

SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Sandford Congregational Church Hall on 4th January 2018.

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

Chairman - Cllr E Dalton

Messrs – Harvey, Lee, Weedon, Snow, Stephens, and Unstead.

Mesdame Yeo MDDC Cllr J Binks DCC Cllr M Squires

One Parishioner Mr M Vallance (Parish Clerk)

1) APOLOGIES – Mesdames Keast, Ford and Miles

1a) DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS - Cllr Lee “Creedy View” Car Park (Personal Interest)
also Sandford Community Sports Pavillion Fencing Estimate (Personal Interest).

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.

PARISH COMMENT BOOK – The following entries were made :-

a) Why was the previously reported Coffee Sign still outside the Lamb Inn in the Sandford Conservation Area?

b) Why had a Satellite dish been erected on a property in the Square which was also in the Conservation Area ? Other properties in the Square had fixed their dishes to the rear of their properties.

IT WAS AGREED TO REFER BOTH MATTERS TO THE CONSRVATION OFFICER AT MDDC.

c) Regret was expressed over the lack of a Christmas Tree in Sandford Square, outside the Lamb Inn, and Parishioners being asked to pay for soup and mince pies.

CLLR STEPHENS MADE A PROPOSAL THAT 2018 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS BE FORMALLY DISCUSSED, BY THE PARISH COUNCIL, AT THE OTCOBER 2018 MEETING.THIS PROPOSAL WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

MATTERS REPORTED TO THE CLERK

The Clerk reported on posters that had been placed, on the 369 Bus, by Dartline advising that the bus would be unable to access Sandford Square on Sundays 14th, 21st, and 28th February.

HE HAD POINTED OUT TO DARTLINE THAT THE SANDFORD 369 BUS DID NOT RUN ON A SUNDAY.

At the same time they had said that Passengers instead would have to walk and catch the Bus at West Lodge. The Clerk had pointed out to Dartline this was impractical and suggested on future occasions, when the bus could not access the Village, it picked up and dropped off at the entrance to the Playing Field as Turners had previously done when needed..

- 4) To confirm MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th December 2017
The Minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 5) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None (Covered on Agenda)
- 6) POLICE MATTERS – Matters needing attention – Parking on Back Lane (See item 8b)
- 7) REPLIES

a) Sandford Congregational Church and St Swithun's Church had both sent letter of thanks for their Churchyard grants.

b) Grant Thornton – A reply had been received regarding the Complaint over the time taken to carry out the 2016/2017 Audit and the Cost (£400).

Grant Thornton explained that as there had been a large increase in the Income and Expenditure for 2016/2017, for the Sports Pavillion, this meant that the External Audit had taken up a lot more of their time.

In addition they had needed to satisfy themselves that the Tendering Process had been conducted correctly.

The usual Fee was £150 and this had risen to £400 for 2016/2017 and no where covered the time and costs they had incurred.

AFTER DISCUSSION THE PARISH COUNCIL ACCEPTED THE EXPLANATION AND AGREED TO DRAW A CHEQUE TO COVER THE FEE OF £400 FROM THE NEXT MEETING.

c) Veitch Penny – A request had been received for an update on the acquisition of the Creedy View car park. ? **(DEALT WITH AT ITEM 15).**

d) Kit Elliott- Cameron advised that the cost of the materials to construct a skateboard bowl was approx £700. **IT WAS AGREED TO TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN DISCUSSING THE PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT AND ADVISE KIT THAT WE WOULD BE LOOKING INTO POSSIBLE FUNDING STREAMS.**

8) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Charlotte Lintell requested details of the proposals for Yellow Lines in the Square and the Clerk had responded.

b) Liz Couzens – Reports had been received of Parking problems on Back Lane including photographs of large vehicles having problems navigating the narrow road.

THE CLERK HAD PASSED THESE DETAILS ON TO THE COMMUNITY POLICEMAN WHO HAD RESPONDED TO SAY HE WAS UNABLE TO HELP.

It was also reported that there was a Fallen tree on Snows footpath. **THE CLERK HAD REFERRED THIS MATTER ON TO THE PARISH PATHS WARDEN.**

c) B.T. Gave details of their intention to remove the New Buildings call box. As this was not one of the old red call boxes there was not an option for the Parish Council to Adopt the Box. However if the box could be used for a “suitable use”, like the installation of a Defibrillator, consideration would be given to the Parish Council to acquire the Box. **THE PARISH COUNCIL FELT THAT THE INSTALLATION OF A DEFIBRILATOR AT NEW BUILDINGS WAS A GOOD IDEA. CLLR UNSTEAD AGREED TO SPEAK TO THE LANDOWNERS CONCERNED.**

9) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION

A joint Meeting, with Sandford AFC, was set for 8th January 2018 to discuss :-

- a) Fence between the Pavillion and the Play Area
- b) Parking Posts
- b) Protocol for accepting Bookings for the Field/Community Room
- c) Tables and Chairs.
- d) Heating and Any other related matters

A request had been received from Sandford AFC to erect a Tractor shed (used for grass cutting) on the Playing Field against the hedge at the far end of the field adjacent to Meadowside Road.

