SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish took place this day Thursday 28th March 2024 at Sandford Parish Hall.

Chair – Richard Ward Parish Councillors - D. Hope. R Stoyle,

D Crosby, P Sandys, J Stephens, B Fyfe, J Crooke, and L Hooper

17 Parishioners, Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance

1. Opening Remarks - Richard Ward (Chair) introduced himself and welcomed all to the Meeting and especially the 11 who had been Nominated to receive Sandford Recognition Awards.

He then went on to Present Certificates to Nominees:

Steve McCulloch Green work

Di Martin Green/shop/weeding

Margaret Phillips 200 Club and charity fund raising

Steve Voysey Sandford AFC

Francis Warren Sandford AFC

Chris O’Connor Sandford Scene FC Page

Chris Theedom Sandford Cricket Club

Strawberry Fair Team FOSS

Volunteers Sandford Stores

Not present :-

Jean Hope Care given (St Swithun’s)

Seb Pope Quiz night/charity fund raising

The Nominees were then Congratulated, and “Toasted”, by those attending and they, and their Supporters. left the Meeting.

1. Apologies MDDC Cllr H Tuffin. SPC Cllrs S Miles, P Larcombe, M Snows

1. Declarations of Interest - None

1. The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, held on 23rd March 2023, which had been circulated were then approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

Proposed Brian Fyfe, 2nd Jim Stephens, and carried

Matters arising:

1. Coronation of King Charles lll – A Boundary (part) Walk had taken place at which three new Boundary Stones had been installed at “Pedlars Pool”, top of Jockey Hill on the junction with Stonewall Lane, and at “Upper Deck”.

The Walk ended with a Coronation Tea Party which had taken place (due to weather) in the Parish Hall. Entertainment, food, and a Coronation Cake had been provided. It was agreed this was a huge success, well attended, and would go down in History as a Major Parish Event.

A special Service had taken place at St Swithun’s followed by the planting of a Coronation tree at the entrance to “Creedy View”.

Children at Sandford School had been presented with special packs of Wild Seeds for planting

1. “Weavers Way” – There had been major Planning issues over this development.

It was understood that the Builders would be “offsite” at the end of March 2024 and some homes were already being occupied.

Outstanding issues included the link down on to the “Furlongs Footpath” and also the “gifting” the land at the back of “Snows” to Sandford Parish Council

1. Chairman’s annual report 2024

1. Presentation of Accounts for Sandford Parish Council The Clerk presented the SPC Accounts to 31st March 2023 showing at balance of £25,657.20. These were then Adopted by the Meeting. Proposed Jim Stephens, 2nd Paul Sandys, and carried.

1. Beacon Lighting to mark the 80th Anniversary of D Day - Angela Crooke gave a brief report on the Lighting of the Sandford Beacon at Beacon Church on 6th June 2024.

This would follow the line of previous Beacon Lightings, with entertainment, food and refreshments. A Cider Bar and a Hog Roast.

1. Questions and matters raised from members of the public:-

These centred on the “Crofts Parking Review” following the grant of Planning permission for 7 “Zed Pods” on the site of the “Crofts Car Park”.

Letters were being sent out by Mid Devon Housing, to Residents, setting out recommendations to increase Car Parking spaces. A “Drop in” event was planned at Sandford Parish Hall on 17th April 2024 (4pm to 6pm)

FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS