

SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Sandford Congregational Church Hall on 7th September 2017.

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

Chairman - Mrs E Dalton

Messrs – Lee , Unstead, Snow, Harvey, Stoye and Stephens (arrived during the Meeting)

MDDC Cllr Binks (Arrived during the Meeting)

Chairman of MDDC – Cllr P Heal

One Parishioner.

Mr M Vallance (Parish Clerk)

The Meeting started with a Quiet moment of Contemplation

1) APOLOGIES – Councillors Weedon, Ford, Miles, Keast and Yeo. Citty Cllr M Squires

1a) DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – Cllr Lee (Creedy View Car Park)

Also when he arrived Cllr Stephens declared an interest in Creedy View Car Park and also 17/00871/FULL Yarmleigh Farm Sandford - Erection of agricultural livestock building

1b) At this point the Chairman welcomed Cllr Peter Heal (Chairman of MDDC) who explained that he was in the process of visiting all 42 Parishes in Mid Devon.

Cllr Heal updated the Council on the key personnel at MDDC also on the structure of the Cabinet led Council.

He reported on a number of recent service delivery requirements including the 2017 Local Plan Review which The Inspector would consider during September.

(Post Meeting note – The Local Plan Review has subsequently been postponed).

Questions were then raised by the Parish Council on matters including :-

- Planning
- Dog Bins
- Council Tax Revenue
- Merger of local District Councils'

The Chairman thanked Cllr Heal for attending and he stayed for the rest of the Meeting.

2) OPEN FORUM – No matters raised

3) PARISH COMMENT BOOK / MATTERS REPORTED ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE PLUS MATTERS REPORTED TO THE CLERK AND PARISH COUNCILLORS.

An entry had been made in the Parish Comment Book respect of an incident when a dog had run out of the Millennium Green, under the gate at the Village end, and in doing so had been killed by a passing car.

A suggestion was made that the space below the Gates should be blocked off ?

IT WAS AGREED TO REFER THIS MATTER TO THE MILLENNIUM GREEN COMMITTEE FOR THEM TO CONSIDER.

MJV

The Clerk had received a phone call to say that a Resident at Crofts had tripped in a pothole on the footpath at Crofts. On phoning MDDC they had been told this was a DCC Highways matter. The Clerk had agreed to pursue the matter and on contacting DCC Highways he had been told that as this was a MDDC Estate it was their responsibility. He had gone back to MDDC and reported the matter and on the next day MDDC had arrived and carried out the necessary repairs to the footpath.

4) The MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting, held on 6th July 2017, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

5) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Suggestions for the use of the Mill Lane Call Box – A response was still awaited as to whether the Scouts would take on the task of re-painting the Call Box. **PY**

The Clerk had received a phone call from the Parish Clerk at Spreyton who had said they were in the process of turning their Call Box into an Information Centre.

b) Creedy View Car park – The Chairman gave an update on developments since the July Meeting though matters still remained unresolved.

There were still problems arising from the “Summerfield Land” not having been transferred across. Discussion also took place about how the Parish Council could finance the Legal Fees that would be faced with and how the amount already paid had been allocated ?

An email had been received from Mary Ellis (Gorwyn Trust) pressing the Parish Council for a speedy conclusion to these matters.

IT WAS AGREED THAT CLLRS DALTON, LEE AND STEPHENS WOULD MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET AT VEITCH PENNYTO PURSUE OUTSTANDING MATTERS.

AT THE SAME TIME IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT, ASSUMING ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES WERE PULLED TOGETHER, THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION AT THEIR NEXT MEETING ON THE 5TH OCTOBER 2017. ED

c) Best Gardens Contest – This had gone off well and the Prizes had been awarded by the Chairman of the Parish Council at the Sandford Flower Show.

d) Pavillion Opening – This had been a great success and the Clerk had now completed the Scrapbook to include the Building Works and the Opening Ceremony. The Clerk had circulated a schedule showing that Pavillion Opening Expenses had come in at £172.44 (£200.00 allocated from the Parish Celebration fund). A Vote of Thanks was proposed to the Clerk for making all the necessary arrangements.

e) Meeting to discuss Parking in the Square and recent Parking issues – A successful Meeting with the DCC Highways Committee (HATOC) had taken place in August.