THIS WAS AGREED. PROPOSED CLLR STEPHENS, 2ND CLLR YEO, AND CARRIED

10) PLANNING

New Revised Scheme

17/01876/HOUSE The Cottage New Buildings

Erection of a single storey extension to rear **NO OBJECTION**

17/01976/LBC Barn Orchard Coppleshone

LBC for the conversion of barn and erection of extension (revised scheme) **NO OBJECTION**

17/01932/HOUSE 2 Gaters Gardens Sandford

Installation of Dormer windows , infill at first floor level to form shower room, and erection of wall to enclose space on rear elevation to form storage area **NO OBJECTION**

17/02001/FULL & 17/02002/LBC The Linhay Higher Furzeland Coppleshone

Alterations and change of use of Linhay to holiday let. **NO OBJECTION**

17/02050/FULL Flat Barn Orchard Coppleshone

Retention of alterations to general purpose farm building to include first floor farm office and edible and biodegradable flower confetti preparation, drying and packing areas, and associated works including creation of bat loft (Revised scheme)

NO COMMENT. IT WAS AGREED TO LET THE MDDC PLANNING OFFICER DEAL WITH THE APPLICATION.

Cllr M Lee was thanked for dealing with the planning applications which the Clerk confirmed had been circulated to ALL Parish Councillors.

Grants of planning permission to note :-

17/01803/HOUSE Rookery Lodge Creedy Park Sandford

Erection of single storey extension and veranda following removal of two existing conservatories, installation of replacement windows and resizing of some openings

17/01876/HOUSE The Cottage New Buildings

Erection of a single storey extension to rear

11) TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & SUB COMMITTEES

MDDC – It was reported that the District Council were in the process of renewing their Charter with Parishes.

A further Meeting was planned with Residents to discuss Parking at Crofts.

12) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Lloyd's Banks (Interest December 2017) £0 40

Payments

Mr M Vallance Salary £444.63, Use of Home as Office £54, Expenses £30.79 £529.42

Cheque signed by Cllrs Stephens and Snow.

13) ROADS & FOOTPATHS – The matter of Slippery Cobbles outside St Swithun's Church was still outstanding and Cllr Harvey felt that rather than spreading salt a better option would be to power spray the cobbles.

14) GRANTS & DONATIONS

Applications had been received from both CAB and MID DEVON TRANSPORT GROUP

In view of the Parish Council's current financial commitments it was agreed to make NO Donations in 2018.

15) REVIEWING THE BUDGET AND SETTING THE PRECEPT FOR 2018/2019

After discussion it was agreed to accept a proposal from the Finance Committee, following a meeting to discuss the Budget for 2018/2019, to set the 2018/2019 Precept at £16005 (2017/2018 £12872).

The £16005 would include an amount of £4000 to cover the Legal fees that the Parish Council had to meet (their own and the Gorwyn Trustees) to cover the acquisition of the Creedy View Car Park.

PROPOSED CLLR HARVEY, 2ND CLLR STEPHENS, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A FURTHER PROPOSITION WAS MADE TO “BORROW” £4000 FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL RESERVES TO COVER THE LEGAL FEES AND PAY THIS BACK WHEN THE 2018/2019 PRECEPT WAS RECEIVED.

PROPOSED CLLR STEPHENS, 2ND CLLR UNSTEAD, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Clerk was asked to advise both Mrs M Ellis (Gorwyn Trust) and Veitch Penny that the necessary finance was now in place to cover the Legal Fees and the transfer of the land to the Parish Council could now proceed.

It was agreed to defer a Proposal “To include an amount as an ongoing Maintenance fund to the Sports Pavillion” until setting the Precept for 2019/2020.

16) Speaker and Format for the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting (15th March 2018)

It was agreed to invite Cllr P Heal (Chairman of MDDC) to speak on the topic of “Future Housing Development in the Crediton area”.

17) ANY OTHER BUSINESS - None

18) Date of next Meeting 1st February 2018

There being no other business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.55pm