

Sandon and Burston Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 2024 at 7.00pm at

Sandon Parish Rooms, Lichfield Road, Sandon, Staford ST18 0DN

Attendees

Cllr H Wildblood (Chairman)	Cllr A Hudson (Vice Chairman)	Cllr L Barnett
	(Left at 20:34pm)	
Cllr R Wildblood	Cllr A Greaves	Cllr G Wyatt
Cllr L Barnett		Cllr P Hickey
Cllr K Aspin – SBC	Nikola Evans – Clerk	3 x MOP

	Chairman to formally open the meeting
1	To receive any declaration of Interests on agenda items None received
2	To receive apologies None, all members attended
3	To approve the minutes of the last meeting – Annual Parish Council Meeting – 24th July 2024 Approved as a true record by all that attended
4	<p>To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation. (Members of the public are invited to address the Council on any issue over which it has power for up to 5 minutes each, with the item lasting a maximum of 20 minutes).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could the dates of the meeting's be put in compass? – Clerk to action • Councillors' information need's updating in the noticeboards – Clerk to action • There will be no service conducted @ Burston church until October • Diesel spill reported from Sandon Shops to the Dog & Doublet, clean up has not been carried out very well, what else do they plan on doing to rectify the issue? Diesel is still sitting on the road surface. – Clerk to report to highways • Drains are still and issue, there are 22 in total. Council has agreed the clerk will report every month until they are sorted. This clerk advised this would not be the best course of action. The council agreed they still want it actioning, going against the advice given by the proper officer. • Near miss reported on 03.09.24, a vehicle went around the wrong way of the memorial narrowly missing pedestrians. Clerk to add to incidents list • White lines eroding by the Dog & Doublet junction – Clerk to report • The council want a meeting with highways and the local county councillor, Ian Parry. To discuss all the issues, they are experiencing – Clerk to action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speeding ○ Gully clearing ○ Installation of SID's ○ Potholes • What has been done to help residents gain access to loved one's graves at Sandon Church? The clerk advised a letter had been written, asking if they could carry out maintenance on the churchyard. Clerk advised the parish council do not have any legal right to demand any maintenance is carried out. A member of the public has offered to talk with the church wardens and report back.
5	<p>To receive the Borough Councillor's Report</p> <p>Cllr K Aspin reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation for the asylum seekers in Stafford has now been rejected and will not be taking place. • Planning application for Drointon Lane has been refused • There are two consultations taking place now <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Licensing ○ Governing Act <p>Submissions can be submitted via the Stafford Borough Council website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd round of Business innovation grants is now open, closing date 31st December 2024 • The green solutions are campaigning for business to reduce their carbon footprints, more information can be found on Stafford Borough's website • Local plan consultations have been postponed, the NPPF is currently going through consultations, submissions can be put forward until 24th September 2024, more information can be found on

	Stafford Borough's website. Once these consultations have been completed, the local plan consultations will continue.
6	To receive the County Councillor's Report None received
Meeting closed to the public	
7	<p>To receive update on matters arising from previous minutes</p> <p>a) Planters – Sandon – The suggested location on the corner of the Dog & Doublet has been ruled out. New suggested location, to purchase two square planters to sit either side of the bench opposite Rustique Living. Cllr A Greaves and Cllr G Wyatt will determine dimensions, clerk advised they must not obstruct visibility for vehicle users, nor must they cause an obstruction to footpath users.</p> <p>b) Speed indication devices – Clerk advised consultation from Staffordshire Safer Roads (SSR) and Stafford County Council believe it would be better to wait. There are already three cameras installed in Sandon, SSR are conducting assessments to upgrade all cameras. The installation of other speed indication devices (SID's) could hinder the resultant effect the speed cameras offer. Clerk advised to wait until after these assessments and upgrades have been carried out, however the council agreed the speed cameras do not work now and want SID's installed as soon as possible. Clerk advised the council needs to work closely with their highways officer. Clerk to arrange a meeting. Clerk advised it would be approx. £8,000 to purchase and install two SID's.</p> <p>The council reported the results from the speed survey that took place two years ago, do not represent the feeling of the community. They would like a new survey to be conducted. Clerk advised there is a survey that can be conducted over a week and identifies speed, volume and vehicle type, costing around £350. The parish council approved the expenditure, clerk to action.</p> <p>c) Quotations for a hearing loop – Clerk presented options and costs to the council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Option 1 – a microphone and hearing loop neckless set £1,263 + VAT consisting of 1 x microphone and 4 x necklaces. The clerk advise it would not be suitable; the passing of the microphone could be problematic, the council agreed. ○ Option 2 – a tabletop mic paired with hearing loop necklaces - £1689 + VAT for the tabletop unit then £159 + VAT per necklaces – the clerk advised this was the best option. The council discussed applying for a VCSE grant to pay for the equipment, clerk advised this may not be an option, the council would not meet the criteria, Clerk to try anyway. <p>d) gardening maintenance - update on visits and appointment – The council reported no maintenance has taken place despite being advised by the contractors a starting date of w/c 12th August 2024. Two scheduled cuts should have already taken place with the next one due w/c 9th September. Clerk to speak with contractors and ask why no maintenance has taken place? The council would like photographic evidence (before and after photo's) to prove maintenance has been carried out.</p> <p>e) Bus service – Correspondence received from Rt.Hon. Sir Gavin Williamson CBE MP, advising he has taken up this issue with both the county council and our local county councillor, he will share any updates he receives.</p> <p>f) Tow path - The bare minimum of maintenance has been carried out by Canal's and River Trust; the council have requested further maintenance be carried out to cut the hedges right back. Clerk to action.</p> <p>g) Footpath 36 and damaged bridge across the River Trent. – Cllr H Wildblood has contacted the lead project manager at Rights of Way. They report:</p> <p><i>"We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the temporary closure of Public Footpath 36 Sandon and Burston that has been necessary in the interests of public safety due to a damaged bridge.</i></p> <p><i>The County Council are committed and planning to undertake works with the aim of reinstating the bridge before the Winter storm season returns and our specialist engineers are in the process of finalising details.</i></p>

