

SANDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2022 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Chair Cllr R. Davies (RD)

In attendance Cllr R. Elliott (RE), Cllr K. Wood (KW).

County Councillor P. Awford (PA).

Clerk P. Langley

J. Robinson (Footpaths)

Members of the Public - 11

01.03.22 RD welcomed all to the Meeting.

02.03.22 Apologies - Cllr. M. Williams (MW).

03.02.22 Requests for Dispensation or other Declarations of Members Interests – None declared

04.03.22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 7 February 2022.

These having been circulated were approved by all and signed by RD.

05.03.22 Matters Arising – Boundary Changes: - A letter from the Councillors to be sent to Tewkesbury BC was read out by RD. Those present, one objection, were in favour of the letter and following a discussion a petition was circulated for signing. The petition would also be circulated around the Village for people to sign. Councillors did not agree for the letter to be placed on the website. RD thanked RE for her work on the changes. The deadline was 31 March for people to comment on the changes.

The Village Hall Jubilee Celebrations in June was attended by RE with different groups making plans for the event. The beacon location needed to be visible to all and the side of Sandhurst Hill on Mike Smith's land was discussed. Conformation had to be agreed concerning access.

Gareth Edwards had recently resigned as a Councillor and the Parish now needed 2 Councillors. Details and notices had been placed on the website and Village Hall Notice Board.

06.03.22.21 Public Participation – A question was raised about ownership of a property which was answered by RD.

07.03.22 County Councillor Report – PA opened his report by responding to their concerns raised regarding the boundary change proposals emanating from TBC Whilst the residents were encouraged to sign the proposed petition he advised individual objections would carry significant weight. He continued to reflect on the recent GCC Budget and an increase in his Local Highways allocation and would try to get some more resurfacing in the obvious potholed surface in Sandhurst Lane. Over the previous two weeks his work had been dominated by firstly storm Eunice and the predicted tidal even that fortunately did not occur and into the subsequent flooding that did impact.

The following day he was to attend a debriefing meeting with the EA and Severn and Wye RFDC given a report he had written on the impacts in Gloucestershire In his report he had raised concerns about Comms , data and highway signage and his concerns about future flooding where residents would not react given past experience of warnings.

Given the Parish had talked earlier about Jubilee beacons , he advised that he was aware of a Parish Council that had been offered gas bottle powered beacons as an alternative to bonfires should the Parish Council wish information going forward then he would put Clerks in touch with each other

08.03.22 Borough Councillor Report – Apologies

09.03.22 Finance Report – Cheques 783 and 784 approved by Councillors.

Cheques for Payment			
783 S. Booth	For Approval	£50.00	
784 P. Smith	For Approval	£86.40	
BANK BALANCE			
1 February 2022	Opening Balance	£5946.51	
	Cheques Banked	£417.65	
25 February 2022	Closing Balance	£5595.58	
Outstanding Cheques	Nil		
	Available Balance	£5595.58	
	Cheques to be Banked	£136.40	
	Balance		£5459.18

Bank Statement Issued 28 February signed by RD and RE.

Income 8 February Wayleaves £66.72 Banked.

10.03.22 Administration: - Asset Register A review would be undertaken at the April Meeting

11.03.22 Planning – PA informed the Meeting that Tewkesbury BC had lost an appeal to Hitchens.

12.03.22 Standing Items – Village Green and Recreation Ground. The tree on the Green was owned by the Parish. The monthly Playground check had been undertaken by KW on 27 February. (Photos submitted).

Councillors agreed to keep with the Annual Inspection from Gordon Playground Inspections Ltd that was made on 29 June 2021. A quote had been received from ROSPA which was for April.

13.03.22 Footpath Report – Kissing Gate had been erected with an invoice outstanding from GCC. The condition of a stile on the Severn Way (Moat Farmland) would be dealt with at the next Meeting. PA offered to check if the parish should have to pay for the stile.

14.03.22 Clerk Report- Audit – To be completed on 9 March. Website changes had been made to the documents.

15.03.22 Correspondence - Telephone Box quote over £1.200 to disconnect power supply Cost can be reduced with LED bulbs.

16.03.22 Any other Business – None

17.03.22 Date /Time of Next Meeting - Monday 25th April 2022 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The Chair closed the Meeting at 8.35 pm.

Signature of Chair.....

Date.....