

# Sandy Town Council

To: Cllrs N Aldis, L Ivanciu-Wilkinson, T Knagg, R Lock, C Osborne,  
M Scott, S Sutton (Chairman), N Thompson  
c.c. P Blaine, J Hewitt, W Jackson, M Pettitt, P Sharman

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Community Services and Environment Committee of Sandy Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy SG19 1JE on Monday 13 June 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.



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7<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## A G E N D A

### 1 Apologies for absence

### 2 Election of Community, Services and Environment Committee Deputy Chairman for the Council year 2022/23

Nominations to be put forward for the position of Deputy Chairman for the Committee.

### 3 Declarations of interest

*Under the Localism Act 2011 members of Council are not required to make oral declarations of interest at meetings but may not participate in discussion or voting on any items of business in which they have a Declarable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and under Sandy Town Council's Standing Orders must leave the room for the duration of all discussion on such items. (All members' register of interests are available on the Sandy Town Council website or on application to the Clerk.)*

*This item is included on the agenda to enable members to declare new DPIs and also **those who wish to do so** may draw attention to their stated DPIs and also any non-declarable personal interests which they have declared under Sandy Town Council's adopted Code of Conduct and which may be relevant to items on the agenda.*

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests*
- ii) Non-disclosable Interests*
- iii) Dispensations*

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## 4 Minutes of Previous Meeting

To consider the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.

## 5 Public Participation Session

Members of the public may ask questions or make representations to the committee about items of business which are on the agenda.

## 6 Action List

To receive the Action List and any updates.

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## 7 Riddy Stewardship and Grazing Agreement

To consider a request from Grazier to allow the grazing of a bull on The Riddy alongside cattle as part of the current Grazing Agreement.

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## 8 Dog Fouling at Sunderland Road

To receive a report about dog fouling at Sunderland Road and agree actions to decrease incidents in the future.

Appendix III

## 9 Pinnacle and Riddy Working Group

To discuss the re-establishment of the Pinnacle and Riddy Working Group.

## 10 Replacement Play Equipment at Bedford Road

To receive report and costs for replacement play equipment at Bedford Road Recreation Park.

Appendix IV

## 11 Skatepark update and launch event

To receive an update on Skatepark at Sunderland Road

Appendix V

## 12 Events Working Group

To receive a summary report of the recent Platinum Jubilee Event at Sandye Place.

Appendix VI

## 13 Sandy 10 Parking enquiry

To receive a request from the Sandy 10 in regard to moving race end and note report regarding parking at Sunderland Road.

Appendix VII

## 14 Events Calendar

To receive the Events Calendar for 2022.

Appendix VIII

## 15 Chairman's Items

## 16 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022

# **Sandy Town Council**

**Agenda Item 6 - Community Services and Environment Committee - Action list**

Subject	Action to be taken Action	Response /Status
<b>Full Council Meeting 20/04/16</b>		
Allotments and Community Orchard At Beeston  (CBC owned land)  <b>Min (22-16/17)</b>	Progress and update reports to go to the Community Services and Environment Committee	October 2021 – Update received from CBC officer to inform Clerk that this land is to be included with notices in regard to other parcels of land and should be in the paper by the time of the Council meeting.  Update received on 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 – Notice still to go in paper, other notices to go with the Community land notice. Those involved were asked to have notices ready by COB 7 <sup>th</sup> December to go into the paper for that week.  Councillors resolved that they did not wish for the Council’s solicitor to undertake any work on the lease or incur charges until CBC had progressed the disposal notice and started work on a lease.  <a href="#">Clerk has chased CBC to ask if any objections were made to the application advertised in March and as none were made progress is now going ahead with the lease.</a>
<b>CSE Meeting 24/08/2020</b>		
Use of former Days Inn conference site  <b>Min (24-20/21)</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> to write to CBC with ideas about potential use of the former Days Inn conference site.	Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk had call with Tony Keaveney in January 2022 and asked for an update on the site. At this stage there are no further agreed plans for the conference site and Mr Keaveney again offered assurance that he would come and speak with the Council about any plans. Mr Keaveney offered to meet with the Council again if Members wished.  <a href="#">Do Members still want to pursue this item?</a>
<b>CSE Meeting 05/10/2020</b>		
SID Sign locations and Installation  <b>Min (37-20/21)</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> to approve sign locations and the Clerk work with CBC to arrange installation.	Local policing team to express their support for SID signage in Sandy to CBC. CBC Highways informed the Clerk that due to the number of requests for SID signs they wanted to review their approach. No new signs to be agreed by Highways until a new guidance document is produced.  CBC Highways contacted the Clerk and stated that they have considered request and do not consider that a SID would be appropriate along Sunderland Road, however they have added the issue of ‘vehicle speeds along Sunderland Road’ to their four-year plan  Other individuals, including Cllr Maudlin and the PCC offered to raise matter with CBC. No progress was made.

