SANDON and BURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 October 2021 in Sandon Parish Room at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillor S Shelley Chairman

Councillor R Wildblood
Councillor C Capjon
Councillor A Hudson
Councillor K Hughes
Councillor H Wildblood
Councillor G Wyatt

Absent: County Councillor I Parry (no apologies).

There were no members of the public present.

Clerk: Mrs T Gould.

21/91 Apologies Mr and Mrs Selby.

21/92 Minutes

21.92.1 The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2021 be signed by the Chairman.

21/93 Chairman's announcements

- 21.93.1 The Chairman announced that Mr Selby had retired from the Sandon Remembrance Day Parade following many years' sterling service.
- 21.93.1.1 **RESOLVED:** To send a letter of thanks to Mr Selby on behalf of the Parish.

21/94 Highways Update

21.94.1 The Clerk stated that Richard Rayson was unable to attend the meeting. She would invite him to the November meeting. No further update on highways matters.

21/95 Finance

- Financial Statement and Bank Account Reconciliation. Presented by Clerk and checked. The Clerk explained that the second half year precept £5017 had been received.
- 21.95.2 Financial Payments and requests for authorization
- 21.95.2.1 Support Staffordshire annual subscription £25.00.

RESOLVED: To pay the subscription.

21.95.2.2 CPRE – annual subscription £36.00

RESOLVED: To pay the subscription.

21.95.3 Setting the precept for 2022/23. The Clerk asked that Councillors consider

this matter in time for final resolution at the December meeting. Some initial thoughts were given and would be summarized and sent to Councillors.

- **Report from Borough Councillor.** Councillor Harp stated there had been several fly tipping incidents in the area. Nothing further to report.
- **21/97 Report from County Councillor.** No report.

21/98 Planning.

21.98.1 21/34090/FUL Hardiwick Farm, Kiplass Lane, Sandon – application awaiting decision.

Councillor Shelley expressed concern at the delay and asked that a letter be sent to the Chief Executive, Stafford Borough Council.

RESOLVED: To write to the Chief Executive of Stafford Borough Council on this matter.

Councillor Harp left the meeting.

21/99 Items raised by Member Councillors/Clerk

21.99.1 Councillor Hudson asked if there had been any feedback on whether a planning application had been received for work on Burston Villa Farm. There had been no update.

RESOLVED: To write to the Chief Executive, Stafford Borough Council on this matter.

- 21.99.2 Councillor Wyatt stated that her neighbours had been pleased to receive a letter of thanks for litter picking.
- 21.99.3 Councillor Hughes asked who was responsible for maintaining the Burston War Memorial and ground around it.

RESOLVED: Councillor Hughes to follow up with Mr Selby.

21.99.4 The Chairman circulated a letter of thanks from Mr Selby regarding the tree that had been planted in his honour. Councillor Capjon requested that a picture of the tree be placed on the website.

RESOLVED: Clerk to action this after the hedge behind the tree had been cut (Simon Hartley Angling Club had agreed to do this).

21.99.5 The Chairman stated that he had collected two sets of bench ends from Stafford Borough Council. They were in excellent condition.

RESOLVED: To send a letter of thanks to Robert Simpson, Stafford Borough Chairman to obtain prices for replacing the slats. Councillor Shelley to obtain price for replacing the slats.

21.99.6 Setting the Precept 2022-23 Meet Your Parish Council & Have Your Say. Councillor Wyatt updated Councillors on the plans for the public event in Sandon Parish Room on 13 November 2-4 p.m. A poster and flyer had been designed and would be printed and distributed. The Clerk stated that three quotes for printing were not required if the cost was under £100. Details of printing costs to be circulated by Councillor Hughes for approval. Other suggestions for stalls of local crafts and produce in the Parish Room were discussed. Councillors Capjon and Hudson gave their apologies as they were

away on 13 November. Suggestions for spending next year to be collated in a sealed box (no names/addresses would be collected). Councillor Wyatt obtaining details of local voluntary organisations – details to be publicized at the event. Covid-19 guidance to be observed.

- 21.99.7 Councillor Wyatt stated that she would attend Stone Area Liaison Group on 27 October.
- 21.99.8 Councillor Wyatt stated that the speed of vehicles travelling through Sandon/Burston was still a local concern.
- 21.99.9 Community Transport. No further update. Clerk advised that Councillor Harp had informed her that Milwich and Fradswell Parish Council had decided to defer a decision until the New Year.
- 21.99.10 Councillor H Wildblood stated that Footpath 44 was still overgrown on the rail side.

RESOLVED: To write to Network Rail on this issue.

21/100 Correspondence

A letter had been received from the Lord Lieutenant's office regarding the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A small Working Group of Councillors to coordinate an event. The Chairman stated that a beacon on the Sandon Estate was not favoured.

RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain names of Councillors willing to participate in a Working Group.

- 21/101 Any Other Correspondence none
- **21/102 Date of Next Meeting** 18 November 2021 at 7.30 p.m. Sandon Parish Room.

The meeting concluded at 8.35 p.m.

Signed	Chairman
Date	