

SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Sandford Community Sports Pavillion on 6th JULY 2017.

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

Chairman - Mrs E Dalton
Mesdames – Yeo and Miles
Messrs – Lee , Unstead, Snow, Stephens and Weedon
MDDC Cllr Binks
DCC Cllr M Squires (arrived during the Meeting)
Also present Messrs Webb and Stephens
Mr M Vallance (Parish Clerk)

The Meeting started with a Quiet moment of Contemplation

1) APOLOGIES - Cllrs Harvey, Keast and Ford

1b) DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – None.

1c) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION - The Meeting was attended by Andrew Webb (Contract Manager) and Ross Stephens (Contractor). Andrew Webb gave a brief history of the Pavilion Project including the planning process and the completion of the building. The Parish Council were then Presented with the Contract Managers file, and reports, together with three sets of keys.

A VOTE OF THANKS WAS PROPOSED TO ANDREW BY CLLR STEPHENS AND THIS WAS ENDORSED BY THE FULL COUNCIL.

THE PARISH COUNCIL THEN HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR THE NEW PAVILION. ALSO TO HAVE A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN OF THE HAND OVER OF THE PAPER WORK AND THE KEYS.

(Andrew Webb and Ross Stephens then left the Meeting).

2) OPEN FORUM – No Members of the Public present.

3) PARISH COMMENT BOOK / MATTERS REPORTED TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

Sandford Stores had made an entry in the P.C. Book asking what progress had been made on the requested Parking Space ?

(Dealt with at Item 13).

4) Following correction the MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st June 2017 they were then confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Suggestions for the use of the Mill Lane call Box – The Clerk reported that BT had sent a supply of paint and painting materials. Cllr Yeo had asked Sandford Scouts if they could be interested in taking on the task of repainting the Box ?

The replacement perspex panels were still awaited.

Once the Box had been refurbished a final decision could be made over its future use.

b) Creedy View Car park – Cllrs Miles and Stephens had met with Mr Ian Penny at Veitch Penny for an up date of the present position. They had been advised that Foot Anstey were willing to reduce the payment to be made by Sandford Parish Council towards the Gorwyn's legal fee. A sum of £2600 had been suggested though it was not clear whether this included VAT?

It had also been reported that the suggestion to incorporate a transfer of the Grass Verge to Sandford Parish Hall Committee would only complicate matters at the present time.

The Parish Council also felt it needed to be established what access Matt Escott had been granted, from his land onto the car park, in view of the wooden door that had been erected at the rear of his property directly on to the car park. ?

It was reported that the payment made by Sandford Parish Council, of £1900 on the 6th April 2016, was still held in the Veitch Penny Client's Account. It was pointed out that of this sum £300 was to cover Legal Fees for Summerfield Homes.

To progress matters further it was agreed to write to Ian Penny (Veitch Penny) to seek answers to various outstanding matters :-

- 1) The Parish Council felt that the priority was for them to see, and consider, the Draft Legal Conveyance Document from Foot Anstey.
- 2) The Parish Council had already paid an amount of £1900 still held in the VP Clients Accounts of this it was understood that £300 was to be allocated to Summerfield Homes legal Fees. Would the balance of £1600 still be available to be allocated to the final Gorwyn's Legal Fees ?
- 3) It was noted that the Original TP1 incorrectly showed the Summerfield Homes transfer whereas the TP1 needed to show the Grass Verge AND the Car Park. And refer to land fronting Creedy View (and NOT refer to Brady Close).
- 4) VP had advised the Parish Council they had checked the Land Registry in April 2017. This did show the land transferred to Summerfield Homes or Matt Escott but did not say which parcel of land this referred to and to whom it was transferred.
- 5) In the paper work there had been reference to the new road as BRADY CLOSE this was incorrect and should be "land fronting on to Creedy View".
- 6) Finally the draft transfer from the Gorwyn Trust to Sandford Parish Council had NOT been included.