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		<p>Council agreed to undertake a traffic flow and volume study at a cost of £300 which may be able to provide the evidence needed to have an SID sign agreed by CBC. Report on agenda.</p> <p>Meeting between Clerk and Cllr Sutton cancelled at the last minute a new date is being fixed for this meeting. Clerk reached out to other CBC Clerks to understand how they had dealt with the same issues. Confirmed that CBC has the final say on whether SID can be installed.</p>
<b>CSE Meeting 23/08/2021</b>		
<p><b>Min (33-21/22)</b></p> <p>EV Charging Points</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk submit a list of STC owned sites for consideration as part of CBC's EV Charge Point Scheme</p>	<p>EOI for sites submitted on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Acknowledgment of receipt received.</p> <p>CBC previously went out to tender to find a company to lead on the EV scheme. BP Pulse has been appointed to install and run the network. The first round of sites is to be agreed and the plan is to get a good geographical spread, but CBC's Head of Sustainability has pushed for charge points in Sandy to be included.</p> <p>It may be that sites with good connection points/grid and capacity are focused on during the initial stage. More information should be known soon. Lead Councillor and staff member to be appointed as contacts for CBC as part of Clerk's exit and handover. <a href="#">No further updates at present.</a></p>
<b>CSE Meeting 21/03/2022</b>		
<p><b>Min (121-2021/22)</b></p> <p>Support for Ukraine- The Meadows</p>	<p><b>Action:</b> Request Clerk write to Tony Keaveney to suggest using The Meadows to house Ukrainian refugees</p>	<p>Clerk emailed Tony Keaveney on 14<sup>th</sup> April with the request to consider using The Meadows to house Ukrainian Refugees.</p> <p>Reply from Tony Keaveney on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, I circulated to all Members outlining plans for The Meadows and actions taken by CBC to help refugees from the Ukraine. <a href="#">Central Bedfordshire stands with the people of Ukraine   Central Bedfordshire Council</a></p>
<b>TC Meeting 07.03.2022</b>		
<p><b>Min (207-2021/22)</b></p> <p>Jubilee Beacon</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that a gas beacon be used on the day and that a permanent memorial request be referred to the CS&amp;E Committee. One vote against was recorded.</p>	<p>S106 funding agreed for what was originally planned to be a Jubilee Beacon for the town. Following decision on 7<sup>th</sup> March it was agreed that a new Beacon would not be needed and Clerk to investigate how/if S106 funding could be used in an alternate way.</p> <p>It was confirmed by CBC that the S106 funding could be used for a community Arts Project and as long as it fitted with the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A commissioned bespoke piece of art to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to be displayed in the town or</li> <li>2) Suggest an arts-based community engagement event</li> </ol>

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		<p>Members of the public have been encouraged to send suggestions in through the Annual Parish Meeting, Social Media and TC website.</p> <p>Suggestions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mosaic from artists that supplied Story in Stone</li> <li>• Engage with local children to come up with a design to be judged by the Mayor/Deputy Mayor</li> </ul> <p>Decision to be made in the Summer</p>
<b>CSE Meeting 21.03.2022</b>		
<p><b>Min (107-2021/22)</b></p> <p>Community Engagement</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the surgery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 be advertised now and that Cllrs Hewitt and Knagg will be in attendance from 10am-12noon at the Community Stand. The other surgery dates to be deferred until CS&amp;E Committee Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022</p>	<p>Surgeries to be run on a six-week cycle shortly before Full Council Meeting so that issues can be reported back.</p> <p>Dates agreed up to and including October. All dates circulated to Members</p>
<b>CSE Meeting 09.05.2022</b>		
<p><b>Min (130-2021/22)</b></p> <p>AMP</p>	<p><b>It was RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk seek more detail from AMP about the proposed enclosure for the pod and ask if other possible site could be considered that would have less visual impact within an open space.</p>	<p>Details circulated to Members</p> <p>Further information circulated to Members. Suggestions for suitable pockets of land requested.</p>
<b>CSE Meeting 09.05.2022</b>		
<p><b>Min (134-2021/2022)</b></p> <p>Beeston Green Drainage</p>	<p>Meeting between Philip Lovesey, Operations Manager at Bedford Group of the Drainage Board took place with Cllr Scott, Ward Cllr Stock the Clerk and Members of the Public</p>	<p>An inspection of the site was made and problems with strimming identified that prevented access to the culvert and therefore any action to remove blockages at site.</p> <p>STC Outdoor Team undertook strimming of the area to enable better access to culvert and CBC Contractors have been briefed by Clerk to maintain the area as now set.</p> <p>Drainage Board looking to come out to undertake work to clear the area by the Autumn. There would be a need to undertake public engagement around the clearance work as the silt would need to be placed on the banks and would have an unpleasant odour, so residents must be made aware.</p>

**Community, Services and Environment Committee**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Riddy Stewardship and Grazing Agreement</b>
<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Nicola Sewell, Town Clerk</b>

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To receive and consider a request from Grazier to allow a bull to be grazed on The Riddy alongside cattle as part of the current grazing and stewardship agreements held between Sandy Town Council, Bedfordshire Wildlife Trust and the Grazier.

