

SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held at SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILLION 7.30pm,
on Thursday 7th April 2022

In the absence of the Chairman the Chairman was taken by Vice Chairman Brian Fyfe.

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

Cllr B Fyfe (Vice Chairman)

Messrs – M Lee, J Stephens, R Stoyle, S Haley, M Snow, D Hope, and G Padgham

Mesdames – E Dalton, G Ford and S Miles

One Parishioner The Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance

DCC Cllr M Squires (Arrived and left during the Meeting) MDDC Cllr E Lloyd

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

- 1) APOLOGIES – Cllr G Griffin J.P.
- 2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None
- 3) OPEN FORUM

Di Martin was present and reported that six parishioners had come forward offer to help “Weed Spray” the Village with the St Swithun's type vinegar based weed spray.

This offer was accepted with thanks. The Clerk advised that there were funds in the 2022/2023 Precept available to cover any costs of equipment, vinegar etc

The offer also included “hand weeding” and it was agreed to encourage Villagers to “hand weed” outside their properties especially against the road.

The Clerk reported that Dom Dunn had also come forward to offer his assistance on this matter and Di Martin agreed to liaise with him.

It was agreed that the Sports Pavillion could be used as a base for storage of equipment etc.

This matter was subsequently discussed by the Parish Council who agreed to try this variation of Weed Spraying and Hand pulling of weeds for 2022.

It was agreed to ask Graham Baker to Weed Spray from the Lamb up to, and, above the gates at St Swithun's.

It was noted that the Landlord at the Lamb Inn had already applied “weed killer” outside his property.

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

Roll of Honour at the Congregational Church – No offers to host this had been received. The Parish Council felt that this was something the Congregational Church Federation would need to address when discussing the future of the Church. Cllr Miles suggested that Sandford School might be a suitable location and agreed to make enquiries with the Head.

369 Sandford bus route suggestion to revise the time table to include Redlands Health Surgery - This had received a positive response from DCC, Dartline, and Morchard Bishop Parish Council. DCC were undertaking the necessary paper work (See Minute 6c).

5) The MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting, held on 3rd March 2022, were confirmed and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record.

6) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Meeting with DCC Road Safety Officer – in view of his previous assistance the Clerk had written to DCC Stuart Hughes (Cabinet Chairman Highways) to seek his help to resolve this matter.

b) Jubilee Tree Planting 11th March 2022 -This had been a great success and had been covered in the local Press. The tree had been planted by Michael Lee, Christened by Bernie Butterfield with Sandford Cider, and attended by Parishioners, and the Head and some pupils from Sandford School.

c) Re-routing of the 369 Sandford bus to include Redlands Surgery on the route – DCC were happy to accept this suggestion. After consultation it was hoped to revise the route from May 2022.

d) Weeding (See Minute 3 Open Forum)

f) Hard drive for PC Laptop backup – The Clerk had been contact with The Technology Shop in Crediton who had quoted £75.

It was agreed to accept this quote and the Clerk would arrange for the installation.

7) POLICE MATTERS - No new matters were reported. The Parish Council were pleased to learn that the matter of Community Policing was to be addressed as part of their proposed visits in the area and hoped Sandford would be included.

7) REPLIES

a) Robin Campbell had responded to the enquiry over “20s Plenty”.

He explained *“20's Plenty for Us is a national campaign. We are the Campaign coordinators for Devon. We have support from the national campaign and are working to deliver 20mph speed limits where people live in Devon. We have only just started and are on the lookout for all the help we can get. You are probably aware of the nationwide campaign “20's Plenty for Us”, promoting a speed limit of 20mph to be normal on residential streets and in town and village centres. Across the UK there are now over 500 local groups campaigning to make cities, towns and villages better places to be. We are now trying to develop a campaign across the whole of our county, “20's Plenty for Devon”, as we believe that the vast majority of residents in our towns and villages are concerned about traffic travelling at speed in residential areas and on narrow, winding country lanes where people also live, work and play. It has been conclusively shown that more people walk and cycle, and use public transport, on roads where traffic is moving at lower and safer speeds.*

We are encouraging town and parish councils to pass a resolution to petition Devon County Council (DCC) to implement 20mph speed limits in their residential communities and to join our county-wide campaign – the more of us who petition DCC the more they will have to respond, making it both cheaper and easier for the county council to implement”.

IT WAS AGREED TO PLACE THIS MATTER ON THE AGENDA FOR FUTHER DISUCSSION AT THE MAY 2022 MEETING.

b) Morchard Bishop Parish Council – The Clerk had responded to say that the Parish Council had consulted with Parishioners, over the 2022 Boundary Review, and they preferred to remain with Morchard Bishop Parish.

c) National Lottery – Following the Grant application an award of £9K had been received. Thanks were extended to Cllr D Hope for all his efforts. The results of one further grant application were awaited before the Project for new play equipment could commence. The Clerk had written conveying the thanks of the Parish Council.

