

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, HELD THURSDAY,

31st May 2018

SANDHUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

19:55 hrs, Sandhutton Village Hall

Present: Councillors: M Aconley, H Cronin (Chairman), D Fairhurst,
O Fernyhough (Vice Chairman), P Kane

Clerk: S Fraser

In Attendance: District Councillor Janet Watson and 9 members of the public

18/0462	To receive apologies for absence
	District Councillor Dadd
18/0463	To consider dispensations
Resolved:	None to receive
18/0464	To agree dispensations
Resolved:	No dispensations to be considered.
18/0465	To receive the Chairman's Annual Statement
	<p>The Chairman summarised the issues the parish council had dealt with during the past year and the Community Events supported. A full report is detailed below:</p> <p>Below are the key issues that Sandhutton Parish Council (SPC) have considered and commented on in 2017/18.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New members -Since our last AGM one member, Alan Lowes, has stepped down after 32 years of service. Two new members joined; Patricia Kane and David Fairhurst. 2. Speeding A167 through the village - SPC have continued to lobby through the road safety partnership for action on vehicles speeding through the village. Subsequently another speed monitoring exercise took place earlier this year. The results showed that on average 50% of vehicles were travelling above the speed limit. Following these results, a mobile speed trap has been deployed to the North of the village at various times. We have requested data on the results from the speed trap to monitor its effectiveness. <p>SPC has also taken part in a survey on the deployment of Vehicle Activated Signs in the village which would show, through a flashing symbol, vehicle speeds to encourage drivers to slow down. If deemed appropriate SPC will be given the opportunity for VAS</p>

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signs to be deployed on the A167 through the village, although there is a cost to this which will need serious consideration – equating to £6500 over a four-year period.

3. **Planning applications and processes** - SPC have considered a number of planning applications throughout the year and submitted our response to Hambleton District Council (HDC) planning department.

Local residents and, in one case, a local business have raised concerns on the developments on Skipton Airfield. These concerns were in the main around noise pollution but also on the increased traffic volumes onto the airfield from the A167. There is also the wider debate on the future Skipton Airfield, as it is not allocated by HDC as a site for development and therefore these developments are random in nature. Some of the developments have occurred without planning permission.

SPC wrote to the head of planning outlining our views regarding the above and subsequently met with a planning officer. At the meeting we voiced our concerns about the ad-hoc nature of the developments and the effects on local residents and businesses.

We were informed by HDC that Skipton Airfield is privately owned and therefore they have no plans in existence for its future development, and the process for controlling or agreeing to future developments is when each application is submitted and considered in its full entirety.

It is disappointing to note that the HDC planning department and committee would appear not to recognise our views.

Following the last HDC Planning Committee meeting, where a member of the parish council spoke on our concerns with a disappointing response from the committee. Therefore, SPC have submitted a letter of complaint on the conduct of the meeting in regard to balance and objectivity.

4. **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** - The new data protection regulations have come into effect from 25th May 2018. The regulations further enhance how organisations process personal information held on individuals. SPC have considered the requirements of the regulations and are updating our various

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	<p>systems and processes to meet the new requirements.</p> <p>5. SPC contribution to the village - SPC has throughout the last year engaged and contributed to the life of the village in the number of ways. These include supporting the work of the Church and Village Hall Committees, providing funding to local projects and initiatives and playing a role in events such as the Village Christmas Carol concert, including helping to arrange for the installation of a permanent fitting for a Christmas tree on the green.</p> <p>6. Precept 2017/18 - The precept is the local tax levied by parish/town councils</p> <p>The precept for 2017/18 (£3,600) was held at the same level as the previous five years.</p>
18/0466	To stand adjourned for public participation
18/0466.1	<p>Members of public posed questions of the parish council relating to the development and future planning of Skipton Airfield “Is there any way of pushing the district council to make a plan and decisions on the airfield”?</p>
18/0466.2	<p>The chairman informed the public of a meeting he and clerk had, had with a planning officer of the district council. Notes of that meeting held 12/3/18 are summarised below:</p> <p><u>BIOMAS PLANT</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 4 applications have been received. 2. Noise report for the Wood Chipping process is still awaited – HDC Action indications – if they don’t submit and continue to produce, enforcement action will be taken: to serve notice or control impact on others. (Queried what is a reasonable time to wait from action, <i>TW said they have been awaiting the info since October 17, enforcement action is imminent</i> 3. Muffler details also still awaited – action as above 4. Location of Wood Chipping has moved to central field location (SPC have asked for caveat and confirmation that this the most suitable location for siting if approval is to be given once the above actions are met and the application is to be approved. 5. Site visit will be organised once the above reports and all details have been received. The site visit will be in the same week as HDC planning committee (usually the first Thursday of the month) is held.

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	<p>6. TW did indicate that the above applications had received some grant funding, but also missed out on other grant funding because they had not produced the evidence to meet a recent grant funding deadline.</p> <p>7. <u>SKIPTON AIRFIELD</u> - HDC are not aware of any future development for the Airfield. The land is privately owned and therefore each application for planning will be considered individually and in line with planning regulations at the time it is submitted. Planning Officer, suggested that SPC may wish to consider drawing up a Neighbourhood/Parish Plan to influence business development, landscape and community expectations etc for the Parish which will link into the LDF and be considered along with planning applications for the parish.</p> <p>8. <u>FABRICATION PLANT</u> - John Walker – got permission for the Dalton site, but were unable to complete due to issues with that site, therefore driving the application for the Skipton Airfield.</p> <p>9. <u>ROADSTONES</u> - This application falls under Minerals and Waste and may be transferred to NYCC for action.</p>
<p>18/0466.3</p>	<p>The Chairman brought to the attention of members and the public his views on a recent HDC Planning Committee meeting he had attended that was to consider three applications submitted to the parish council for comment. The Chairman expressed his disappointment with the actions of HDC Planning Committee at the meeting. A letter of complaint has been written by the council to HDC on the conduct of the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman also stated that the council needed to seek vocal support from all district council members and, if necessary, approach County Council members and MP for support if it is felt the council views are not been listened to.</p> <p>However, he felt the first steps are to await HDCs response to the complaint. Members strongly agreed that SPC need to be more proactive in perusing the issues with planning authority.</p>
<p>18/0466.4</p>	<p>The lack of grass cutting on PROW to the South of the village was raised. The Clerk will contact the PROW Officer to ask if a cut is scheduled.</p> <p>A resident brought to the attention of members some weeding spray that</p>

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	<p>had been undertaken without his knowledge on Howker Lane (which he owns). Enquiries had failed to identify who was responsible. The resident also mentioned early tooting of a car one morning at 7:30 am and that a hole had been put into a signage he owns too. The resident was advised to contact the Community Police, Thirsk Office.</p> <p>https://northyorkshire.police.uk/neighbourhoods/thirsk-and-easingwold/</p>
18/0467	<p>To consider motions presented to the Parish Council by members of the electorate.</p> <p>None to receive.</p>
<p>The meeting closed. Next meeting: 20th September 2018</p>	