**Recommendation**

2. If Sandy Town Council agrees for a bull to be grazed at the Riddy it can only take place alongside clear terms of agreement and be reviewed on an annual basis well in advance of the grazing period to enable the grazier to make alternative arrangements if necessary.
3. Any agreement sets out that the grazier take full responsibility for managing cattle on site as per the Health & Safety Executive requirements for grazing on land with public access (see attached Appendix 11.i - Precautions if you graze bulls or groups of entire male cattle for bull beef). And that the Grazier provides full RAMs for doing so.
4. Clear signage placed on footpaths to inform the public so that they can decide to take an alternative route if necessary
5. STC and the grazier undertake at least one engagement session with the public to introduce them to cattle and educate them on the correct behaviour.

**Background**

- 6.0 In May representatives from STC, Bedfordshire Wildlife Trust (BWT), Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charities met with the grazier following queries over the renewal of the grazing agreement, accusations of breaches to that agreement and awareness that during the 2021 grazing period of negative comments posted on social media by members of public, reporting issues between cattle and walkers. No formal complaints were received by STC although one enquiry was brought to Council by a Member at the time.
- 6.1 In the meeting the Grazier discussed his need to get his cattle on site as soon as possible including for breeding purposes and necessary timings around this for the bull to be allowed on site asap.
- 6.2. The BWT has a blanket grazing licence that does not permit the grazing of bulls in areas where there is public access (see 6.4 below) and as such said it was down to Sandy Town Council, as landowner, to make the decision as to whether to allow a bull to be grazed on The Riddy.
- 6.3. Sandy Town Council's current Stewardship agreement with DEFRA and the Rural Payments Agency runs from 01.07.2012 to 30.06.2023. *Management Prescriptions: the dos and don'ts of management under this agreement* specify, the following rules across the whole area being managed:
  - Cattle will be the only grazing stock species from mid-May to 31<sup>st</sup> October. Mature/dry suckler cows with low nutritional requirements will be used and a placid breed (Red Poll) has been selected suitable for this site with public access.
- 6.4 Sandy Town Council has an agreement with the Bedfordshire Wildlife Trust who have a grazing licence with the Grazier which includes conditions that bulls over 5 months of age and cows within one month of calving are not permitted.
- 6.5 The Grazier has stated in correspondence that he has grazed the area for almost 20 years and that a 'discretionary' agreement with the Bedfordshire Reserves Team had always allowed him to graze the bull on site with the other cattle.

**Proposals/Information**

7. The Bedfordshire Wildlife Trust has issued a temporary agreement to graze the bull in The Riddy until STC could meet and make a formal decision on the matter for the rest of the grazing season.

**Financial Implications**

8. Loss of grazing on the area would see the loss of Rural Payments that STC is entitled to under the Stewardship agreement - currently £226.00 per annum. If grazing were taken from the area, then there would be financial costs to maintain the un-grazed grounds.

**Policy Implications**

9. Loss of grazing would impact the conservation of the area and would see an end to activity that has been alive in the parish for many years, losing part of Sandy's heritage.

**Legal Powers**

10. The Council holds the General Power of Competence, for which Sandy Town Council is eligible and is a power of first resort (Localism Act 2011, s.1)

**Risk Management**

11. Consideration needs to be taken to protect public safety and STC must work with BWT, BRCC and the graziers to respond to any issues with cattle grazing in the area. With immediate removal of the bull actioned if deemed necessary
12. Full communication to members of the public must be ongoing with posters, social media posts and engagement events held on site to educate walkers and members of the public.
13. Regular inspection of the area by the grazier to adhere to advice given by HSE.



# Cattle and public access in England and Wales

## Advice for farmers, landowners and other livestock keepers

### HSE information sheet

Agriculture Information Sheet No 17EW(rev1)

#### Introduction

This sheet describes the major hazards to members of the public associated with keeping cattle, including bulls (uncastrated bovine animals of 10 months or over) and newly calved cows, in fields where the public have access in England and Wales. It suggests reasonably practicable ways of controlling those hazards for walkers. Land managers should also consider risks to other rights of way users such as horse riders and cyclists. It does not provide advice on housing bulls or other cattle, nor on safe handling.

There is a considerable network of public rights of way in the UK which are regularly used by walkers and others, often accompanied by dog(s). In addition the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW) gave the public the right to walk on mapped access land which includes mountain, moor, heath, down and registered common land. Open access or access along specified routes is also permitted on other land, some of it in public ownership. This land may also be crossed by public rights of way.

Throughout this information sheet, 'fields with public access' means fields or enclosures where the public have a statutory right of access or have been given permission by the landowner. It does not include fields which the public access without permission, or without a statutory right.

