



Sandymoor Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Sandymoor School on Thursday 21st February 2013 commencing 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs David Felix (in the Chair) Jackie Watkins, Richard Eastburn, Simon Hurst, Jo Wakefield, John Daley and Frances Street (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs Andrew Lockyer and Adam Irvine

Also Present: Borough Councillors John and Marjorie Bradshaw.

Rhian Davitt, Homes and Communities Agency, Dave Cunliffe, Halton Borough Council, Graham Bate, Gino Salvatore and colleagues from GallifordTry

- 1 Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Andrew Lockyer and Adam Irvine.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** - No Declarations of Interest were made in respect of the meeting agenda.
- 3. Presentation by Rhian Davitt from Homes and Communities Agency.**
Rhian Davitt made a presentation to the meeting giving an update on the progress to date, future proposals and answers to residents questions which had been previously notified.
Graham Bate and Dave Cunliffe provided responses to previously notified questions from residents and update on future plans and proposals.
- 4. Minutes of the previous meeting**
Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2013 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

Due to the time taken during Item 3, the meeting was adjourned until Wednesday, 27th February 2013 at 8.00 p.m. at Sandymoor School. The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 27th February 2013.

Present: Cllrs David Felix (in the Chair) Andrew Lockyer, Jackie Watkins, Richard Eastburn, Simon Hurst, Jo Wakefield, and Frances Street (Clerk)

Apologies for Absence - Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Adam Irvine and John Daley.

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4. Matters arising:

Item 4d - Possible adoption by the Parish Council of four pockets of land within Sandymoor.

Following the meeting on 17th January 2013, Cllr Lockyer had undertaken further discussions with the HCA, HBC and Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC) regarding the possible adoption of the land. HBC had advised that they would not be in a position to adopt any land.

Resolved - Following a lengthy discussion it was resolved that the Parish Council would adopt ownership of the four sites identified by the HCA. Cllr Felix and Lockyer would arrange a meeting with the Parish Council Solicitors, the HCA and their lawyers and report back at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 27th March 2013 for formal approval.

5 Planning and planning liaison matters to consider:

- Application No 13/00051/FUL - 2 storey side extension Holford Moss, Runcorn

Resolved - No comments or objections raised.

- Application No. 13/0063/FUL - Proposed construction of Surface Water Drainage Pond at land to the South of Wharford Lane and east of Otterburn Street, Runcorn.

Resolved - Following a lengthy discussion it was resolved that the Sandymoor Parish Council welcome the amended plans, subject to the following comments and conditions:-

- That the maintenance of the ponds allows drainage in and out of Keckwick Brook
- That the footpaths around the area and further down onto land owned by Halton Borough Council are maintained to ensure the free passing of water."

Question received from a Sandymoor Resident regarding application for Village Green Status.

Resolved - That the Parish Council currently have no plans to submit an application as the ownership of the Village Green was transferred from the HCA to the Borough Council and subsequently a piece of this land was clawed back again by the HCA.

Resolved: Following discussions it was resolved that the Clerk would write to the following agencies for clarification on:

Environment Agency - What are the proposals for the regular maintenance of Keckwick Brooke to ensure it remains free flowing?

Halton Borough Council - What at their proposals for maintaining the Balancing Lake?

HCA - Request a plan identifying who owns what land within the Sandymoor area.

HCA - Request information on the purpose, role and siting of the Gas Governor.

6. a) Payments for Authorisation

Resolved - payments for authorisation totalling £441.48 were approved by the Council.

7. Correspondence Received by the Clerk

Question received regarding the possibility of the Parish Council lobbying for the Warrington Montessori Primary School being located in Sandymoor.

Resolved: That the Parish Council would not support this proposal due to:

- There being very good local Primary Schools in the area and;
- Residents of Sandymoor are not included in the admission criteria for the Warrington Montessori Primary School.

8. Policing Matters - No issues were raised.

9. Public Air Time - Public Air Time matters were raised under item 3 on the agenda.

10. Any other matters arising for future discussion:

Section 106 monies

11. Date of next meeting - Resolved -The next meeting of Sandymoor Parish Council would take place on Wednesday 27th March 2013 at 7.30 p.m. in Sandymoor School.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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