

**Sandford Parish Council: Projects Committee**

**Meeting Date:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

**Minutes:**

Present: Cllrs, John Crooks, Jim Stephens, David Crosby, Richard Ward and Mr Charlie Werner

Apologies: Paul Sandys

**1) Meeting Chair.**

Richard Ward was nominated Jim Stephens, seconded David Crosby to chair the meeting.

**2) Weavers Way / Furlongs Footpath – Update**

All works pending the transfer of the land to the Parish Council. JS is keeping the pressure on the solicitors (Gilbert Stephens). The land gifting is in the original deed of sale to the developer. It was acknowledged that one of the bigger trees on site would need some work to make safe. It was also intended to plant some apple trees.

It was agreed to ask Jay Northfield for a price to complete the whole path and to also get a price for trees and planting to go to the December Parish Council. Action: Cllr Stephens

There has been a request for councillors to meet with Jay Northfield. A site meeting to be arranged for either Friday 29<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Agreed also to invite Charlie Werner and Steve McCulloch.

It was also noted that this was the first stage in creating an LCWIP to join up a footpath / cycle route into Crediton to link with the Boniface trail. It was agreed to put a proposal to the full council to signal our intent to develop such a route. Action: Cllr Ward

**3) VE Celebration plans/ideas**

A number of options were discussed to mark VE Day. It was agreed that a street party in Sandford Village would be an appropriate idea. The suggested date for the celebration is Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed to make a provisional booking of the village hall and to ask the community for people willing to help organise the party.

Charlie said that the Millennium Green was 25 next year and the Green committee were planning a celebration in June. There is a meeting to consider options on 19/11.

Charlie Werner left the meeting.

**4) Drainage Football Pitch**

It was agreed to approach a drainage consultant to identify the options to make good the playing field drainage. It was agreed to approach Martin Bragg. Action: Cllr Crooke.

One of the main problems in creating a long-term solution is that the drains would get damaged as soon as farm machinery was driven over them. Cllr Crosby offered a solution where the drain was dug along the touchline with drains from the pitch feeding in. The water could escape in one main fully protected drain from the touchline to the stream.

**5) Shute stream jetting**

Cllr Stephens is getting a price for the work to jet under the bridge at shute stream. It was generally felt that this was the job of DCC, but they had proved very unhelpful in the past. It was agreed to make one more approach to Steve Tucker at DCC Highways and to approach the EA who are responsible for flooding. Action: Cllr Ward.

## 6) Scout Hut plans to improve condition

The proposal has come about to provide a new meeting space and to provide a facility to support the youth of Sandford. Cllr Stephens agreed to sound out the scouts via Steve Haley and Martin Rose to explore the rebuild of the scout hut.

It was also suggested that if the Parish Hall was sound proofed between the main hall and the annex that meetings could run alongside the activity in the hall at the same time. It was agreed to suggest the idea to members of the Parish Hall committee. Action: Cllr Stephens & Cllr Ward.

## 7) Neighbourhood Plan update

November Parish Council meeting wanted to have a meeting with another Parish who had gone through the process because they were concerned about the overall cost. It was noted that the amount of money spent on the plan depends on the complexity of the plan and the ability to work to a price. Cllr Ward has a meeting with Richard Marsh at MDDC to establish the support that the council will provide.

Cllr Ward wished to thank the council for providing the above extra work.

## 8) AOB

### a. Precept Proposals:

- i. Budget to support the road warden and a lengthsman budget. Action: Cllr Ward
- ii. Budget for flower displays at the entrance to Sandford and East Village. Action: Cllr Ward.
- iii. LCWIP development. Action: Cllr Ward
- iv. Proper maintenance programme for council assets Action: Cllr Ward.
- v. VE Day and other Parish celebrations. Action: All

### b. Play area maintenance

Cllr Crosby, Sandys and Ward ran the first monthly inspection of the play areas. The ROSPA report findings have not been carried out so far. It was agreed to put a proposal to the Parish Council in December to adopt a schedule of inspection and also to fund the actions identified by the audit. Action: Cllr Ward

### c. Signposts

Several are in a poor state of repair and or need cleaning. Contact DCC Highways. Action: Cllr Ward