Specific information on the responsibilities of the public exercising their right of access can be found in 'Further reading'.

#### Background

HSE regularly investigates incidents involving cattle and members of the public in England and Wales. Some of these result in death or serious injuries. Almost all of these incidents are in fields and enclosed areas. Many other incidents occur but are not reported to or investigated by HSE. The two most common factors in these incidents are cows with calves and walkers with dogs.

All large animals are potentially dangerous. You should try to ensure that the cattle you own or breed from are of a normally quiet temperament. However, when under stress (eg because of the weather, illness, unusual disturbance, or when maternal instincts are aroused), even normally placid cattle can become aggressive. Even gentle knocks from cattle can result in people being injured. All breeds should be treated with respect.

Members of the public, including walkers and children, may not understand that cattle with calves at foot can present a risk due to protective maternal instincts, especially when a dog is present. When you are considering where to keep livestock you should take into account that members of the public are unlikely to be aware of the behavioural characteristics of cattle. You should also consider the amount and type of public access in different areas of the land you manage (eg large groups of walkers with dogs every day, groups of children, or infrequent lone walkers). This will help you decide whether the cattle should be kept in certain areas and what precautions you need to take.

#### Precautions if you graze bulls or groups of entire male cattle for bull beef

- Bulls of recognised dairy breeds (eg Ayrshire, Friesian, Holstein, Dairy Shorthorn, Guernsey, Jersey and Kerry) are in all circumstances banned from being at large in fields crossed by public rights of way. Do not keep them in fields with public rights of way, statutory or other types of permitted access.
- If you are considering putting a bull of any other breed in a field to which the public have access you should carefully consider the animal's temperament and behaviour and monitor its demeanour and state of health on a frequent basis. If there is any indication that the bull is likely to be aggressive or unpredictable, or if or if its behaviour gives you cause for concern, it should not be kept in a field to which the public have the right of access.

- Beef bulls are banned from fields or enclosures with footpaths unless accompanied by cows or heifers. This does not include open fells or unenclosed moorland. There are no specific prohibitions on other cattle.
- In other fields make sure that groups of animals older than 10 months are securely enclosed by stock-proof hedging or fencing at least 1.3 m high, strong enough to retain the animals and capable of restricting access of children. Erecting an electric fence 0.5 m inside the external perimeter hedge or fence will provide a greater degree of security.
- Fit gates or other means of closure at points of entry into the fields containing the cattle. Gates etc should be at least of equal height and strength as the perimeter fencing, should restrict the access of young children and be fitted with a securing device which will prevent release by children and/or the animals. They can also be kept locked as they will not be sited on public rights of way.

## **Precautions if you graze other cattle**

Before you put any cattle, including bulls, in fields with public access:

- assess whether the bull or animals in the herd are generally placid and well-behaved;
- if possible use fields or areas not used by the public when cattle are calving or have calves at foot, especially during periods of greater public use, eg school holidays;
- assess whether calves kept with the herd will affect the behaviour of older cattle;
- consider whether it is reasonably practicable to temporarily fence alongside a public right of way so that the cattle and people are kept separate. Take care not to obstruct rights of way by fencing across them;
- an alternative route can be offered or provided, but bear in mind that even if you do decide to provide an alternative route, the public will still be entitled to use the right of way;
- plan the location of handling and feeding areas away from public rights of way to reduce the possibility of stock congregating around the route;
- where the landowner and the cattle owner are not the same person there may be some joint responsibility and it is the duty of both parties to agree a course of action;
- on land to which CROW applies, it may be possible under some circumstances to restrict access to avoid danger to the public, although public rights of way still remain usable (see 'Further information');
- consider providing signposted paths, especially on CROW land, to draw most public access along routes which are best integrated with livestock management.

If you have an animal known or suspected to be aggressive then you should not keep it in a field that is used by the public.

## **Precautions to minimise the risk to the public**

- Wherever possible keep cattle in fields that do not have public access, especially when cattle are calving or have calves at foot.
- Check that fences, gates, stiles etc are safe and fit for their purpose.
- Check paths are clearly marked so that users do not enter fields without public access.
- Make arrangements for checking both the cattle (for illness or other possible causes of aggression) and the fences etc surrounding the field regularly at least once each day.
- Plan how to safely move individual cattle, the whole herd, or part of it, from field to field. Remember that inadequately controlled cattle on roads can cause public concern, damage or injury.
- Ensure cattle handling facilities are available, and that you can safely move animals to them.
- If bulls are on hire, lease, or loan, or if other cattle are new to the farm, check that they are suitable to keep in an area used by the public before putting them in such an area. A few days in another field or in a stock building, where they can be closely and regularly observed, should be enough.

## **Signs**

Even though you should have made every effort not to keep aggressive, or potentially aggressive, animals in a field or area with public access, it is good practice to display signs informing the public when a bull, or calves with cows, are in the area.

