



Sandymoor Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held at Sandymoor School on Thursday 18th July 2013 commencing 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs David Felix (Chair) Andrew Lockyer, Jackie Watkins, Jo Wakefield, Richard Eastburn, Simon Hurst (H), Adam Irvine, John Daley, and Frances Street (Clerk)

Apologies: Also in Attendance: Members of the public

- 26 Apologies** - Apologies for late arrival due to work commitments were made by Cllr R Eastburn (7.40 p.m.) and Cllr J Wakefield (7.50 p.m.)
- 27 Declarations of Interest** - Declarations of Interest were made by the following Parish Councillors in respect of Item 4b - 13/00190/FUL, update on planning application for Sandymoor School:-
Cllr A Lockyer - Governor
Cllr R Eastburn - Chair of Governors
Cllr S Hurst - Parent Governor
- 28 Minutes of the previous meeting on Thursday 20th June 2013 and matters arising**
Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th June 2013 be agreed and signed.

There were no matters arising

- 29 a) Planning Applications**
Application Number 13/00267/HBCFUL - Development of a permanent Travellers site providing 12 pitches.
Resolved - No comments or issues raised

b) Update on Application Number 13/00190/FUL - Sandymoor School

Cllrs A Lockyer, R. Eastburn and S Hurst left the meeting for this item.

The Chair advised that he had attended the meeting of the Development Control meeting on 1st July 2013, where the application was presented, on behalf of the Parish Council. Following representations made the decision

was deferred until the next meeting.

Following concerns raised by the Parish Council and local residents, the developers had proposed three possible actions to concerns raised:

1. Speed table along Newmoore Lane / Wharford Lane junction
2. Increase provision of lay-bys
3. Flooding issues - Keckwick Brook

A lengthy discussion followed.

Resolved: that

The Parish Council is in agreement that traffic calming measures are required along Newmoore Lane/ Wharford Lane.

1. If the developer is granted planning permission, the Parish Council would welcome a speed table once the development has been completed. A temporary solution must be found before construction begins and the Parish Council would wish to be consulted before any decision is made.
2. The Parish Council would welcome an increase in drop-off provision
3. The Parish Council are aware of concerns of the local residents in regard to flooding in the area. We welcome the improvements made to alleviate some of the flooding issues raised by residents. The Parish Council would ask that the Borough Council keep a close eye on Wharford Farm Balancing Lake to ensure that it is adequate for the balancing of water out of Keckwick Brook before it travels further north towards Sandymoor.

Cllrs A Lockyer, R. Eastburn and S Hurst returned to the meeting.

c) Application numbers - 13/00227/NMA and 13/00228/NMA

Resolved - The Non Material amendments to the above planning applications were noted.

30 Finance - Payments for Authorisation

Resolved - payments for authorisation totalling £527.08 were approved by the Council.

31 Pittsheath Lane / Wharford Lane and Newmoore Lane Junctions

A lengthy discussion took place regarding traffic issues on Pittsheath Lane/ Wharford Lane and Newmoore Lane. Traffic calming measures including a 20 mph speed restriction along Pittsheath Lane. Wharford Lane and Newmoore Lane, and electronic speed warning signs were also

discussed.

Resolved: That the Parish Council note these concerns and suggestions. The Parish Council to write to the Highways Department at HBC raising these concerns and suggestions and requesting that residents and the Parish Council are kept informed all work being carried out on these junctions.

32 Code of Conduct - Transparency and openness

A discussion took place following the receipt of a letter questioning the contents and format of the Parish Council minutes and the accountability and openness and transparency of the Parish Council.

Resolved: that the minutes would continue to be recorded and noted in line with the rules and guidelines governing Parish Councils.

The Parish Council would continue to ensure that all matters were open and transparent and that all Parish Councillors acted in line with the Code of Conduct.

33 Draft Statement of Community Involvement

Notification had been received from Halton Borough Council (HBC) regarding a public consultation on the Draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) from 4th July until 1st August 2013.

Resolved: that as the notification was received late, the SCI would be circulated to the Parish Council members for their information.

That Sandymoor Parish Council would actively encourage continuing dialogue between HBC and the Parish Council Planning Liaison Group (PCPLG) in respect of the SCI.

34 Correspondence received by the Clerk - included:

- Landscaping issues around Sandymoor
- Questions regarding Sandymoor School
- Fast broadband connection within Sandymoor
- Update re transfer of Land from HCA to Sandymoor Parish Council
- Daresbury Area Forum - Wednesday 24th July 2013

35 To receive an update on Policing matters

Concern was raised that no Police presence had been made at recent meetings, and no issues raised to feedback despite reassurance from the new Police and Crime Commissioner.

Resolved - that the Clerk would write to Police representatives raising these concerns.

36 Sandymoor Summer Fair - 6th July 2013

The Summer Fair had proved very successful (a profit of £214) with large numbers of residents and visitors attending. A discussion followed regarding the future of the Summer Fair.

Resolved: that the profit would be donated to Cheshire Search & Rescue (who provided First Aid cover at the event) and local groups/charities to be agreed.

The Parish Council would invite local community / charity groups to submit interest in organising the Summer Fair for 2014, and would underwrite up to a maximum of £1000 towards the costs of hosting and organising the event.

As a thank to you two helpers (who provided a generator free of charge and helped on the day) the remaining cans from the bar would be divided between them as a token gesture.

37 Public Air Time - Issues raised in Public Air Time included:-

- Damage to the Ride following the Summer Fair
- Bins around Sandymoor
- Update from recent meeting with Police and Crime Commissioner
- Gates to the entrance of the ride

Resolved: that Cllr Eastburn would contact HBC regarding the damage to the Ride, and location of bins around Sandymoor.

38 Any other matters arising for future discussion:

Resolved: that possible future projects and discussions would include:-

- Replacing some of the artwork along the ride
- Budget for 2014/15
- Engagement with local residents groups within Sandymoor
- Fast Broadband on Sandymoor

39 Any Other Business

Area Forum Fund

Borough Councillor John Bradshaw advised that changes were being made to the distribution and allocation of Area Forum Funding. Instead of the Daresbury Area funding being divided between the four Parish Councils, bids were being sought from local community groups for funds to support projects within the area.

Resolved: That the Parish Council welcome the changes to the Area Funding allocation and would actively promote and seek bids for funding for projects from local community groups.

Planning Application - Sandymoor School

It had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that allegations had been made to HBC on the planning application for Sandymoor School, stating that some members of the Parish Council had used their position on the Parish Council for the support of the planning application or Sandymoor School.

Resolved: That the Parish Council strongly refute any allegations and reaffirm that the Parish Council has not been consulted or used by the School or its body, for support or otherwise in respect of the application.

40 Date of next meeting

Thursday, 19th September 2013 at 7.30 p.m. in Sandymoor School.

The public meeting closed.

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Chairman, Sandymoor Parish Council