

Notes of the Meeting Chaired by Councillor S Shelley, Chairman of the Parish Council

Present

Parish Councillors C Capjon, R Harris, P Hickey, G Massey, S Shelley, R Wildblood
Parishioners Mr Phillips, Mr Wildblood, Mr & Mrs Clifford, Mrs A Tams,
Mr & Mrs Selby, Mr & Mrs Rundle.

Parish Council Clerk B A Boughey

Apologies District Councillor Councillor Harp

1 Annual Report of the Parish Council

Presented by Councillor Shelley

Twelve Parish Council meetings were held, all at Sandon Parish Room, with an average of five Member Councillor in attendance and an average of nine parishioners, primarily residents of Burston, attending each meeting.

Three new Member Councillors were appointed during the year following the resignation of Emma Washington, Tony Jackson and Paul Shaw.
Councillor Wildblood through a contested election and Councillor Capjon and Councillor Hickey by co-option.

Councillor Ian Parry continued to represent Stone Rural Division as County Councillor. County Council elections were held last week with Councillor Parry being re-elected.
The enlarged Milwich Ward which is represented by two Councillors, Councillor Frances Beatty and Councillor Andrew Harp.

During the year :-

The main issues again this year were the Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish and Burston Pool.

The Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan progressed to the Public Consultation phase prior to the appointment of a Planning Inspector. The Planning Inspector, Mr McGurk, determined that there was a need for a Public Hearing based on the comments received following the Public Consultation.

The Inspector's recommendation was that the Plan should not go forward to a Referendum. Following a meeting between the Member Councillors and Stafford Borough Council Planning Department the Parish Council took the decision not to proceed with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Burston Pool

A meeting between the Parish Council involving the then Chairman, Councillor Jackson, and Councillor Wildblood with Stafford Borough Council Legal Department, Alastair Welch, resulted in the Parish Council formally applying, in September 2016, to the Borough Council, to transfer Burston Pool as a Community Asset Transfer into the ownership of the Parish Council.

Councillor Harris was involved in refurbishing the Burston and Sandon Bus Shelters and

removing the Burston Bus Shelter on the A51, the clearing of a grid in Burston and discussing with BT the case for retaining the Telephone Box in Sandon, in which he was successful.

Burston was Highly Commended in the Best Kept Village Competition, Small Village category for the Stafford Area. Thanks again to Mr Jubb.

Mr Selby arranged the litter pick - "Clean for the Queen"

A Tea Party on 12th June, to commemorate the Queen's 90th Birthday was moved on the day from The Greyhound to the Parish Room, thanks to those involved particularly Simon and Sarah Shelley.

Councillor Shelley planted daffodil bulbs on the roadside verges for flowering this Spring.

Parish Website. Work on the website was started by Nigel Ferguson. Dialogue with other authorities continued throughout the year, namely the County Council and Stafford Borough Council.

County Council :-

Neighbourhood Highway Team planned visit did not materialise and now the scheme has been withdrawn except that there may be a possibility of a one of specific visit during the Summer.

Silt was removed from beneath Jolpool Bridge on Woodcock Lane in Burston.

Discussions a site visits relating to Footpath 36, part of Two Saints Way, took place and work is in hand.

Traffic census and speed checks were completed on the A51 through Sandon. The conclusion being that the speed limits were generally being adhered to and the traffic volume was similar to that in 2014.

Additional signage and installation of verge master bollards are proposed on Hilderstone Road, just within the 40MPH zone to emphasise the speed limit, at the Canal Bridge on Stafford Road and a Burston Lane.

There has been no progress on the priority system at the Canal Bridge on Stafford Road and on the right turn in Burston off the A51.

The Mobile Library service was reviewed with Sandon keeping its service.

Borough Council :-

Civic Amenity Visit. Three occasions of one hour duration at Sandon Parish Room Car Park. Note that this is being reduced to two visits for the current year.

The Parish Council were consulted on eight planning applications during the year.

Jolpool Cottage, Burston	Extension
Three Woods, Burston.	Change in land to domestic curtilage
Butterhill House, Burston	Retrospective application, attic to bedroom plus velux windows
Dog & Doublet, Sandon	Extractor ductwork
Erdeswickes House, Sandon	Grooms Residence conversion
Sunnyside Farm, Burston	Agricultural Building
Carr House Barns (2)	Variation of Conditions and Solar Panels.

A donation was made to Sandon Parish Room.

2 Statement of the Parish Council Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017

Presented by the Clerk.

3 Estimates on the Parish Council Finances for the year ended 31st March 2018

Presented by the Clerk.

4 Report from the Parish Council's Representative for Sandon Parish Room Trustees

Presented by Councillor Shelley who is now the Sandon Parish Room Trustees Chairman

The past year has seen a steady income from our usual regular bookings for which we are most grateful for their support.

We are most grateful that the Post Office continues to serve the community every Tuesday and for the contribution that the Parish Room receives from the Parish Council.

Following the last fund raising event, which raised £595, showing old Sandon photographs, a lady in the audience approached the Trustees and has booked the Room on Monday mornings, Tuesday night and Saturday mornings starting on 22nd May which is most welcome news for the Trustees.

This year Mr Jim Wright stood down as treasurer with Mr Dave Creegan joining the Trustees as treasurer.

5 To received observations of the County Councillor. Stone Rural Division

Councillor Parry not present. No report submitted.

6 To receive observations of the District Councillor. Milwich Ward

Councillor Harp not present. No report submitted.

7 To consider resolutions of which written notice has been given

None received.

8 To deal with any other business raised by Parishioners

None