- d) The Crossing – A donation of of £500 had been received towards the purchase of new Play Area Equipment. The Clerk had written conveying the thanks of the Parish Council.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Sandford Cricket Club – Matt Theedom had written to ask if Sandford Parish Council would support their bid to MDDC for S106 funding for their proposed project for “a new Cricket Square” at the Club ?

The Clerk had responded to say that the Parish Council already had a list of S106 Parish Projects to support. Unless a major application for a New Development (e.g. another Pedlars Pool) arrived all the current potential funding was “ring fenced”.

MDDC had also responded to Sandford Cricket Club confirming that there was no large development in Sandford, or Crediton, at the present time that would attract the S106 funding needed.

- b) Mrs R Friendship had written regarding issues around Snows House Cottage – The garage area was being used as a turning point by cars with a very busy footpath in use (It was agreed to pass this matter on to MDDC).

Also the hedge at the back of the properties was overgrown and in need of attention. It was agreed to reply stating that the best thing was to contact Justin Denno of Belfield Developments who had, it was understood, or was in the process of acquiring the field from the Gorwyn Trust.

- c) DCC Highways – Notification had been received of closures :-

Signpost Corner to Sandford School 11th April 2022 (for a maximum of 5 days)

Back Lane 27th June to 1st July 2022

Stonewall Lane 23rd May to 25 May 2022

- d) MDDC – Details had been received of the Residents' Survey 2021 also a copy of the April 2022 Parish Newsletter.

- e) PKF Littlejohn LLP - Notice had been received of the 2021/2022 External Audit.

- f) NALC – New Parish Clerk salary rates from 1st April 2021 (1.75%)

It was agreed to increase the Clerk's Salary from 1st April 2021 by the recommended 1.75% Proposed Cllr Stephens, 2nd Cllr Dalton and carried.

The new Salary would be £5693 (Increased from £5595).

The Clerk left the room whilst this was discussed.

- g) Sandford AFC had sent an email stating *“We have suffered severe damage to our goal areas over the winter, due to poor weather and the constant use by several children playing in the affected areas. As a result we have decided as a club now to therefore protect our assets and install padlocks on the back of the back of goals and lifting the netting up.*

We have also roped of the 18 yard areas to prevent any one playing in these areas.

The Parish Council noted this action and agreed the need for a Junior football post on the field.

It was reported that Sandford AFC were in the process of moving the post, near the stream, to the top of the field against Meadowside.

There were still drainage issues at the stream side of the field near the play area and Sandford AFC were in the process of moving the drainage pipes. It was agreed that the best time to do this was when the new play area equipment was installed.

9) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION & PLAY AREA

The Parish Council were delighted at the news that a Lottery Grant of £9K has been awarded towards the estimated cost of cost of £38K for new play equipment for the Creedy View Play area and the Play area on the Playing Field.

This would hopefully include Adult exercise equipment, a Multiplay unit, Turning bars, a new Picnic table, also senior and junior Basket ball hoops plus updates to the current play equipment. Thanks were expressed to Dave Hope for submitting the Grant application. The Council took the view that consultation about the installation of the new equipment could now commence. There was one grant application still outstanding and once a decision had been made on this it was hoped that work could commence later in the year.

10) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & WORKING GROUPS

Sandford Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Working Party Meeting.

As the proposed meeting with the Head at Sandford School had not taken place the WP had not been able to meet mid month.

Another meeting was planned after the East holidays at which point the WP would meet again in advance of the 7th May PC Meeting

In the mean time various updates were reported on the Celebrations by Cllr Miles and the Clerk :-

Thursday 2nd June 2022 - (National Beacon Lighting)

Lighting of the Parish Beacon at New Buildings with Hog Roast.

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

Parish Jubilee Walk and visits to the Lockdown Wood and Judging of the best Red, White and Blue window.

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

Common Players Production of Alice in Wonderland on the Millennium Green.

Sunday 5th June – (National The Big Jubilee Lunch)

Church Service followed by Bring and Share Big Lunch at Sandford Parish Hall.

A suggestion had been made to hold Sports on the Playing Field in the afternoon but this would depend on offers to organise the event.

Sandford Scouts had responded to say they were unable to assist.

A letter to FOSS and Parents had been sent out from Sandford School appealing for Volunteers. If no one came forward the event would not happen.

FINANCE - The Chairman had sent out a number of letters appealing for funds to finance the Parish Celebrations and it was reported that this had already brought in £585

SACA had also agreed to donate £500 towards the hire fee of £1500 for the Common Players to perform Alice in Wonderland.

