

**SANDHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 MARCH 2024 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Chair Cllr R. Davies (RD)**

**Apologies Cllr P. McLain.**

**In attendance Cllr R. Elliott (RE). Cllr G. Phillips (GP). Cllr J. Speedy (JS). Cllr T. Wyatt (TW).**

**Borough Councillor M. Williams (MW)**

**Members of the Public in attendance. Presentation by Sonnedix 26. Parish Meeting 16.**

**01 .03.24. RE welcomed all to the Meeting**

**Sonnex outlined their proposals to the Meeting about Bengrove Solar Farm planning application, covering various issues that were raised by parishioners.**

**02.03.24 Apologies – As listed above.**

**03.03.24 Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 5 February having been circulated were approved and signed by RD.**

**04.03.24 Declaration of Members Interests – RD and RE declared interest in item 5 and RE declared an interest in item 10.**

**05.03.24 Matters Arising. Planning 24/00050/FUL Bengrove Farm Soar Farm. RD opened up the Meeting to those present, and concerns were raised about the following issues: - Flooding, Transport, Conditions of the Roads with extra traffic, Loss of Rural Land and the aspects of the Village.**

- **RD, following a discussion that listed the public concerns, requested a vote from Cllr’s about submitting an objection to TBC. RD was of the opinion that he was not in favour and not against the application. Two Cllr’s voted against the application. 1 Cllr vote for and 1 was undecided. The Council would send their objections to TBC on the matter.**

**06.03.24 Public Participation Issues raised about the appeal at Bristol for the 85 houses to be built. Flooding of roads was a problem including the A417 which was explained by MW.**

**07.03.24 County Councillors Report - Apologies**

**08.03.24 Borough Councillor - Would report on any matters during the Meeting.**

**09.03.24 Finance Report. A rebate of £252 had been received from Greenfields. Banked 28 February.**

**Cheques below approved for payment. Bank Account details along with the cheque subs signed by RD and RE.**

**Invoices also signed.**

<b>Cheques for Payment</b>			
<b>23/860</b>	<b>Salary and Arrears</b>	<b>£478.58</b>	
<b>23/861</b>	<b>PATA Payroll Services</b>	<b>£16</b>	

<b>BANK BALANCE</b>			
<b>29 January 2024</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>£8370.26</b>	
	<b>Cheques Banked</b>	<b>£419.18</b>	
<b>Income</b>		<b>£252.00</b>	
<b>28 February 2024</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£8203.08</b>	
<b>Outstanding Cheques</b>		<b>Nil</b>	
	<b>Available Balance</b>	<b>£8203.08</b>	
	<b>Cheques to be Banked</b>	<b>£494.58</b>	
	<b>Balance</b>		<b>£7708.50</b>

10.03.24 Planning.. 24/00072FUL Old Barn Sandhurst Lane – No objections raised.

Lower Mussel End Farm 24/00008/FUL -- Permit.

11.03.24 Standing Items Village Green / Recreation Ground. The Playground had been inspected and some painting would be required. The gate was falling apart. JS would undertake an inspection to rectify.

12.03.24. Footpath Report (Mark Smith). A check would be made about placing a kissing gate on Slaughterhouse Lane. 1 kissing gate still to be delivered.

13.03.24 Clerk Report – Audit on going.

Grass Cutting, Greenfields had submitted a contract for April to October which had risen from £1610 in 2023 to £2056 not including VAT. It was agreed to send a letter to them removing cutting the playing field to see what the costing would be and to ask about the increased cost.

14.03.24 Correspondence. As circulated to Cllr's.

Next Meeting at Sandhurst Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 8 April 2024.

The Chair closed the Meeting at 9.07 pm.

Signature Chair.....

Date.....

**07.04.24 \* Minute agreed to read "As it was a non-unanimous vote, the Council would send their concerns on this matter. Signed by the Chair Cllr R. Elliott..**