cull has been extended to other points of the country, there is a calmer atmosphere on this matter, the police presence is similar to previous years

Richard Waters is leaving highways and will be missed

There has been much debate and protests on the incinerator but it will still be built

**743/ BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT**

MW – will comment on matters as necessary

**744/ JOINT CORE STRATEGY**

PA reported:

TBC have agreed to Hitchin's appeal of 995 houses although against the 750

Highways England have complained of intimidation, as no strategy are receiving more development applications

Proposals to build road over A38/A40 over the flood plain, this cannot be funded by county. Flood board will be increased which by implication assumes there is a flood problem. Still a lot of argument, and very developer led

**745/ STANDING ITEMS**

**VILLAGE GREEN**

**Recreation ground - allotments**

RE reported on the house survey proposal to remove the fencing  
Thanks to those who helped deliver the survey around the parish

Out of 198 households there were 75 replies  
70 agreed to move fencing, 4 no  
1 with a comment  
Members were pleased with a 40% response rate

Agreed it was a resounding decision  
Clerk will get 3 quotes to remove it and make it safe

To ask Greenfields  
Trevor Humphries and Frankie Shale

Council to first agree if any fencing should be left in situ  
Councillors will send response to Clerk for action

**A: Cllrs**

MW has discussed grants for new play equipment with TBC

**Minute 299: Blocked culvert at Mussel End**

Consensus that the blockage is a willow or a cracked pipe  
PA agreed to pick this up and discuss with Jill Matthews.  
Needs to agree responsibility for clearing it

Noted it does flow well at the moment and only floods in extreme conditions

It was agreed that MW and RD would pull the willow out

**746/ Finance Report**

The Clerk circulated the financial report

Accounts for Payment: cheque 593 was not agreed

RD will query with Greenfields and also query the state of the village green following  
the last cut

**A: RD**

Cheque list was agreed:

591	37.50
592	37.50
594	117.19
595	171.89
596	9.59
597	119.49

**747/ Planning**

17/00684/FUL - Lower Mussel End Farm Mussel End (To note recommendation)

Consultation

17/00844/FUL - The Glebe Sandhurst Lane

No objection

17/00852/OUT - Yew Tree Farm Tewkesbury Road

To reiterate what was said before, only difference is more housing in the application

RE will send response to Clerk for action

**A: RE**

RE raised safety issues on Chestnut Cottage on Sandhurst lane now it is functioning as a shop. There is encroachment onto the highway and not aware of a change of use

MW will report to Enforcement

**A: MW and Clerk**

Clerk will write to Enforcement

PA will also pick up

**748/ Report on footpaths**

John Robinson report he has now looked at them all

They are well used

Several are still not open

Will bring report to November meeting on how they can all be used and then judge priorities

**749/ St Catherine sign**

Sign has been painted and is very smart and noticeable, noted it marks the old boundary

**750/ CLERKS REPORT**

Clerk has responded to pension regulator that she does not want a pension  
Grant Thornton are still in discussion with some minor queries on the Annual Return

**751/ CORRESPONDENCE**

As circulated

**752/ PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS**

Q: What is happening with the development of 16 houses?

A: MW will question this - noted there may be an appeal **A: MW**

Q: Has there been Planning Permission on bungalow on corner?

A: MW will question this **A: MW**

Q: Public are not aware of village planning applications, Clerk noted they are no longer available in paper form and are only available on line

Members agreed Fly tipping will go on future agendas as a standing item and also to note fly tipping update in the parish magazine

**753/ DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 2 October 2017 at 7.30pm

No further business and the meeting ended at 8.35pm

Signature of Chair.....

Date.....