- Consider putting a sign at any gate, stile or other access points to a field or open area such as fell, hill or moorland if there is a bull, or cows with calves, at large there.
- Signs should conform with suitable standards (see 'Further reading').
- A suitable bull sign would be triangular with a yellow background and a black band around the outside. A bull or bull's head should be shown (black on yellow) on the sign, with supplementary text (also black on yellow) such as 'bull in field' if desired. Supplementary text should not suggest that the bull is aggressive, threatening or dangerous (ie avoid words such as 'beware' or 'danger').
- Signs alerting the public to the presence of other cattle, including cows with calves, should be informative and based on guidance from Natural

England or the Countryside Council for Wales. The use of symbols will help children, and those unable to read, to be aware of the risks.

- Signs should not be displayed, or should be securely covered, when the animals to which they refer are not present in the field or area. Misleading signs which deter the public from exercising their right of responsible access are likely to be regarded as obstruction and should never be used.
- Electrified stock fencing used near to public rights of way will also require warning signs located at suitable intervals along its length – generally 50 to 100 m apart.

## Further reading

*The Countryside Code* can be found on GOV.UK at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code)

The following publications may also be useful:

BS 5499: *Safety signs including fire signs*  
British Standards Institution (or European equivalents)

*Safety signs and signals. The Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations 1996. Guidance on Regulations L64* (Second edition)  
HSE Books 2009 ISBN 978 0 7176 6359 0  
[www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/L64.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/L64.htm)

*Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981* The Stationery Office 1981

Further information on countryside access in Wales is available from the Countryside Council for Wales (CCW) at [www.ccw.gov.uk](http://www.ccw.gov.uk) or Tel: 0845 1306 229.

## Further information

For information about health and safety, or to report inconsistencies or inaccuracies in this guidance, visit [www.hse.gov.uk/](http://www.hse.gov.uk/). You can view HSE guidance online and order priced publications from the website. HSE priced publications are also available from bookshops.

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For advice and information on restriction of access to CROW land contact the Open Access Contact Centre (Tel: 0845 1003298) for England, and for Wales call the CCW enquiry line (Tel: 0845 1306 229).

**This document contains notes on good practice which are not compulsory but which you may find helpful in considering what you need to do.**

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## Community, Services and Environment Committee

<b>Date:</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Dog Fouling at Sunderland Road Recreation Ground</b>
<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Nicola Sewell, Town Clerk</b>

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To receive and consider a report on complaints about dog waste, and 'no dog fouling' signage at Sunderland Road Recreation Ground.

**Recommendation**

2. That the Council agree to place a number of large, alternative designed A3 corrugated posters which are printed and displayed around Sandy's recreation grounds as per a resolution made by council in July 2021 and consider a further request from a resident to replace original metal signs that set out the 'fines' for not cleaning up dog mess in the recreation area.

**Background**

3. In July 2021 the Clerk raised reported problems of dog fouling with CBC's Community Safety Team and asked that those areas highlighted by recent complaints, be included on patrols as often as possible. CBC Community Safety officers are able to take enforcement action in relation to dog fouling if they witness an offence. It was confirmed Sunderland Road was to be included in patrols by the team.
4. A decision was subsequently made by STC to install two dog poo bag dispensers at Sunderland Road recreation ground on a trial basis and that a few large, alternative designed A3 corrugated posters printed and displayed around Sandy's recreation grounds as part of an anti-dog fouling campaign (20-2021/22).
5. The Council had some standard 'No dog fouling' signage which had been put up on existing posts around Sunderland Road recreation ground. Examples of that standard signage are below;

**Proposals/Information**

6. The Clerk has spoken to CBC's Community Safety Team recently who have placed further stickers and posters in the area, including one designed by a child below. They also continue to patrol the area.



7. The Council may want to consider creating a series of larger, brighter, and more noticeable signs discouraging dog fouling in addition to the standard signage. These signs, which would be temporary, could be printed on A3 corrugated plastic and placed at key locations within recreation grounds. Examples of such signage are below;



8. The resident has commented that they feel that more formal signs in metal would last longer and have a bigger impact in encouraging people to pick up after their dogs.

**Financial Implications**

9. If the Council were to produce larger 'No Fouling' signs on corrugated card, there would be a cost of approximately £35 for 10 signs. This would be within the Clerk's delegated spend and would come from the Open Spaces budget.
10. Clerk has procured 6 X A4 size metal signs from CBC Waste Management Department if further signs need to be purchased from a manufacturer the costs for each sign would be circa £15 +VAT each.

**Policy Implications**

11. Action to prevent dog waste would help the Council meeting ambitions set out within its Environmental plan and Recreation ground investment plan.
12. Use of posters and any social media messaging will be done in line with the Council's Community Engagement Policy and Social Media policy.

**Legal Powers**

13. Council holds the General Power of Competence, for which Sandy Town Council is eligible and is a power of first resort (Localism Act 2011, s.1)

**Risk Management**

14. The Town Council will need to install signs in line with any relevant risk assessments and instructions. The signs will need to be checked as with other Council assets, to ensure their condition does not create any public hazards.