Ctty Cllr Margaret Squires had written a report that had appeared in The Crossing :-

Waiting restrictions in the square.

Some of the residents of the Parish rely on the bus to get anywhere it is not all of us have a car at our disposal. Sandford is well served by the 369 and the opportunity to travel to Crediton and Exeter through the day – there are other of villages locally who only see a service bus once a week. From Crediton and Exeter there are obviously other buses allowing travel further away. This to some people is a lifeline.

In recently times there have been occasions when the bus has had difficulty entering the square because of parked cars. I as well as others have witnessed the bus stopped and the driver knocking on doors to find the drivers of the vehicles to get them moved. It is not just the bus that can't get through but all large vehicles – it could be a fire engine one day.

*The concerns have been raised with the Parish Council a number of times over the years and unfortunately it has reached the situation that we are looking at a Traffic Order for some **double yellow lines**.*

The lines are proposed in three locations

1. *At the bottom of Church street to prevent cars mounting the kerb on the opposite side of the road*
2. *At the junction from Rose and Crown Hill into the square – also to prevent parking on the pavement*
3. *From Crofts direction towards the Square*

There is also a proposal for a restricted waiting area to serve the shop.

THE PARISH COUNCIL WERE PLEASED THAT ,AT LAST, PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE.

THE CLERK WAS INSTRUCTED TO WRITE TO CLLR SQUIRES TO RECORD THE APPRECIATION OF THE PARISH FOR HER EFFORTS IN DEALING WITH THIS MATTER ON THIER BEHALF.

The Clerk had been told that this 369 Bus Route was up for Re-Tender in September 2017.

f) Parish Footpath Officer – Mr S McCullough had spoken to Mr A Gill over the possibility of taking on this Role and would let the Clerk know his decision by the end of September.

6) POLICE MATTERS

It was reported that cars were being driven at high speed and leaving tyre marks on the lane in lower New buildings which could be considered a danger to all who use the lane either on foot or in vehicles. Young children use the lane and access the play park at the top of the lane.

There appeared to be several cars being repaired in the vicinity which may account for the increase in speeding traffic.

IT WAS AGREED TO PASS ON THESE COMMENTS TO DAVE WARING THE COMMUNITY POILCEMAN.

MV

ALSO THE MATTER OF CAR REPAIRS WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AT MDDC.

MV

7) REPLIES - None

8) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Sandford AFC had sent a copy letter they had written to a prospective Hirer (Coppleshone Utd Youth F.C) , over unavailability of the Football Pitch on a regular basis.

An email response from the prospective Hirer (Coppleshone Utd Youth F.C) had been received.

THIS RESPONSE FROM MR S NICHOLLS (Coppleshone Utd Youth F.C) HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN.

Mr Nicholls had subsequently written to the Clerk, as had Sandford AFC, to say that as the pitch was not being used on 9th September 2017 it had been agreed to let Coppleshone Utd Youth F.C use it on that occasion.

b) Sandford AFC had sent details of the payment for Benches £850 (Nil VAT) plus £300 = £1150. (This would be included in the latest DCC Locality Grant application being submitted by Cllr Dalton). **ED**

c) Sandford Crossing – Notice had been received of the intention of the current Editorial Team to step down in May 2019. They asked anyone interested in taking over to make contact with them

d) Grant Thornton (External Auditors (2016/2017) - Various requests, for further Pavilion information, had been received during the Summer Recess and the Clerk had responded accordingly.

Following this more data had been requested and this had also been submitted.

AS NO RESPONSE HAD BEEN RECEIVED THE CLERK HAD WRITTEN TO ENQUIRE HOW MUCH LONGER IT WAS LIKELY TO BE BEFORE THE 2016/2017 ACCOUNTS WOULD BE SIGNED OFF ? THE ANNUAL RETURN HAD BEEN SUBMITTED AFTER THE MAY 2017 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

e) Devon Communities Together gave details of Parish Plan Events coming off.

It was agreed to write to Michael Elliott so see if he would still be interested in assisting in putting together a NEIGHBOUR HOOD PLAN ? **MV**

f) MDCC Gave details of Code of Conduct/Standards Training (Crediton 8/11 or 22/11 7 – 9 pm). The Chairman reported that she hoped to attend.

g) Charlesworth Nicholls & Co – Notification had been received of the Retirement of Mary Nation

h) Creedy Protection Group – The 2016 Report, including Comments on previous planning application at Pedlars Pool, had been received and an electronic copy had been circulated to Councillors.

