

SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL 15th March 2018

The Sandford Annual Parish Meeting took place this day.

Chairman Mrs E Dalton

There were 24 Parishioners, and Parish Councillors, in Attendance.

Plus Cllr M Squires (DCC) and Cllr J Binks (MDDC) Cllr (part meeting)

Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance.

- 1) Apologies were received from Cllrs Miles, Keast, Unstead and Sandford Relief in Need.
- 2) The MINUTES of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting which had been Published on the Parish Website were and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 3) There were no MATTERS ARISING
- 4) The Chairman Mrs Elizabeth Dalton gave the 2017/2018 Annual Report. The highlight of the year had been in July with the Opening of the Sandford Community Sports Pavillion by Jack Yeandle Captain of the Exeter Chief. She went on to report that the Sports Pavillion Community Room is now available and details can be obtained Sandford AFC. The Parish Council were also in the process of acquiring the Creedy View car park. Yellow Lines had arrived in the Square including a dedicated space for Sandford Stores. It was envisaged that within the next few months the Outline Planning application would arrive for new Homes at Pedlars Pool. The Chairman thanked Parish Councillors, District Councillors, and County Councillor, and the Clerk for their support in another busy year in Sandford.
 - 4a) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILLION UPDATE - Adam Voysey (Sandford AFC) reported that the Sports Pavillion was in constant use apart from spells during the winter weather. He advised the Meeting that in the period since the Opening in July 2017 to March 2018 the Pavillion had been used by 2046 people including the Football Club and Parish Council Meetings. He went on to report that the Sports Pavillion Community Room was now available and details could be obtained Sandford AFC.
- 5) SPEAKER – Mr Simon Trafford (MDDC Planning) “The MDDC Local Plan (and Review) and how this fits into the Planning Process”.

The Current Local Plan ran from 2013 to 2033 and the District Council had carried out a Review in January 2017. The purpose of the Plan was to help achieve “sustainable development” ensuring that providing for the development needs of the current generation did not “worsen the lives of future generations”. The Plan was guided by national legislation and planning rules. “Pedlars Pool” had previously been a “reserve Site” but had been brought forward as MDDC needed to provide adequate Housing for the needed Government 5 year supply. This number already included the 185 homes currently under construction at Well Parks opposite Tesco's. If the application for new homes at Pedlars Pool complied with local and national policy the District Council would be unable to refuse any application. The Local Plan (Review) would be considered by the Planning Inspectorate and there would be a Public Consultation.

Parishioners felt that the District Council had taken too long to completed the Local Plan “Review”.

Simon Trafford then took questions from the floor on infrastructure, lighting, travel needs, employment and tourism. Would a Parish Neighbourhood Plan or Housing Needs Survey assist MDDC ?

The question was also asked as to “How Sandford Parish Council (in who's Parish Pedlars Pool was located) could influence any planning decision for this site”.

The Parish Council were encouraged to work with the Stakeholders. Also with their District Councillors Margaret Squires and Judi Binks who had already indicated they would hope to achieve damage limitation for Sandford and “Would work to make the best of any forthcoming planning application at this location for the Parish”.

The Chairman thanked Simon Trafford for attending the Meeting and he then left.

6) A REFRESHMENT BREAK THEN TOOK PLACE GIVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE PARISH ACCOUNTS WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT ON SEATS

7) QUESTIONS ON AND ADOPTION OF THE PARISH ACCOUNTS

a) Sandford Parish Council	Presented by the Clerk Mr M Vallance
b) Sandford Parish Hall	Presented by the Treasurer Mr A Wright

c) Sandford Relief in Need	Not Presented
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The Clerk had received an email to say The Clerk Mrs D Edworthy had now retired.

d) The Crossing	Not Presented.
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Proposed Adoption of the Accounts Presented Proposed M Lee, 2nd M Squires, and carried.

8) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Michael Elliott advised that at the AGM of Sandford Tennis Club sufficient Volunteers had come forward to form a new Committee which meant that as a result the club could continue to operate.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.15pm.