

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Sandy Lane Parish Council held on 15th January 2024 at Bethel Baptist Church, Sandy Lane

Present:

Councillors Sajid Hussain, Sue Ledger, Bev Porter (Chair), Sandra Shallcross
Clerk Eve Haskins
In attendance Four members of the public were present

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm.

01/24 Apologies

Apologies received, and the reasons for absence approved, from Councillor Nazir.

02/24 Declarations of interest

None received.

03/24 Minutes of previous meetings

Resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th November 2023 as a true and correct record.

04/24 Public forum

1. Updates from Bethel Baptist Church

A member of the public reported that a beginners' drawing class is now taking place at the church, on Wednesday at 12.45pm, and also considering holding a ceilidh later in the year.

2. Potential development on Acacia Drive/Florida Road

Two members of the public expressed concern regarding the potential planning development at Acacia Drive/Florida Road, due to the lack of local amenities and detrimental impact on the traffic. The Parish Council confirmed that this application is currently in pre-application form/consultation stage, and has not been received by the Parish Council therefore no comment can be made until it is officially received. Councillor Hussain explained that the church may be setting up a public meeting for residents to discuss this further.

3. Anti-social behaviour on Grasleigh Way

It was reported that there have been concerns regarding drug dealing in the snicket on Grasleigh Way and on Cliffe View: agreed that members of the public need to report this to Bradford Council.

4. Road works on Cottingley Road/Stony Lane

A member of public expressed concern regarding the state of the tarmac/pavement on Cottingley Road and disruption to the grass on Stony Lane following the recent road works: the Parish Council suggested that this work may still be yet to complete.

05/24 Representation from Ward Officer/Ward Councillors

None present.

06/24 Ongoing issues

1. Fun Day event 2024

Resolved to agree the following regarding a fun day event this year:

- No fun day to be held in 2024, with a view to holding one again in 2025 when reserves have increased again;

- Christmas related costs to be discussed from June this year.

2. Crossing island on Prune Park Lane

No response yet received from Bradford Council.

3. Cul-de-sac signs on Grasleigh Avenue and Grasleigh Way

No response yet received from Bradford Council.

07/24 Planning issues

- a) Current planning applications: none received.
- b) **Resolved** to ratify the following application recommendations made between meetings under the Clerk's delegated powers:
 - (i) 23/04280/HOU: Double storey side extension at 13 Creskeld Way, Sandy Lane – no objection.
 - (ii) 23/04268/HOU: Construction of 2no blocks of 8no (Class C2) assisted living units to vacant site at the land south east of 10 West Avenue, Sandy Lane – the Parish Council objected to this application on the following grounds: in addition to the concerns already submitted in the Rights of Way, Drainage and Environmental Health Nuisance consultation responses, there are significant concerns in terms of parking for the dwelling, access to Wilsden Road (which is already very busy) and a lack of local facilities and services that are already over stretched. The Parish Council also feel that there is a lack of information within the application form, and that it is not an appropriate place to locate assisted living accommodation.
 - (iii) 23/04195/HOU: Demolition/removal of existing ruins from former burnt down and collapsed house and construction of new build dwelling at Gazeby Hall, Back Lane, Wilsden – no objection.
- c) Planning decisions by Bradford Council: none received.
- d) Local Development Plan: No updates received.

08/24 Financial matters

1. **Resolved** to approve the following accounts for payment at the meeting:
 - a. Bradford Council for salaries for December 2023 (£1,398.91).
 - b. Clerk's reimbursement for travel (£7.50).
 - c. Bethel Baptist Church for annual rent for 2023 (£400.00).
2. Resolved to ratify the following payments made between meetings:
 - a. Bradford Council for salaries for November 2023 (£845.97).
 - b. Clerk's reimbursement (£106.00) for newsletter delivery (£80.00), travel (£16.00) and postage (£10.00).
 - c. Gardener for gardening work/defibrillator cleaning (£750.00).
 - d. Clerk's reimbursement for payment to Bradford Chamber of Trade for Christmas decorations' installation (£839.25).
 - e. Carlton Nurseries for Christmas tree (£720.00).
3. Noted the bank balance as per the last bank statement dated 22nd December 2023: £5,742.93.
4. **Resolved** to agree the budget and precept for 2024-2025 as follows: the budget was agreed as £15,322, with the precept at £15,588, therefore based upon Council Tax base for Sandy Lane of 867 dwellings, each Band D property will pay £18.00 per annum, as such the precept will remain the standstill this year (0% increase). Clerk to send pro-forma signed by the Chair to Bradford Council.

09/24 Policies

Resolved to defer the adoption of both the Biodiversity Policy and Employers' Discretionary Policy to a future meeting.

10/24 Correspondence received

- Emails from YLCA re training, NALC model employment contracts, D Day commemorations, need for staffing committee etc.: acknowledged.
- Email from resident re fun day 2024: acknowledged, see agenda item 06/24.
- Emails from resident and Ward Councillors re complaints re noise etc. in Greenwood Park: acknowledged.
- Email from electrician re Christmas angels following Storm Debi: acknowledged.
- Email from Ward Councillors re request for update on halted building development on Dale Croft Rise: acknowledged.
- Email from Local Government Boundary Commission for England re draft recommendations for ward boundaries in Bradford: acknowledged.
- Email from YLCA re the Biodiversity Duty from 1st January 2024: acknowledged.
- Emails from residents re potential new housing development on Acacia Drive/Florida Road: acknowledged, see agenda item 04/24/2.
- Email from resident re concerns re grass verges on Stony Lane: acknowledged.
- Email from children's rides' company re fun day this year: acknowledged.
- Email from local Scouts leader re access to the park and cricket pavilion for Christmas tree lights: acknowledged.
- Email from West Yorkshire Pension Fund re the need for an Employers Discretionary Policy: acknowledged.
- Email from local Scouts group re First Aid training on 3rd March: acknowledged.
- Message from Mohammed Ansar re resignation from Parish Council: acknowledged.

11/24 Minor items and items for next agenda

Agreed that the co-option of a new member to be on next agenda.

12/24 To note the date, time and venue of next meeting

Next monthly meeting of the Parish Council due to be held on Monday 12th February 2024 at Bethel Baptist Church at 6.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.00pm.