



PARISH COUNCIL OF SANDHURST, KENT

Please reply to Julie Horan, Parish Clerk, Old School, Back Road, Sandhurst, Kent TN18 5JS 01580-850273

Approved Minutes Parish Council Meeting 09 January 2024

In Attendance:

Cllr Griggs (Vice Chairman) (MG)	Mrs J Horan (Clerk & Proper Officer) (JH)
Cllr C Robinson (CR)	Cllr E. Neville
Cllr D Rogers (DR)	Cllr G. Bland
Cllr O'Neil (KO)	Cllr S. Holden
	Members of Public - 0

1. Apologies	Cllr M Phillipson (Chairwoman) (MP), Cllr P Phillipson (PP), Cllr A Kerry (AK)
2. Declarations of Interest	Councillors were reminded that they must inform the Monitoring Officer of any changes to their Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. None
3. Approval of Minutes	To resolve that the Minutes of the Precept meeting of the Council held on 05 December 2023 are a true record of the meeting. The only issue relating to the minutes that can be discussed is their accuracy. <ul style="list-style-type: none">DR proposed; KO seconded - Agreed by those present that the minutes were a true record of the meeting. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of the council on 12th December carried forward to the February meeting.
4. Councillor Intervention	Cllr Sean Holden: Cranbrook High Street is about to be closed which will be bad news for the shops, SH is going to ask the Inspectorate to take a look to see if a complete road closure can be avoided. On Thursday there will be a six monthly meeting with South East Water, to find out what they are doing about the sewerage being pumped into rivers.

	<p>Cllr Godfrey Bland: Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has been on leave over Christmas so things have been quiet. The one important bit of news the new National Plan policy framework has been issued, the 5 year housing supply being the trigger to stop unwanted development has now been reduced to 4 years and we have more than 4 years housing supply.</p> <p>Cllr Ellen Neville: Since the last meeting there was a vote on the Local Plan, that went through with 30 votes for and there will be a consultation for around 6 weeks, the date is to be confirmed.</p> <p>Cllr Neville thanked Cllr Katherine O'Neil for all her help with the information towards the submissions for the Forward Plan which is going through the motions.</p> <p>The bin men have worked three Saturdays on the trot to make sure we are on top of everything and the village is nice and clean.</p> <p>The PCSO was in our ward on Sunday. That was in response to the catapult kids and the anti-social behaviour. The principal of reporting and keep reporting issues flags up to the Police where the problems are. The Community Safety Officer has been in touch and several of the kids have been identified and parents spoken to. Action is being taken.</p>
5.	Website Redesign The redesign is progressing, though there is still more that needs doing.
6.	Finance & Accounts <u>Accounts</u> To approve accounts retrospectively for payments from 01 December 2023 to 31 December 2023. To receive details of receipts in from 01 December 2023 to 31 December 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none">DR Proposed ; KO Seconded and those present approved the payments & receipts from 01 December 2023 to 31 December 2023 - all present agreed To note the bank reconciliation at 30th November 2023 and 31 December 2023 - MG Confirmed the reconciliations for both months have been checked. Forecast: This was circulated prior to the meeting, and discussed, there was no significant change from last month.
7.	Speedwatch Report The Speedwatch team have not been out since the last session. We have the equipment and will be out over the next few weeks. Over the last year Sandhurst Speedwatch has recorded 969 offences.
8.	Old Orchard Play Area CR will collect information into a format to circulate for quotes.
9.	Bollards - Upper Green Quote for the replacement bollards was circulated prior to the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none">DR Proposed to accept the quote ; KO Seconded - all present agreed
10.	See Saw Playing Field Quote for repair from HAGS (as was HAGS equipment) was circulated prior to the meeting, the quote received for replacing both springs on the See Saw was £943.00 (quote for replacing one spring was £709.00).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CR Proposed to accept the quote and replace both springs ; KO Seconded - all present agreed <p>If the springs break again then will look at an alternative piece of equipment to replace the See Saw.</p>
11. Pavilion/OSH	<p>DR contacted the Legionella Control Association for contractors in the local area. Two contractors have been contacted, the risk assessment was sent, plus the invoice which shows what work has been carried out to them to ask to their recommendations on record keeping and a budget price. DR waiting to hear back. Only contacted two contractors as they were reasonably local, the rest were a lot further away.</p> <p>Damp in wall OSH - 4 contractors contacted, 2 have replied and DR meeting with them in the next few weeks.</p> <p>External Painting to the OSH carried forward to the summer.</p>
12. Planning Applications	<p>Application No: 23/03375/FULL</p> <p>Proposal: Erection of rear single storey extension, new utility room and detached garage, alterations to roof form and renovation to Oast Address: Ringle Oast , Crouch Lane, Sandhurst, Kent, TN18 5PA</p> <p>The council do not agree with the Conservation office that the number of openings in the conversion of the kiln will have no significant harm to its character.</p> <p>Although the new garage has a shallow pitched roof the new rear extension has a flat roof which is out of keeping with the original building.</p> <p>The 2nd floor Attic room in the kiln has no natural daylight.</p> <p>A sound report has not been provided as part of the application, turning an unused area into habitual space may have an impact on the attached neighbouring property.</p> <p>This is a building regulation concern, however so is the absence of any daylight to the 2nd floor.</p> <p>The council disagree with the conclusion in the Heritage Statement in that the extension will be " modest in scale in comparison with the host dwelling" when the increase in area will be from approx 338 M2 to 515.53 M2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DR Proposed that this application is refused based on the comments above ; KO Seconded - All present agreed <p>Application No: 23/03423/FULL / 23/03424/LBC</p> <p>Proposal: Demolition of existing porch for the construction of new porch, toilet and cloakroom</p> <p>Address: The Dower Cottage , Rye Road, Sandhurst, Cranbrook, Kent, TN18 5JE</p> <p>This application was discussed and the only comment made was: For a more aesthetically pleasing appearance we would prefer to eliminate the flat roof by bringing the roof pitch back into line with the existing roof.</p>
13. Correspondence to the Clerk	<p>An email was received from a resident regarding the removal of the hedge row, the building of a tall fence and the installation of gigantic industrial metal gates on Spondon</p>

	<p>Lane, the resident has been in touch with TW Planning and is waiting for a clear response regarding any action that is going to take place.</p> <p>There was a discussion in conjunction with the three borough councillors present at the meeting. Sandhurst Parish Council will again write to TW Planning on this matter and the borough councillors are going to see what can be done to move things along.</p> <p>Email received from resident to enquire who is responsible for the road that runs alongside Ringle Green.</p> <p>No one is responsible for the road as it is on unadopted land.</p>
14. Public Intervention	No members of the public attended the meeting.
15. Date of Next Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09 January 2024 • 13 February 2024 • 12 March 2024

Julie Horan
Clerk to Sandhurst Parish Council

CC: For Information
County Cllr Seán Holden
Borough Cllr Godfrey Bland
Borough Cllr Ellen Neville