

## SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held at SANDFORD PARISH HALL, 7.30pm, on WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023.

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

Vice Chairman – D. Hope

DCC Cllr M Squires (left during the Meeting)

Messrs - R Stoye, J Stephens. M Snow and S Haley (arrived during the Meeting)

Mesdames – E Dalton, G Ford, P Larcombe and S Miles

No Parishioners Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance

1) APOLOGIES - Cllrs M. Lee and B Fyfe

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

- 1) Following a correction, to add one attendee (MDDC Cllr E Lloyd) and correction of the APM date as 23<sup>rd</sup> March, the MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting, held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023, were also confirmed and signed by the Vice- Chairman as a true record.

2) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) 20's Plenty Signs – [The way ahead to be discussed by the new Parish Council.](#)

b) Sandford Congregational Church – It was understood that the property was on offer to turn it into a holiday home and the prospective owner was keen to discuss the purchase of the Hall by Sandford Parish Council.

[The way ahead to be discussed by the new Parish Council](#)

c) 2023 Coronation of HM King Charles 111

The Working party had met and reported :-

Coronation Day Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> - The field and pavilion would be available for use.

Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> – Church Service followed by the Coronation tree on the grass bank at the entrance to Creedy View. Followed by a “glass of fizz” at the Parish Hall.

A flowering cherry tree had been ordered similar to the Jubilee tree and the order had been placed. Due to the planting season the tree would arrive ahead of the Coronation and would need to be planted straight away.

Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> – Coronation Boundary Walk and Beating the Bounds (Part 1)

(Start time to be confirmed). Route Parish hall, Longbarn, Pedlars Pool (ceremony and dedication of new stone by Bernie Butterfield with Sandford cider).

Then proceed by Stonewall Lane, the Millennium path and head to New Buildings to join the Coronation Tea,

Part 2 would take place later in the Summer.

A Certificate would be awarded to all those taking part.  
4.00pm Beacon Church New Buildings Coronation Tea to include entertainment  
Angela Crooke had this in hand and there was an invitation to all Parishioners to attend.  
Donations of cakes and tray bakes would be appreciated.

Instead of mugs it was agreed to present pupils attending Sandford School with packets of wild seeds for planting.

Donations had been received from Parishioners to cover the cost of a Coronation Banner and a Selfie Frame.

One final Coronation meeting was planned for 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm.

d) Boundary Stones – The new Stones would be erected over the next few weeks and Cllr Stephens confirmed their locations which were agreed.  
(Pedlars Pool opposite the Rugby pitch, Pedlars Pool Island, Forches Cross, and Upper Deck)  
A new mile stone (small with no wording) had been discovered in the hedge at Preston, East Village.  
The post gifted by Georgina Ford as a new Boundary Stone was being discussed with Stephens Monumental Masons in Crediton.

e) Annual Parish Meeting – Due to a late start 8.00pm (the hall was in use earlier in the evening) there had been a poor turn out.  
Sandford AFC had not attended to present their accounts and the Clerk was asked to chase for these.

f) 2023 Parish Elections would take place on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.  
It was understood that there was to be an Election for Parish Councillors.  
The Clerk confirmed that £2000 had been included in the 2023/2024 Precept to cover the estimated Election costs.

g) Grass cutting quotes 2023 – Just one (of three) had submitted a quotation.  
It was therefore unanimously agreed to accept the one from Steve McCulloch.

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

After the Annual Parish Meeting the Clerk had been asked who decided which parish organisations present their accounts ?  
Why were the accounts for Sandford Stores not presented as due to them not having a website these could not be viewed “on line”.  
It was agreed to discuss Presentation of Parish Accounts ahead of the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting.

5) OPEN FORUM – No parishioners present.

6) POLICE MATTERS – No new matters reported

## 7) REPLIES

a) Mervyn Leach had requested further information on the 369 Bus during the “cold spell” and the Clerk had sent this on to him

b) Mid Devon Mobility had sent a letter of thanks for their donation of £250.

c) Alistair Laird (MDDC Planning) had sent an update on the proposed planning timetable for the “Crofts Zed Pods”.

The application would now be discussed by the MDDC Planning Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> April instead of “late May” which had seemed a very quick time scale based on current planning applications received.

Questions had been asked as to why this application appeared to be “fast tracked” ?

The Clerk had been told that as all the necessary information had been received the application was able to be discussed at an earlier date.

**(See item 11 Planning)**

d) ROSPA – The 2023 Safety report had been carried out at “Creedy View”, Play area and the Outdoor Gym.

A copy of the report had been circulated to the Parish Council for consideration by the Play area subcommittee.

The Clerk asked whether a paper copy of the report was needed ?

It was not felt this was necessary as it was already held electronically.

## 8) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Belfield Homes had written regarding the “Gifting of land” to the Parish at the top of “Snows”.

When this had previously been discussed although the Millennium Green were happy to acquire this land, they had asked whether the “Gifting” would cover all legal fees and it was agreed to point this out to the Developers.

b) The Road Safety Trust - Details of Grants had been received.

c) PKF Littlejohn – Notification of the 2022/2023 external audit and annual return had been received.

d) The Valuation Agency had sent an enquiry regarding the Sports Pavilion and the Clerk agreed to respond.

## 9) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION & PLAY AREA

Discussion took place over the suggestion to remove the Litter bin (Percy Penguin) at Creedy View play area on the understanding that people took their litter home.

It was agreed to discuss this matter when dealing with the recommendations of the ROSPA report.

## 10) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & WORKING GROUPS

DCC - Before she left the meeting Cllr M Squires drew attention to potential cuts to the Mobile Library Service and stressed the need for individuals to respond to this proposal by Friday 26 May.

MDDC Cllr E Lloyd confirmed that the planning application for Zed Pods at Crofts had been approved and advised the Parish Council to pursue the proposed meeting with the MDDC Housing Officer to discuss planning issues.

(The Clerk advised that he had already sent three requests for this meeting).

Cllr Lloyd advised that she would not be standing for re-election, She stressed the need for the Parish Council to urgently pursue the matter of S106 funds from “Weavers Way” being diverted to the Crediton Clean Air funding. She thanked the Parish Council for their support during her time as MDDC Cllr for Sandford. In return a vote of thanks was also proposed to Cllr Lloyd for all the support she had provided to Sandford during a difficult time.

## 11) PLANNING

23/00226/LBC            Preston Bridge Cottage East Village

LBC for installation of 9 replacement windows

**NO OBJECTION**

23/00484/LBC            Sandford Ash Copplestone

LBC for reinstatement and re-placement of roof covering

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

### **Grants of Planning Permission**

22/02220/MFUL Land at NGR 283084 102432 (Fanny's Lane) Sandford Devon

Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 21/00276/MFUL - Erection of 13 dwellings to include associated landscaping, public open space and infrastructure - Substitution of agreed drawings to incorporate revised site drawings.

(This was despite strenuous objections from Sandford Parish Council also from individual Parish Councillors, and residents of “Creedy View”).

**THIS APPLICATION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY MDDC PLANNING AND PERMISSION HAD BEEN GRANTED.**

There were still outstanding issues concerning this development e.g., footpath, ownership of Public Open Space, Management Committee responsibilities etc.

It was agreed to discuss these issues with Adrian Devereaux (MDDC Planning), and Richard Spurway (DCC Footpath Officer).

Cllr Stephens agreed to convene a meeting with Justin Denno (Developer)..1

23/00119/FULL Land and Garages at NGR 282671 102585 Crofts Estate Sandford

Erection of 5 affordable dwellings following demolition of existing garages with associated parking, landscaping and works

**THIS APPLICATION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY MDDC PLANNING EARLIER IN THE DAY AND PERMISSION HAD BEEN GRANTED.**

23/00151/FULL Hill View Farm New Buildings

Erection of stables

## 12) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

### Receipts

Lloyds Bank Interest (March 2023)	£12.05
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### Payments

St Swithun's PCC - Donation towards "Sandford 500" Celebrations	£200.00
Mr M J Vallance Salary £557.00 Use of Home as Office £54.00	
Ink cartridges £126.99 Postage £16.32 Stationery, cards etc £49.74	
Stamps pre purchased before price increase £36.96	£841.02
Mr M J Valance – Coronation Tree £70.76 Plaque £77.00	
Keepsakes £142.95	£307.89
ROSPA – Safety report	£295.20

Cheques signed by Cllr Miles and Snow.

Ministry of Play – Play equipment installation (final invoice)	£23620.87
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It was agreed that this invoice could be paid mid-month once funding arrived from MDDC.

## 13) Any other business

On behalf of the Parish Council the Vice Chairman thanked Cllrs E. Dalton, M. Lee, and S. Haley, who would be standing down at the May Elections, for their time spend serving the Parish Council and Sandford Parish

## 14) Date of next Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> May Local Elections.

It was agreed to hold the first Meeting of the new Parish Council, at the Sports Pavilion, on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the Vice Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.00pm

