

SANDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2023 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Chair Cllr. R. Elliott (RE).

Apologies Cllr R.. Davies (RD)

In attendance Cllr T. Wyatt (TW). Cllr J. Speedy (JS). Cllr G. Phillips (GP).

County Councillor P. McLain (PM).

Borough Councillor M. Williams (MW)

Clerk P. Langley

J. Robinson (Footpaths)

Members of the Public – 4.

01 .07. 23 RD welcomed all to the Meeting.

02.07.23 Apologies – Nil

03.07.23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 5 June 2023 having been circulated were approved and signed by RE.

04.07.23 Declaration of Members Interests – None declared.

05.07.23 Matter Arising. The Parish Council were now the trustees for the Village Hall. A photocopy of the signatures is held by the Clerk.

06.07.23 Public Participation. Concerns were raised about a recent funeral at the Church whereby the road had been completely blocked by vehicles. This had caused several issues. It was agreed that the Parish Council write to the Church about the matter. NB. Letter sent and reply received.

A question was also raised about the legal rights of using Pony & Traps through the Village. PM advised about contacting the traveller liaison Officer about this and other anti-social behaviour. GP advised that contact was difficult.

Trees at the Playground had disappeared.

07.07.23 County Councillor Report. A programme of works to fix potholes had been undertaken by GCC with Sandhurst and Apperley being the first of a growing list throughout the County. Grass Cutting was ongoing with the Hedges being dealt with in the Autumn. Noxious Weeds programmed for the Summer. Grips Cutting planned for November. Ash dieback 23/24 programme underway.

Adult Education Service has had an Ofsted report and been praised and awarded a good rating. A funding agreement approved with Education & Skills Funding Agency for 2.67 million to deliver Community learning & Adult Skills programmes for 23/24. This will help around 6,000 around the County.

The AIM Supported Internship Programme that supports young people with Learning disabilities and/or autism into employment continues to be a great success with 17 of the 29 being offered paid work by their host employer. All received their certificates at an award ceremony that I was delighted to attend and speak at.

GCC had launched the Summer Holiday Activity Fund and consultation was under way about entering the market for the provision of placements for looked after children. Extension of Unpaid Carers Support Scheme GCC has extended 2 contracts for 2 years to highlight the services available.

08.07.23 Borough Councillor Report. Spoke about the need to finalise the issue about the Dog Bins. A couple of gullies needed repairing along with a signpost. A discussion about Hedgehog signs to be placed in Village was undertaken, Further enquiries to be made. Greenfields who cut the Playground area had had difficulty in entering the area.

09.07.23 Finance Report. Cheques 23/836 and 23/837 were approved by Councillors. Bank statement and cheque stubs signed by RD and RE.

Cheques for Payment			
23/835	Greenfields	£138	Approved 23 June
23/836	Salary	£249.78	To Approve
23/837	HMRC	£181.40	To Approve
BANK BALANCE			
28 May 2023	Opening Balance	£11288.23	
	Cheques Banked	£478.68	
23 June 2023	Closing Balance	£10809.55	
Outstanding Cheques			
	Available Balance	£10809.55	
	Cheques to be Banked	£569.18	
	Balance		£10240.37

Cllr R. Davies joined the Meeting and took over the Chair.

10.07.23 Planning Application Planning 23/00487FUL Singleton Farm Mussel End. No objections.

23/00574/PAD and 19/00276/PDAD Cattle Barn, Abbots Lodge Farm, Base Lane. A discussion took place and it was decided to send a letter of objection to TBC. Planning. NB Letter Sent 11 July. .

Sandhurst Parish would oppose the conversion of this building into three dwellings. It is felt that the original application dated 27 March 2019 for this to be converted into a single dwelling (19/00276/PDAD) was far

more appropriate, at a stretch two dwellings would be deemed appropriate. The principle concern is the cumulative effect of increased traffic on Base Lane. With a single dwelling we could reasonably expect two additional vehicles to be using the road on a daily basis, with three dwellings in this one building it potentially increases that number to six or more. It is the view of Sandhurst Parish Council that this application should be amended for this building to be converted in to one, at a stretch two, residential dwellings.

11.07.23 Standing Items Village Green / Recreation Ground. A discussion took place about moving the Playground to the Village Green. This would require further investigation with TBC.

The Playground could become a Nature Area, (Grants available). 270 New trees had been ordered with some to be placed on the Village Green.

12.07.23 Footpath Report. The Chair thanked John Robinson who was retiring n December for all his hard work and dedicated commitment in sorting out any problems along the Footpaths with the help of 12 Rangers and Simon Booth who were also thanked for their time.

RD advised that at present the Parish was unable to fund a request for new kissing gates. It was suggested that an appeal be made to the villagers for donations. NB. This request had now seen 5 donations.

13.07.23 Clerk Report. AGAR Report had been received. Audit would take place on Wednesday 7 June. Asset registered circulated to Cllr's.

14.07.23 Correspondence. As circulated to Cllr's.

Next Meeting at Sandhurst Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13 September 2023.

The Chair closed the Meeting at 9.25pm

Signature Chair.....

Date.....