

Sandon Village Design Statement Association

Minutes of the Sandon Village Design Statement Association meeting held at 9 Chalklands on 22nd August 2007 @ 7.30 p.m.

Present: Michelle Gardiner – RCCE
David Pearson – Chairman
Cllr Dianne Neal
Dennis Terry
Neville Jessop Vice-chairman (joined the meeting at 8p.m.)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Clare Rowe.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes were accepted and signed by the chairman.

3. Matters arising

Michelle explained to the Committee that Chelmsford Borough Council have decided to alter the format for Village Design statements and that work on the current questionnaire was on hold as some current questions, such as repairs to roads, were unnecessary and not what the planners needed to see. It is now necessary to divide the parish into characteristic areas and ask specific questions in relation to each area. There should also be special projects and parish initiatives. Identifying, for example:

- special habitats,
- new recreational areas, which could include Sandon Quarry,
- land for development, perhaps for affordable housing and
- renovating the Village Hall.

Michelle felt that it would be beneficial for members to attend the next Stock VDS meeting on 12th September, as they are at the same stage as Sandon, at which Jenny would be attending who will be advising them on the revised changes.

Boreham and West Hanningfield documents were looked at as examples.

The VDS will be a living document and will probably not now be published in hard copy but will be available as an electronic document.

4. Characteristic Areas

The Committee spent the next hour looking at specific areas and colour coding them upon maps. The areas were broken down into Estates (David), Ribbon development (Dianne), Industrial Units (Neville), and Sandon Village Centre to include the Conservation Zone (Dennis). Each member was asked to write a description of their chosen area with the use of photographs from the VDS website taken at the Photo Fun day.

5. Any other business

There was no other business

6. Next Meeting

No date was set for this

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.