

SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held at SANDFORD PARISH HALL (ANNEXE), at 8.00pm, on Thursday 3rd March 2022

At a meeting of the Council held this day those present were :-

Cllr G Griffin (Chairman)

Messrs – M Lee, B Fyfe, J Stephens (part meeting), R Stoye, S Haley, M Snow, D Hope, and G Padgham

Mesdames – E Dalton, G Ford and S Miles

Parishioners – The Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance

DCC Cllr M Squires (left before the end of the Meeting)

One Parishioner

The Meeting started with a “**A moment for quiet contemplation**”.

- 1) APOLOGIES - MDDC Cllr E Lloyd

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

- 2) OPEN FORUM

Di Martin was present and raised the matter of weed spraying to say she was happy to Volunteer to assist (this was the first offer to be received).

She suggested that the deadline for responding to the appeal for Volunteers be extended. (This was discussed later in the Meeting and it was agreed to extend the response date to 7th April).

Water project at Sandford Allotments – She asked whether any progress had been made as the grant application needed to be submitted by the end of March 2022.

The Chairman explained that in the absence of Cllr Stephens the Council were unable to give an update.

- 3) MATTERS REPORTED ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE PLUS MATTERS REPORTED TO THE CLERK

Roll of Honour for WW1 at the Congregational Church – The Clerk had been approached by Marion Nosworthy to ask, in view of the closure of the Church, whether a new home could be found for the Roll of Honour ?

The Clerk had discussed this with Jim King, at St Swithun's, who had advised there was no space large enough in the Church to take the Roll of Honour.

It was agreed to contact the Parish Hall, and Sandford Heritage Group, for any suggestions for a new home for the plaque.

Other suggestions included Sandford School which was not felt a suitable location.

Failing this it was agreed that a decision would need to be taken by the national Congregational Church Federation once the future of the Church was known.

369 Sandford Bus – It was agreed to ask DCC, and Dartline, whether the bus bus route could be amended to include a stop at Redlands Surgery ?

- 4) The MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd February 2022 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Meeting with DCC Road Safety Officer – A response was still awaited. DCC M Squires explained that any straight forward road schemes would be discussed by HATOC (Highway and Traffic Orders Committee) at the end of March. Cllr Squires would press James Anstee (DCC Road Safety Officer) for his suggestions and recommendations to address the Sandford highway issues.
- b) Proposed Public Consultation with the Parish over current issues – In the continued absence of a response from the Road Safety Officer it was agreed to cancel the Consultation planned for March 19th.
- c) Standing Order review – The Chairman had produced an updated version of the Sandford Parish Council Standing Orders, as reviewed by the Working Group, and these had been circulated to the Parish Council.
The Standing Orders were formally adopted by the Meeting. Proposed by Cllr Griffin, 2nd Cllr Dalton, and carried unanimously.
The Clerk had printed off copies and these were distributed to the Parish Council.
A vote of thanks was proposed to Cllr Griffin for his efforts on this matter
- d) Working Party Meeting to discuss the Sandford Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. **See Appendix 1**
Tree for the Jubilee National Planting day 11th March 2022 – Various trees had been suggested and it was agreed to place an order for a Flowering Cherry Tree to be planted by Cllr M Lee at 3.00pm on 11th March. Sandford School had been invited also Barny Butterfield who would christen the new tree with Sandford cider.
- e) MDDC – 2022 Parishes Boundary Review – The Parish Clerk had submitted the comments provided by the Parish Council. **See appendix 2.**
- f) Parish Weeding Needs – It was agreed to extend the date for Volunteers to come forward to offer to carry out the weed spraying until 7th April 2022.
- g) Installation of the Rev Janet May – The Chairman and Clerk had attended this event.

6) POLICE MATTERS – No new matters to report.

7) REPLIES

- a) Grass cutting estimates – Just one estimate had been received following the tenders send out to three potential Grass Cutting Contractors.
It was agreed to accept the one received from Steve McCulloch.
Proposed Cllr Miles, 2nd Cllr Fife, and carried.
- b) CAB, CHAT, Mid Devon Transport – Letters of thanks for Donations had been received.
- c) MDDC had sent a very full, and helpful, response setting out the current S106 procedures used by the District Council.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Robin Campbell – Details had been received of a Devon 20s Plenty initiative and it was agreed to discuss this at the next Meeting.
- b) DCC Highways – Details of the road closure on Back Lane 19th April 2022 (09.30 – 15.30) had been received.
- c) NALC had sent details of the recommend pay scales for Parish Clerks from 1st April 2021 (1.75%) and it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting
- d) MDDC had sent a copy of the March 2022 Town and Parish newsletter – This included details of the Planning Training event that had taken place on 24th February. Tiverton Town Council were organising a Training course for new Councillors on 16th March and the Clerk had passed these details on to Cllr Padgham.

9) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION & PLAY AREA

Cllr Hope had made a start on the submission of grant applications. Ministry of Play had submitted new equipment suggestions for the Playing Field and for Creedy View. The Clerk would circulate these and this would be discussed at the next meeting.

10) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & WORKING GROUPS

DCC Cllr Squires had submitted a written report that had been circulated. A meeting had taken place with Michelle Woodgates (DCC Highways) who was opposing the suggestion to close off Pedlars Pool lane and to allow traffic to pass through the proposed development at Pedlars Pool

MDDC Cllr Lloyd was not present.

11) PLANNING - CREEDY VIEW 2 – Cllr Stephens was in the process of arranging a site Meeting after the tree planting on 11th March.

21/00281/FULL Acorns Crediton
Change of use of land for the construction of horse arena
It was agreed to accept the recommendation from the Site Meeting
NO OBJECTION
Cllr M Snow declared an interest and took no part in the discussions.

Grant of Planning permission
21/02433/HOUSE 1 Creedy View Sandford
Installation of new window to garage

12) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT

Receipts

Lloyds Bank (Interest February 2022)	£0.20
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Payments

Mr M Vallance Salary	£466.00
Devon Communities Together (Renewal)	£50.00
Vision ict Ltd (gov.uk renewal)	£78.00

Cheques signed by Cllrs Miles and Stoyale

13) ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS – An update was given and also the possibility of linking in to the power supply from Creedy View 2 was still being discussed. There was a suggestion that the Crediton Air Quality fund was underspent in the current financial year which might release funds for this project.

14) ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

15) BOUNDARY STONES - Cllr Stephens confirmed this matter was in hand and the boundary stones marking the boundary with Crediton would be those to be erected first.

16) REVIEW OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT/NEEDS

It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase a hard drive, to the Parish Council Laptop, to “back up” Council documents and data.

17) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18) Date of next Meeting April 7th 2022 at Sandford Community Sports Pavillion.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 10.17pm

Appendix 1

Sandford Platinum Jubilee Celebrations June 2022 16th February 2022

Presented to the Parish Council at their Meeting on 3rd March 2022 .
(Suggestions, and what was agreed, and updates, are shown in Yellow)

Notes from a Working Party Meeting held at “Dowrich” on 15th February 2022.

Present – Michael Lee, Mike Snow, Richard Stoye, Angela Crook and Malcolm Vallance (Parish Clerk)
Apologies – Georgina Ford Mike Snow agreed to act as Chair.

It was explained the meeting was to formulate suggestions for the Sandford Parish Platinum Jubilee Celebrations to present to the next SPC meeting on 3rd March 2022.

In previous years Public Meetings had taken place to draw up plans for these type of Parish Celebrations but due to Covid it had not been possible for these to take part.

For the 2022 Celebrations it was agreed that SPC would take the role of Enabler.
SPC would assist with the administration, hopefully financially supporting the events planned, and covering the cost of Celebration souvenirs for youngsters.

For the 2012 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Andrew Jackson sent out letters to Parish business's requesting financial support.

It was agreed to repeat this for 2022 and the Clerk would put together a draft letter for agreement.

It was agreed to set up a Meeting, with the Headteacher at Sandford School, to discuss how the School could be involved this time bearing in mind the great partnership we had with them for QE90.

The Clerk had contacted Sandford School who were considering whether they were able to involve the School in the Celebrations for 2022.

Tree Planting – This was agreed for 11th March (provisionally at 3.00pm) on the grass bank at the entrance to Creedy View.

Parish Cllr M Lee was invited to plant the tree.

It was agreed to purchase a Bird Cherry tree from Ashridge Nurseries.

A Parishioner had kindly agreed to meet the cost of the tree and commemorative plaque

Thursday 2nd June 2022 - National Beacon Lighting

Sandford - Lighting of the Parish Beacon at New Buildings with Hog Roast

(The Lighting of the Beacons Nationally was subsequently confirmed for 9.45pm)

A Hog Road had been booked for £1000 to serve 200 people.

Whilst teas, coffees, soft drinks, and “tray bakes” will be offered free of cost it was agreed to take advice on providing a bar and obtaining these supplies locally ?

“Ady Nuthall's Jazz Band will be performing (and playing the Jubilee Fanfare) at the Beacon lighting for the whole evening and although it isn't a fundraiser for Beacon there will be an option if anyone felt able on the evening to leave a small donation toward Beacon; we will have some kind of donations box but definitely if anyone has the means to give a couple of pounds” A.C.

It was hoped to make a contribution to running costs of this event Band etc depending on finances.

It was not felt the Hog Roast should be subsidised.

Friday 3rd June 2022 National Service of Celebration takes place at St Paul's)

The Landlord of the Lamb Inn had suggested a STREET PARTY along Church Street.

It was felt that the Parish Council did not have the manpower and were unable to plan and run this Event.