It was understood an Outline Planning Application at “Creedy Bridge” was expected in October 2017.

I) Mrs M Ellis – Creedy Park car park (Dealt with at Item 5(b)).

j) “Housing Help” - Details of an Event on 10th October 5 -6.30pm, at Tiverton, had been received.

k) Veitch Penny & Co had sent the TP1 for the transfer of the Play Area at Creedy View confirming the Land Registry entry finalising the transfer.

l) DALC – Annual Report/Conference 10th October 2017 – The Chairman agreed to attend this event and it was noted that the successful completion of the Sandford Community Sports Pavillion featured in the Annual Report.

9) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION

a) Fence between the Pavillion and the Play Area – It was agreed to make enquires over the erection of a fence although it was pointed out that this area also formed access to the Disabled Toilets. **ML**

Parking Posts / Benches Invoice (£850 paid by Sandford AFC) – See Item 8 (b).

b) Funding Update – The Clerk reported that the final Invoice, from Ross Stephens, had been received and paid for Pavillion Account on 23rd August 2017 for £7329.30

This meant that the Pavillion Account currently stood at £1556.05

Plus VAT to be claimed at the end of September 2017 £1221.55

Plus DCC Locality Grant in the process of being claimed £2000.00

Total £4777.60

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c) Protocol for Bookings for the Field/Community Room – The Clerk had been informed by Martin Rich (Devon Communities Together) that other King George Field did charge for use of their facilities. On his advice the Clerk had written to The Charity Commission for their comments. **MV**

10) PLANNING

17/1180/CAT Mill Cottage Mill Lane Sandford
Notification to fell 1 fir tree and remove 1 silver birch tree within the Conservation Area

Grants of permission were noted :-

17/00729/FULL Hill View Farm New Buildings
Retention of covered yard for livestock

17/00871/FULL Yarmleigh Farm Sandford
Erection of agricultural livestock building

17/01050/FULL Pelistry Farm Copplestone

Erection of an agricultural feed bin.
17/00885/HOUSE 9 Linhay Park Sandford
Erection of single storey extension

Appeal Ref: APP/Y1138/W/17/3171712 Building adjacent to Glentor, Barnstaple Cross, Crediton,
Devon EX17 2EP APPEAL DISMISSED

11) TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & SUB COMMITTEES

- a) Finance Sub Committee – No Meeting had yet taken place.
- b) Play Area – Cllr Harvey reported that the Bus had been re-instated. The concrete mound that had been mentioned was in fact the original concrete base to the Roundabout. Cllr Stephens offered his assistance to remove the concrete mound. It was agreed to dispose of the Slide as Scrap.
- c) MDDC Judi Binks advised that she was aware of the matter of a Parishioner tripping on the footpath at Crofts and was dealing with this with MDDC.. The future of the Crofts garages was also being discussed as most of them were now being used for storage. One suggestion that had been made was to demolish the garages and form a storage facility and a parking area ?

12) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Lloyd's Bank (Interest July 2017)	£0.20
Lloyd's Bank (Interest August 2017)	£0.19
Sandford Flower Show (Donation toward Pavilion)	£100.00
Donations towards Celebration Cake (2x £20)	£40.00

Payments

Mr M Vallance Salary £444.63, Dog signs £31.92 ,Best Gardens prize money £26	
Pavilion Opening Expenses £212.44	£714.99
Mr S McCulloch (Grass cutting)	£135.00
SLCC (Annual Subscription)	£93.00
Cheques signed by Cllrs Stephens and Stoye	
Cheque drawn on Pavillion Account 23 rd August 2017	
Ross Stephens (Final invoice)	£7329.30
Cheque signed by Cllrs Yeo and Harvey	

13) ROADS & FOOTPATHS Footpath No 28(B) – The Clerk had received a phone call to say that the Footpath between Priorton Court and Priorton Mill had been “built over”. The Caller had contacted DCC Footpath Officer to advise them.

14) ANY OTHER BUSINESS – None

15) Date of next Meeting 5th October 2017

There being no other business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.40 pm