AS THE PARISH COUNCIL WERE NOW GOING INTO THE SUMMER RECESS IT WAS AGREED TO CALL A MEETING, DURING THE RECESS, IF NEEDED TO DEAL WITH ANY LEGAL MATTERS CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF THE CAR PARK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL.

c) Litter Pick - Cllr Yeo confirmed this had gone off well with the assistance of Sandford Scouts. The turn out of Parish Councillors had been disappointing.

d) Best Gardens Contest – This would be Judged later in July.

6) POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Dave Waring had responded to reports of ongoing Parking Problems in and around Sandford Square :- *"Whilst myself and colleagues understand the frustration that the parking problems are causing to many of the local residents, there is, unfortunately very little that we as the police are able to do. There are no parking restrictions within the square that I know of (signs/lines/notices etc) therefore there is nothing that can be enforced, likewise we are unable to regulate the amount of vehicles that are used or owned by individual households. We can however deal with obstructions (which we have done in the past within the village) however we must be called at the time of the obstruction and actually witness it ourselves)*

Many of the parking regulations were decriminalised several years ago and responsibility was transferred to the local authorities, such as parking on double yellow lines etc. whilst I appreciate

there are no such lines at present within the village, and I understand this is something that the council may be reluctant to consider due to the aesthetic appearance they generate, it may be something to be taken into consideration at the meeting, and if agreed and approved, then once in place then this would be something that the CEO's can be asked to deal with."

DISCUSSED AT ITEM 13.

7) REPLIES - None

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Mr A Gill had submitted his Resignation of Parish Footpath Officer due to family commitments. The Clerk had advertised the Post in The Crossing. The Clerk agreed to write thanking Mr Gill for carrying out these duties and asking him for details of any hours he wished to claim from 31st March 2017 to date.
 - b) Cllr G Ford had sent the Clerk contact details for the person who had dealt with sourcing the Crediton Play Area funding at Newcombes. It was agreed to pursue this contact.
 - c) Mr & Mrs R Tatlock had written regarding Boundary Hedge issues adjacent to their property in Mill Lane. This had been referred on to Simon Trafford (MDDC).
 - d) DCC – Definitive Map Modification Order 2014 (Byway 50) – Following the Planning Inspectorates Hearing a Notice of Confirmation had been made and the Order had been confirmed.
 - e) Mrs S Molesworth had written reporting a further Parking issue outside “Star House” when a lorry had “...torn my main electricity cable out of my wall alongside pieces of stone. The lorry had lost its mirror” she also reported “..a few days ago the Sandford Bus was stuck in the same spot for the same reason”. She requested that either “bollards or yellow lines” be placed at this location.
- MATTER DISCUSSED AT ITEM 13.
- f) MDDC gave details of the LOCAL PLAN REVIEW EXAMINATION HEARING” to take place on 26th - 27th September at Tiverton.
 - g) MDDC had sent the “Building Regulation Certificate of Completion” in respect of the Sandford Community Sports Pavillion.
 - h) Mr S Nicholls advised that he had written to Sandford AFC requesting use of the Football Pitch by Coplestone Youth Team for “next season”. He also gave an update to his his previous letter giving details of 4 boys of the U14 Team who lived in Sandford.
 - I) Devon Communities Together had sent details of “Project Griffin” a Course to discuss Terrorism in the Community been received. The Chairman had signed up to attend this event.

9) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION

- a) Progress Report – The Building had been completed and formally handed over to the Parish Council.
 - I) It was agreed to make enquiries over the possibility of a Fence between the Pavillion and the Play Area to keep dogs out the Play Area ? The Play Area Sub Committee to discuss this.
 - II) Parking Posts – It was noted the previous Parking Posts were not present and it was agreed to make enquiries as to their whereabouts or whether new ones would need to be purchased ?
- b) Funding Update – The Clerk had made the final VAT Claim for the quarter to 30th June 2017. Sandford Tennis Club had made a donation of £100.
Benches – These needed to be installed before the Opening and it was reported this was in hand.
- c) Opening (8th July 2017) – Final arrangements were made for the Opening by Jack Yeandle (Captain of the Exeter Chiefs). It was also agreed to advertise that the Community Room was available for use by Parish Organisations.
- d) Allocation of funding from Sandford Celebration Fund to cover costs of the Opening – A sum of £200 was agreed to cover scrapbook, photographs, celebration cakes, book token for the Opener and Andrew Webb.

e) Protocol for Sandford AFC accepting Bookings for the Field/Community Room – It was agreed this still needed to be resolved. The Clerk had looked on line for samples used by other playing field owners. It was agreed to take advice from Martin Rich (Devon Communities).