The Landlord of the Lamb Inn advised that he did not have the time to run this event.

Cllr Padgham volunteered to canvass Parishioners to see if there were enough Parishioners to gather together and organise this event.

Crediton Town Band were not available

Another suggestion for this day was to open offer by Roy and Jean Howard to open the LOCKDOWN WOOD to the public.

Saturday 4th June - 2022 National Platinum Party at the Palace

Sandford - Common Players Production of Alice in Wonderland

It was hoped to subsidise this event but that would depend on finances.

Charlie Werner had accepted an offer from the Landlord at the Lamb Inn to run a Quiz.

Profits to be allocated towards the cost of the Common Players and production.

As Crediton Town Band were not available on Friday 3rd June the Clerk was enquiring as to whether they may be free to play at this event before the Performance.

Sunday 5th June – National The Big Jubilee Lunch

Sandford – Church Service. The Clerk had contacted St Swithun's

Followed by a Big Jubilee Bring and Share Picnic Lunch at the Parish Hall or the Playing Field. With a Loyal and Toast in Sandford Cider.

To be discussed

Proposals / Funding / Expenditure

- Clean for the Queen – A Litter Pick in advance of the Celebrations.

Funding	Parish Celebration Fund	£937 + 2022/2023 Precept £250	£1187
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The Clerk advised that there was unused Donation/Grant funds left from the 2021/2022 Precept	£400
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DCC Locality Fund (Common Players)	£250
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Fund raising suggestions :-

- Sandford School Tea Towels 100 plus 1 colour Cotton £ 1.75 Linen Union £2.55
100 plus full colour Cotton £2.90 Line Union £3.80
Awaiting a response from Sandford School

- Selling excess Mugs

- Ferret Racing March 26th IT WAS AGREED THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH TIME TO RUN THIS EVENT SO IT WOULD REGRETTABLY NEED TO BE CANCELLED.

Projected Expenses

Subsidy to Events ? **Dependent on finances**

Common Players £1500 Fee

It was disappointing to note that the Common Players provided the Bar and took the proceeds although it had been reported that these profits were donated to charity.

It would be good if this event was totally subsidised and there would be no entry fee for any SANDFORD residents who could get free ticket.

In view of previous years events being gate crashed from outside the Parish maybe these people should be charged an admittance fee ?

Souvenirs for SANDFORD YOUNGSTERS

After much discussion it was felt that Jubilee Mugs were the best option this time.

Based on 2022 (250).

The Clerk would ask for the number of pupils on the School role.

It was agreed to supply Mugs to ALL children attending Sandford School including pupils from Crediton.

Mugs for youngster under School age, and over Sandford School age, could be purchased by family members.

The Clerk had been in touch with Central Design Ceramics (the supplier for 2012) who had sent particulars. After discussion a design was chosen showing a picture of the Queen with union jack bunting on the front. The writing on the back would be personalised for Sandford.

Cost

Durham Earthenware £2.50 each (including Vat but not carriage)

White Monarch china design £3.70 each (including Vat but not carriage)

Souvenir Programme of Events ?

Hymn sheets ?

Insurance ?

Hog Roast £1000 to serve 200

Musicians Entertainment

Community Transport from Sandford

Street Party Town Band (£150 approx)

Bring and Share Lunch ?

Prizes art work etc. ?

Hall hire ?

IT WAS AGREED THE WORKING GROUP WOULD MEET 7.30pm AT DOWRICH ON 16th MARCH 2022.

Appendix 2

(Sandford Boundary Review)

Sandford Parish is in the District of Mid Devon and is situated approximately two miles north of Crediton and some ten miles from Exeter. The parish comprises the village of Sandford and the hamlets of Newbuildings, West Sandford and East Village together with outlying farms and cottages with a total population in excess of 1200.

Sandford is a large rural parish with a great sense of community, and has two pubs, a community shop with Post Office owned and run by the community, a primary school, a recreation ground with sports pavillion, plus a Parish Hall and two Churches and many local organisations and clubs. There is also a dedicated footpath/cycleway from Sandford village to Crediton via the 'Millennium Green'.

The Parish Council, at their Meeting, on 3rd February 2022, discussed the MDDC 2022 Parishes Boundary Review.

It was not felt any major changes were necessary to the number of Parish Councillors (currently 12).

Or to the Parish Boundaries with the A3072 forming the natural Boundary between Sandford and Crediton

We are currently in the process of replacing our missing Boundary stones.

However it was agreed to accept a suggestion to propose that “Knathorne” and “Rolestone” (on the boundary with Sandford and Morchard Bishop) be included inside the Sandford Parish Boundary. Morchard Bishop Parish Council are aware of this suggestion and are currently discussing this with the Parishioners involved.

Malcolm Vallance

Sandford Parish Clerk

22nd February 2022