

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Services and Environment Committee of Sandy Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 10, Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 26 January 2015 commencing at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs N Aldis (Chairman), J Ali, C Butterfield, C Osborne, M Runchman, M Scott, P Sharman and S Sutton

Absent: None

In Attendance: Cllr D Sharman, Cllr A W Jackson. Central Bedfordshire Cllr C Maudlin. Fifteen members of the public and one member of the press. S Foster (as Clerk)

- 1 **Apologies for absence (047-14/15)** *Action*
Apologies were subsequently received from Cllr R Smith.
- 2 **Declarations of interest (048-14/15)**
 - i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - None
 - ii) Non-disclosable Interests – None
- 3 **Minutes of previous meeting (049-14/15)** *Admin*
RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on Monday 8 December 2014 as a correct record of proceedings.
- 4 **Public Participation Session (050-14/15)**
A member of the public enquired as to whether the regulations had been amended. The Chairman said that they had and drew her attention to the papers accompanying the agenda which had been placed in the public gallery. He told her they were being considered at the meeting and, if agreed, would be recommended to Town Council for adoption.
Another member of the public asked if Members of the public could ask further questions after the item in question had been discussed by Members. The Chairman informed him that this was not part of the procedure.
- 5 **Cemetery Regulations (051-14/15)**
The Chairman explained the changes to the regulations and said that the recommendations had been approved unanimously by the working group. He said that decisions on the suitability of memorabilia would rest with the outdoor staff supervisor. It was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** That paragraph 18 should be

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amended to read that: A headstone should not be placed on a grave without consultation between groundstaff and the stonemason on the suitability of ground conditions. Subject to this amendment the regulations should be approved.

6 Cemetery Paths (052-14/15)

Quotations for the removal of two trees damaging paths in the cemetery were received and considered. It was **RESOLVED** to accept a quotation of £1160 plus VAT from Mr Steve Dear.

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7 Freedom of Information Request with regard to Sandy Cricket Club (053-14/15)

A report from the Freedom of Information Commissioner was received and considered. It was **RESOLVED** to note that the Commissioner had found in the Town Council's favour in every particular.