## Community, Services and Environment Committee

<b>Date:</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Replacement Play Equipment at Bedford Road</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To receive costs to replace vandalised play equipment at Bedford Road Recreation Park on a like for like basis.

**Recommendation**

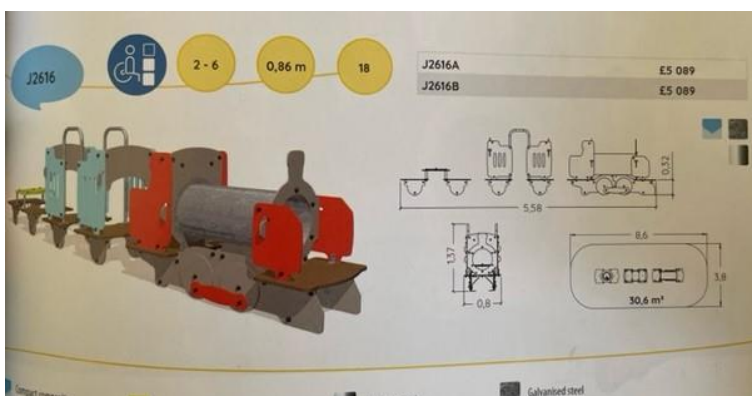
2. To agree to go ahead with a like for like replacement of play equipment based on given costs or look at an alternative scheme.

**Background**

3. In March the wooden train at Bedford Road Recreation Park was pulled from its fixings and vandalised. The damage was such that it could not be repaired. All parts of the equipment had to be removed from site due to safety risks.
4. The equipment is designed for 2–6-year-olds and the loss of the equipment sees this age group ill catered for at the grounds.

**Information/Proposals**

5. Proludic, the original suppliers, were asked to give costs to replace the equipment with like for like (or as similar as possible) replacement. Over time the company has stopped making play equipment from plywood and now use longer lasting materials such as stainless and galvanised steel.
6. The suggested replacement (and the most cost-effective option) would be to install a three piece (see J2616A below), which should the Council agree on, could have other separate items added to it at a later date.

**Financial Implications**

7. Overall costs including delivery and installation were estimated at £7,689.00.
8. The budget for playpark equipment for 2022/23 across all the parks is **£5,000**.
9. Options for funding/grants could be explored, Clerk also to explore options through insurance.

**Legal Powers**

10. Council holds the General Power of Competence, for which Sandy Town Council is eligible and is a power of first resort (Localism Act 2011, s.1).

**Policy Implications**

11. Replacement play equipment forms part of STC's ongoing maintenance for play parks and open spaces and also promotes the benefits of play and social interaction for the younger age group, as set out in our Recreation Ground Plan.



**Community, Services and Environment Committee**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Skatepark</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To receive an update on skatepark at Sunderland Road.

**Recommendation**

2. To note report.

**Background**

3. Cllr Hewitt and Clerk met with Mark Clogg of Maverick and confirmed a start date of 27<sup>th</sup> June for construction of the new park.
4. A schedule of communication will keep Members, members of the public and Sports Clubs informed of what is happening when and how that is likely to affect them.
5. A launch event has been set for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September and is provided by Maverick. It usually includes a well-known celebrity from the skating arena.
6. Estimated completion time is 6-8 weeks.

**Financial Implications**

7. Funding for the project has already been secured.

**Legal Powers**

8. Council holds the General Power of Competence, for which Sandy Town Council is eligible and is a power of first resort (Localism Act 2011, s.1).

**Risk Management**

9. Maverick has already supplied full RAMS for the project.

**Community, Services and Environment Committee**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Events Working Group - Platinum Jubilee Event Summary report</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To receive Summary Report about the Platinum Jubilee Event, a full report from the Events Committee will be forth coming.

**Recommendation**

2. To note report.

**Summary**

3. Following an all-day set up on Weds 1<sup>st</sup> June onsite from 8am until 6pm, which included delivery of the toilets, pedestrian barriers and the stage. Members, STC staff and the events team were back on site at Sandye Place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to put the finishing touches to the site before doors opened to the public at 13.30.
4. Everything was set in place with the minimum fuss and we were ready to receive our first visitors on time at 13.30.
5. Across the event we welcomed 4,198 people to the event and mostly the feedback has been extremely positive with the public enjoying the event. We have received some feedback around accessibility which we can take forward for future events.
6. There were a number of incidents towards the latter part of the day where trouble was brewing but was quickly dealt with and diffused by the Security Marshals on site. Following one incident CBC Cllr Maudlin commented that the Security Marshals were "worth their weight in gold", and the ease by which we were able to vacate the site of visitors at the end of the event was testament to their professional approach.
7. Despite originally saying they would be off site by 11pm the stage crew along with Cllr Sharman and volunteer David Sewell were onsite until 04:30am, Friday 3rd June dismantling the stage.
8. To his credit, Cllr Sharman was then back on site by 8am to carry out the majority of the breaking down and tidying up, joined a little later by the Mayor and Town Clerk.
9. A full report and debrief will be forthcoming from the Events Working Group at a later stage.