10) PLANNING

17/00871/FULL Yarmleigh Farm Sandford
Erection of an agricultural livestock building (480 sq.m.)
NO OBJECTION

17/01050/FULL Pelistry Farm Copplestone
Erection of an agricultural feed bin
NO OBJECTION

Approval

17/00851NMW Endfield Farm New Buildings
Non material 14/01756/OUT amendment to change external finishes – Reserved matters for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling following Outline permission

Simon Trafford (MDDC Planning Officer) had sent an update on the “Creedy Bridge” Planning application :-

“As officers we have been working through application submission made under reference: 17/00348/MOUT, and at our last meeting we indicated that the application as submitted was not supportable in policy terms. As a result Gleasons have agreed to an extension of time for the determination of the application whilst they consider amending the terms of their application proposals. On this basis I would expect to receive revised details in July. Further consultation with local stakeholders, including the Parish Council would then follow on any revised details”.

11) TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

MDDC Cllr Binks gave an update on recent planning matters and also the suggestion to hold another Meeting to discuss Parking issues at Crofts.

12) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Lloyd's Bank (Interest June 2017) £0.35

Payments

Mr M Vallance Salary £444.63, Use of Home as Office £54.00, Holiday Pay £556.08,
Postage £26.12, Stationery £24.80 £1105.63
Mr S McCulloch (Grass cutting) £127.50
Mr M Vallance Salary (3rd August 2017) £444.63

13) ROADS & FOOTPATHS

Discussion took place over recent incident's when the Sandford Bus had been unable to gain access through the Square due to Parking issues on the narrow corner at Star House. Also at the Entrance to the Square at the top of Rose and Crown Hill Hill.

There had also been (see Item 8e) a recent incident across from Star House when the electrical cable at 1 Prospect Place had been torn down and the wing mirror belonging to a lorry trying to gain access, had been damaged.

Concern was once again expressed over Residents and Visitors badly parking and thus causing these issues on a regular basis.

It was felt once again that Residents should only Park ONE Vehicle in n the Square. It was noted some Residents had up to four vehicles parked there on a regular basis. The extra vehicles could be parked at the New Village Car Park at Creedy View.

Discussion took place as to the best way forward and requests for a Meeting to discuss these issues.

County Councillor Margaret confirmed she was actively pursuing the problems and her email to the Clerk dated 3rd Jul7 2017 set out the present position :-

“ At the HATOC (Highways and Traffic Order Committee) meeting last week. There was a request for the parking bay for the shop and restrictions for the bottom of Church street/entrance to the square entered for the County Traffic Order. I told them that we wanted the junction at Rose and Crown with the square also entered and the other end of the square by Star House. I have since emailed in the request. Hopefully this will be enter into the scheme for this financial year. The schemes need to be put forward and consulted on before being progressed, so we are probably looking to the winter before we see anything in place”

**RESOLVED – TO AWAIT THE OUCOME OF THE REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC ORDER BEING DISCUSSED BY THE DCC HATOC COMMITTEE.
ALSO TO ONCE AGAIN REQUEST THAT RESIDENTS OF THE SQUARE DID NOT PARK MORE THAN ONE VEHICLE IN THE SQUARE.
TO REQUEST PARISHIONERS TO REPORT ANY OBSTRUCTION TO THE POLICE WHEN THEY OCCUR NOT AFTERWARDS.**

14) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The Defibrillator had now been installed and it was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Dave Totterdell for undertaking this task.
- b) It was reported that Sandford AFC had 12 Chairs currently in storage which could be used at the Community Pavillion.
- c) Dog Signs for the Creedy View Play area would be ordered.

15) Date of next Meeting (A Planning Meeting if needed was set for 14th August 2017)

Other wise the date of the next Meeting would be 7th September 2017.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.33pm.