

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7.30pm at Tandridge Village Hall, Tandridge Lane, Tandridge

Present:

Chairman: Mr Ivor Stamp

Clerk: Ms Clare Crouch

Councillors: Mr A Nosworthy, Mrs S Pocock, Mr C Porter

In attendance: Councillor Liz Lockwood

82.	PROCEDURAL MATTERS
82.1	Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cameron MacIntosh, Cllr Julie Duggan, Cllr Peter Killick, Cllr Caroline Wallace, Cllr Colin David and Cllr Alan Schmidt.
82.2	Disclosure of Interests: There were no disclosures made by Members of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) and / or other interests arising under the Code of Conduct
82.3	Public questions: The first ten minutes of the meeting are available for members of the public to raise questions about and comment on items on the agenda. There were no members of the public present
82.4	Minutes: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 4 th February 2025, were agreed and signed as a true record by Cllr Nosworthy. In addition, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7 th January 2025, were agreed and signed as a true record by Cllr Stamp

83.	REPORTS
83.1	<p>County Councillor Report</p> <p>Reorganisation and devolution - my understanding is that an initial business case is likely to come out this month with the aim for a full business case by May. I know that the leaders of the Districts and Boroughs are involved in the discussions with Tim Oliver (leader of Surrey) in a form of a working group. I also don't think there will be changes to Parish Councils (considering that a lot of Surrey is Parished).</p> <p>Further, only other thing I wanted to update on is that we may be closing Tandridge lane (17th March) for 2 days while we carry out additional cleaning to the culverts near Millstone (you may recall that we managed to get our DI gang down here late last year). But I will notify the Parish Council and post on Facebook if we are going ahead with this.</p>
83.2	<p>District Councillor Report</p> <p>Tandridge District Council's point of view is that the Districts and Boroughs have put a case forward for two unity or three unitary areas. The aim is to protect Tandridge District from a number of areas such as Woking or Spelthorne as they have significant debt. However there is a concern that if the debt across the county were to be shared equally between all the districts, this would equal £8,000 per resident!!</p> <p>In perspective – Tandridge District Council has invested into Council Housing so although has £93m in debt - it is based on mortgaged asset.</p>

	<p>Reigate and Bansted have no debts but no housing asset either</p> <p>Catherine Sayer is working closely with all 11 districts and boroughs</p> <p>In March or May 2027 there will be elections held for the new unitary councillors who will have up to 100,000 electors in their patch</p> <p>Tandridge using CIL money to reinvest and encouraging the Parishes to take over assets such as playgrounds – the Pilot scheme is still running and the clerk has not heard back as yet from any queries raised on the matter.</p> <p>NP Framework has had an update on planning guidance related to the Green Belts. Unfortunately there is weakened protection of the greenbelt due to the introduction of the Grey Belt. The Grey belt allows for more areas to be classed as previously built upon therefore housing is approved – gardens in residential areas are now being classed as previously built on land.</p> <p>However the green belt still protect conservation areas and stops two built up areas merging to create bigger urbanisation</p> <p>Further more Tandridge Parish is not a sustainable place for development as there is no infrastructure therefore the infill between the next nearest area would not be suitable for development.</p>
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84.	ADMINISTRATION
84.1	Councillors confirmed there are no training sessions they would like to attend at present.
84.2	<p>Tandridge Parish Council noted they have received the Guide to SCC Highways - for Parish and Town Council clerks - 2025 version and made no further comment</p> <p>The clerk will speak to Cllr MacIntosh regarding the suggestion of potentially downgrading Jackass Lane to a BOAT road due to fly tipping etc</p> <p>The other highway issue the clerk will raise with Cllr MacIntosh is the Iron Fence at top of Tandridge Lane again is starting to lean into the highway once again.</p>
84.3	Tandridge Parish Council noted the auditor completed the interim audit and has written with no further comments.

85.	FINANCIAL
85.1	Councillors reviewed and signed off bank reconciliation for February 2025 Month End
85.2	Councillors approved February 2025 Clerks Salary: £1,248 Gross Pay Less deductions of Tax and NI And approved the PAYE amount for the current month
85.3	Councillors approved the Clerks Expenses for February 2025 £31.40
85.4	Councillors approved Invoice 1644 – Hollyhurst Payroll Services £120.00
85.5	Councillors approved the Auditors invoice 329 for £197.50
85.6	Councillors approved the £30 donation to the Village Hall for the March meeting

86.	PARISH ENVIRONMENT
86.1	Tandridge Parish Council discussed the Parish Fields (Glebe, Jubilee & Millennium) and confirm no actions required
86.2	Tandridge Parish Council confirmed the plan for the Annual Parish Meeting
86.3	Tandridge Parish Councillors noted the Village Hall will be used going forward for meetings
86.4	Tandridge Parish Council reviewed the correspondence from Butterfly Meadow Weddings – No further action required.
86.5	Tandridge Parish Council considered the Great British Spring Clean and confirm no further actions required as many residents already work hard to keep the village tidy of litter on a daily basis

87.	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
87.1	Tandridge Parish Council received an update on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan form Cllr Porter. The NP committee have resurrected the old plan and are working towards the items required to complete, The next meeting will be held in April
87.2	Councillors confirmed it is acceptable for the Neighbourhood Plan to utilise the Parish Council website to inform residents of actions and updates Cllr Lockwood advised that there is funding available for the Neighbourhood Plan for a Technical Design Code. This funding is available separately to the Groundworks UK board. It can be found on the Locality Website under Technical Support and helps guide plans about the specific look of houses in the vicinity HEELA being previewed on Thursday to District Cllr Lockwood – She will ask if the NP group can be advised as to where the sites are if they are relevant to Tandridge Parish’s plan.

88.	PLANNING – Applications reviewed by Tandridge Parish Council and comments to be sent to Tandridge District Council
	2023/770/Cond1 Oldencraig, Tandridge Lane, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6LL Details pursuant to the discharge of Condition 4 (Landscaping), Condition 7 (EV Charging points) and Condition 8 (E-bike storage and charging) of planning permission ref: 2023/770 dated 1st September 2023 (Demolition of existing annexe and car barn and erection of single story dwelling with associated landscaping and parking). https://plandocs.tandridge.gov.uk/planning/planning-documents?SDescription=2023/770/Cond1 No objection and no further comment

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89.	INFORMATION FOR COUNCILLORS (<i>for noting and including on future agendas</i>)
89.1	Andy Knight is arranging for the remembrance Crab Apple to arrive in March 2025 Tandridge Parish Council to organise a plaque to go on / at the bottom of the tree in due course Clerk to enquire about insurances being in place for the usage of the Glebe Field for the VE 80 th Anniversary celebrations and commemorations on 8 th May 2025

90.	MEETING DATES
90.1	Dates for 2025 /2026: Tuesday 1 st April 2025 – Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 13 th May 2025 – Annual General Meeting Tuesday 3 rd June 2025 Tuesday 1 st July 2025 Tuesday 2 nd September 2025 Tuesday 7 th October 2025 Tuesday 4 th November 2025 Tuesday 2 nd December 2025 Tuesday 6 th January 2026 Tuesday 3 rd February 2026 Tuesday 3 rd March 2026