A huge thank you to all who gave their support both during the organisation of the event, its set up, during and clear up of the site. It was a particularly painful process with many obstacles placed in our path including having to completely redesign the site plan less than a week before the event day, but overall we can deem the event a success.

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Sandy 10 Parking and Race End</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>

**Purpose of the Report**

1.1 To receive an update following from Town Council Members who accompanied by CBC Cllr Simon Ford met Stuart Goodwin, Race Director, Sandy 10 on Friday 27 May 2022.

1.2 To receive a further request from Stuart Goodwin to utilise an area at Sunderland Road (as indicated in the image below) and remove a post from the existing fence line to facilitate a new Race finish.

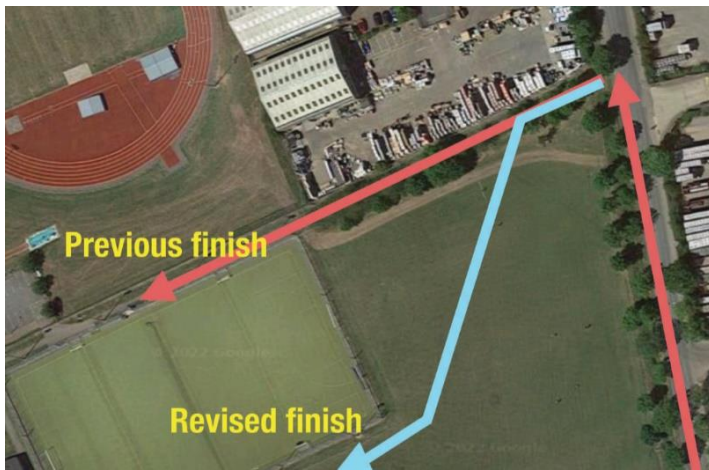


Illustration above shows the usual finish and proposed plot of new finish (actual revised finish point TBC but definitely close to that end of the all-weather pitches)



Illustration above shows rough route across the park (for illustration purposes, I am the leftmost goalpost on the pitch being crossed!)

**Recommendation**

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## **APPENDIX VII**

2. That Members agree to the original request to make available an area of the grass at the south end of Sunderland Road Playing Fields to park up to 120 -130 cars / small vans between 8am and 1pm on Sunday 11 September 2022 to support the staging of the Sandy 10 Road Race. The supervision and management of the car parking on the day to be the responsibility of the race organisers.
3. That a similar request be granted for Sunday 2 April 2023 when the race is scheduled to return to its traditional date ahead of the London Marathon. This additional request is due to concerns held by the race organisers that there is likely to be a marked reduction in available parking well into 2023 due to the ongoing construction work on the SSS site and in connection with development of The Jenkins Pavilion. Entries for the 2023 race will need to be invited in the early Autumn of 2022 hence the need to ensure adequate car parking well in advance.
4. That Members agree to the temporary removal of the fence panel to facilitate new race end as indicated in the illustrations above.

### **Background**

5. Members of CS&E Committee initially considered the request in 2. above at the meeting held on 8 May, Agenda Item 8 Appendix III and as reported in the Minutes of that meeting, "Members resolved that the council would speak to the school to better understand the issue and then re-evaluate when more information had been received. Further suggestions for parking at other sites would also be explored".
6. Mr Stuart Goodwin contacted Cllrs Aldis and Pettitt following the meeting and also wrote to provide much of the additional information sought by members at the meeting a few days earlier. Also, clarification on the projected minimum number of spaces likely to be required for all entrants and support personnel on the day of the race.
7. In view of the clear urgency attaching to the request by way of the organiser requiring some degree of certainty before inviting and accepting entries to the race the Mayor contacted Mr Goodwin and offered to convene an early meeting.
8. Cllrs Pettitt, Osborne, Aldis and CBC Ward Member Cllr. Simon Ford met on the 27 May.
9. It emerged at the meeting that the maximum number of spaces likely to be required is 350. Theoretically the capacity of the newly resurfaced and marked car park at the front of the SSS is around 150. However, Cllr Ford advised that on the day of the very recent youth football festival and with good parking supervision and use of the roadway in front of and at the side of Busy Bees nursery and adjacent roundabout close to 200 cars were parked without difficulty.
10. Stuart Goodwin indicated that if permission were granted for between 120 - 130 cars to be parked on the Sunderland Road Playing Fields then he along with Cllr Ford were confident that provision for the remainder could and would be identified elsewhere; most probably by discussion and agreement with one or two firms on the industrial estate.
11. Stuart Goodwin approached the Clerk via email on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June requesting use of another area of Sunderland Road for the race end as the original plan was now not workable due to external events and works taking place at the Jenkins Pavilion at the same time. Copy of request pasted below for information.

