

# Sandon and Burston Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at 19.00

Held at:

Sandon Parish Rooms, Lichfield Road, Sandon,

Stafford ST18 0DN

## Minutes

1. Declaration of interests – Hugo Wildblood and Gill Wyatt both trustees of Stone Community Hub
2. Apologies – Ashley Hudson
3. Previous minutes – Approved
4. Members of the public participation

Janet Selby provided wording for the proposed historic notice in Sandon near the stocks

Janet Selby advised that the grass strimming in Burston had been completed except for a small area near the far end of The Pool. She felt it was a good job done but that the blowing/clearing of the cuttings was not as thorough as it might be

Chair to speak to James Tabbenor regarding A51 closure for Remembrance service on A51

5. Borough Councillor's report – There is a Business to Business Innovation Grant available until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. The leaflet was passed to Councillor Barnett. It was agreed that this should be put on the website
6. County Councillor's Report – None and no attendance
7. Matters Arising
  - a) Planters in Sandon - Sandon Estate Manager, Michael Eld is to seek approval to place a planter at either side of the bench on the green
  - b) Highways – Councillor Hickey reported that there had been a Mobile speed camera on the A51 in Sandon. A meeting with Highways, the police and other relevant authorities should be arranged to discuss the speeding on A51
  - c) Gully clearing in the Parish – a freedom of information request should be submitted to ascertain when gullies were last emptied and the stated frequency of this
  - d) SIDs – Councillor Rosemary Wildblood proposed that these should now be purchased – all agreed, with no initial speed survey
  - e) Further exploration into extending the 40mph speed limit to past the Burston turning
  - f) There were reports by Councillors Greaves and Barnett of more accidents on the A51

- g) Hearing Loop grant – to be investigated
  - h) PC requested to provide Hi-Viz jackets and equipment to support ground maintenance by parishioners. Councillor Greaves to obtain quotes.
  
  - i) Councillor Hickey to seek a quote for clearing paths and banks in Sandon
  - j) Councillor Barnett to speak to the owner of Chapel House requesting that they cut back their hedge that is obstructing the footpath adjoining the A51
  
  - k) Bus service – deferred to the next meeting
8. Gullies – see 7 c) above
  9. Finances – deferred awaiting appointment of new clerk/RFO
  10. Planning – One appeal successful on Sandon Estate
  11. Next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> November. Agreed that there should be an additional meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> December
  12. Meeting closed to public attendance at 19.48
  13. Meeting informed of Parish Clerk interviews and recommendation to appoint Ginny Gibson, subject to satisfactory references at Grade 13, agreed unanimously

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Cllr Hugo Wildblood, Chairman