Jubilee Mugs – An order had been placed for 200 Mugs with Central Design Ceramics at £719.00 (net of VAT).

These would be presented to ALL pupils at Sandford School (approx 156) and the rest would be sold for £5.

Jubilee Pens – 100 pens had been received and were now on sale in Sandford Stores at £1 each

Jubilee T Towels – Sandford School were working on the artwork.

An order would be placed with Stuart Morris Textiles Ltd for 200 T Towels at £748.95 (net of VAT) and would be sold for £5 each.

IT WAS AGREED THE WORKING PARTY COULD ACCESS AND USE THE PLATINUM JUBILEE FUNDS, AS THEY FELT NECESSARY, AND REPORT BACK MONTHLY TO THE PARISH COUNCIL.

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Cllr E Lloyd advised that the District Council had held the annual Debate of the District Meeting, It had been reported that 75 people had attended. Although it transpired that in fact 51 people had attended the event, 25 of whom were members of the public (the rest were officers and guest speakers).

She also reported on a forthcoming proposed meeting being arranged in May by MDCC Cllr Graeme Barnell, to include local District, County and Parish and Town Councillors, to discuss forward planning of development in Crediton and its surrounding areas.

This meeting of the new “Crediton and District Joint Planning Group” would be Chaired by Liz Brookes-Hocking (Crediton Town Mayor).

The District Council were also discussing Environmental and Climate change issues

ELECTRONIC CHARGING POINTS

Cllr Stephens advised that Teignbridge DCC had started to get involved in installing these in rural areas (e.g. Red Lion pub car park at Tedburn St Mary).

He was currently in contact with MDDC over this topic.

RADDON GROUP

Cllr Stephens would be attending this meeting and asked if there were any Highway matters that the Parish Council would like him to raise ? No matters were raised.

11) PLANNING - CREEDY VIEW 2 – The March 2022 start date had not been achieved due to sourcing materials etc.

22/00673/FULL Woodparks Farm Coppleshill – Change of use of agricultural building to stables
SITE MEETING TO BE ARRANGED

22/00566/LBC West End Creedy Park Sandford
LBC for removal of brick fireplace and installation of wood burning stove
Site Meeting – RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Grants of planning permission

21/02377/HOUSE The Cobbles Church Street Sandford
Alterations to the roof and ancillary accommodation

21/01323/LBC Snows Cottage New Buildings - LBC for the replacement of front and rear external doors and two kitchen windows

21/00276/MFUL Land at NGR 283084 102432 (Fanny's Lane) Sandford - Erection of 13 dwellings to include associated landscaping, public open space and infrastructure

THE CLERK HAD PRINTED OFF THE GRANT OF PERMISSION , AND THE 42 PAGES OF THE S106 AGREEMENT, FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

12) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT

Receipts

Western Power Distribution (Wayleave)	£4.76
Anonymous donation for the Jubilee tree and plaque	£180.00
Georgina Ford (Donation to Jubilee celebrations)	£50.00

Payments

Mr M Vallance Salary	£466.00
(From 1 st April 2022 £475.00)	
Back pay from 1 st April 2021 £97.91 Plus Holiday Pay adjustment £10.64	£108.55
Jubilee Tree £96.55 Plaque £75.00 Postage (Jubilee letters plus stocking up) £68.29	
Use of home (¼) £54.00, Stationery and cards £30.71	£899.10
Nisbets (Parish hall pots and pans) Net £482.34 Vat £96.48	£578.91
Steve Mc Culloch (Grass cutting)	£156.00
DALC (Renewal of subscription)	£283.74
Central Design Ceramics Ltd (Jubilee Mugs Net £719.00 Vat £143.80)	£862.80
Cheques signed by Cllrs Snow and Stoyle.	

13) ROADS AND FOOTPATHS – It was reported that the stone wall on the Furlongs footpath, below Park House, was in need of repair in places to avoid any potential injuries to Walkers

14) BOUNDARY STONES – Cllr Stephens reported that one boundary stone had been completed and it was agreed to place it at Forches Cross to replace the missing one.

15) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Clean for the Queen – 30th April was suggested for this event. Sandford Cubs and Scouts to be invited to join in again.

b) Village furniture – It was agreed the Seat outside St Swithun's, the Bench on the Lynch, and the seat opposite the Lamb needed re-painting (Cllr Lee offered to cover the cost of the seat in the Square).

The Clerk would ask Graham Baker if he could attend to these matters, and also re-attach the plaque to the Diamond Jubilee tree post on the Millennium Green,

16) Date of next Meeting April 7th 2022 at Sandford Community Sports Pavillion at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the Vice - Chairman closed the meeting at 9.37pm.