*"Morning,*

*Hope you all had an enjoyable Jubilee bank holiday weekend!*

*Unfortunately, just before the break for the first of the bank holidays, another issue came to light related to our race.*

*A Central Beds Council representative initially recommended the Jenkins Pavilion as a potential solution to the upheaval on the school grounds that affects our normal race finish area, and with that in mind our plan was to route runners from the finish line on the bridleway, around the pavilion and then back to race HQ and/or their cars. In our recent meeting at the Town Council offices, I showed illustrations of this mapped out.*

*However, CBC now say works on the pavilion and area currently housing the tractor shed are actually going to be problematic for us because "when the work starts the bridleway is being configured as there will be fencing around the current tractor shed due to ground works that will be taking place". An area we had earmarked to position our first aiders and a gazebo handing out water to finishers "will be very close to a construction compound so it may be worth for this year relocating the finish line". As with works at the school, the timescale for the Jenkins Pavilion overhaul is still extremely foggy, but realistically we are having to plan on the basis that everything will be in full swing on 11 September.*

*Having put this to our race committee, we have investigated plans to take our normal finish out of the equation ... and **I'm afraid it adds up to me asking to make use of another area of the Sunderland Road recreation ground!***

*In conjunction with the UK Athletics official who issued our current course measurement certificate, we are looking at routing as normal off Sunderland Road, on to the bridleway.*

*However, instead of it being the usual long straight to the finish on the bridleway itself, we would like to gain permission to remove 1x crossbrace on the fence around the recreation ground (these are nailed on with a bracket, but easily removed and replaced), creating an opening so we can reroute on to the playing fields. The finish could then be parallel to the south side of the all-weather pitches.*

*I have rough-measured this out and checked the angles in relation to where goalposts will be in September – the first pic is an approximation of where the finish would be (precise position TBC based on the official accurately measuring using a Jones counter), while the second has me acting as a left-hand goalpost on the pitch we would need to cross, as well as a rough plot of the angles across, before we turn runners slightly right towards the finish. We estimate the precise finish point would be shortly past that rear corner of the all-weather pitches.*

*We could easily mark out this finish across the park with cones, so they can be quickly removed post-race (no later than 1pm) to clear the football pitch and enable any fixtures required to take place. I've already been in touch with Sandy FC about our race date, letting them know that our planned parking at the opposite end of the recreation ground is also envisaged to be cleared by 1pm.*

*It isn't actually lost on me that this could actually be a much better finish for runners, as the slenderness of our usual finish area has meant little room for spectators to cheer them in. Our race finish photos have always had a bit of a claustrophobic air to them!*

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**APPENDIX VII**

*Do please let me know what you think. I am aware that there is a subcommittee meeting imminent, so I wanted to ensure you had this in good time.*

*Many thanks,*

*Stuart Goodwin*

**Race Director, Sandy 10**

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Sandy Town Council 2022 Events Calendar

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Month	Date	Event	Location	Lead
January	Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Green Wheel Walk	Sandy Green Wheel	STC - AG
February				
March	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar - 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mayor's Charity Dinner Great British Spring Clean Civic Service	China Express Various St Swithun's Church	STC - Mayor Community groups STC – Mayor / St Swithun's Church
April	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> - Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Market Street Food Market Funfair	Market Square Bedford Road Rec Sunderland Road Rec	STC - Events Group Eat Feast Harris's Funfair
May	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Circus Spring Green Wheel Walk	Sunderland Road Rec Sandy Green Wheel	Jamestown Circus STC – JH, NS & KB
June	Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Platinum Jubilee Event Sandy Carnival	Sandye Place grounds Sandye Place grounds	STC - Events Group Sandy Carnival Committee
July	Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> TBC	Riddy Cattle Talk Outdoor Theatre Summer Green Wheel Walk	The Riddy Beeston Green Sandy Green Wheel	Nick Kiddy / WT / BRCC / STC The Pantaloons STC - Events Group
August	Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> TBC Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Market Funfair Outdoor Theatre	Market Square Sunderland Road Rec Beeston Green	STC - Events Group Harris's Funfair The Pantaloons
September	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> TBC TBC	Sandy Show Street Food Market Sandy Skatepark Launch Event Autumn/Anniversary Green Wheel Walk Bird Ringing	Conservative Club Hall Bedford Road Rec Sunderland Road Rec Sandy Green Wheel The Riddy	S&D Horticultural Association Eat Feast Maverick / STC STC / BRCC / Ramblers Derek Gruar / STC - Events
October	TBC	French Market	Town Centre Car Park	France at Home
November	Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Parade Christmas Lights Switch On	War Memorial & Church Market Square	STC / St Swithun's Church / RBL FoSCL / STC
December	TBC	Town Carol Service	St Swithun's Church	STC - Mayor

Key: Future events

Past events

STC organising / heavily involved

Other group organising