

SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at SANDFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL on 4th OCTOBER 2018.

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

Cllr E Dalton (Chairman)

Messrs – M. Lee, Griffin J.P., M Snow and P. Harvey (arrived during the Meeting).

Mesdame P Yeo

DCC Cllr M Squires (left during the Meeting).

No Members of the Public. Mr M Vallance (Parish Clerk).

1) APOLOGIES were received from. Cllrs S Miles, V. Keast, and G Ford.
MDDC Cllr J Binks.

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

2a) An Acceptance of Office as Parish Councillor Declaration was made by Mr G Griffin J.P.

3) OPEN FORUM – No one present.

4) PARISH COMMENT BOOK / MATTERS REPORTED ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE PLUS MATTERS REPORTED TO THE CLERK AND PARISH COUNCILLORS.

a) The Parish Comment Booked contained the following entry *“Congratulations to the Winners of the Best Kept Allotments. Now please can something be done to the vacant allotment next to the road to tidy it up as it is becoming an eyesore ? Or event better Could it re Let.? Also another eyesore in need of tidying up is the Orchard at the entrance to the Village from Crediton as the vegetation is now obstructing the visibility. Thank you.*

IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ALLOTMENT IN QUESTION WAS TO BE LET IN THE NEW YEAR AND IS THE OWNERS' RESPONSIBILITY AND NOT SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL.

THE MATTER OF THE ORCHARD AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE VILLAGE (SEE ITEM 9 d) AND IS THE OWNERS' RESPONSIBILITY AND NOT SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL.

b) During the month issues had been raised over “Vegetation at “Creedy View” also Parking issues at “Creedy View”. **(SEE ITEM 8 (b)).**

5) The MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th September 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) “Creedy View” car park Regulations / Hedge at Creedy View Play Area

COUNCILLORS WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT SUGGESTIONS FOR SUITABLE WORDING TO BE INCLUDED ON THE PROPOSED “CREEDY VIEW” CAR PARK NOTICE.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR M SQUIRES SUGGESTED THAT ANDREW BUSZBY AT MDDC MIGHT BE ABLE TO ASSIST ?

THE CLERK WAS ASKED TO CONTACT STEVE MCCULLOCH AND ASK HIM TO TRIM THE BOUNDARY HEDGE ON THE “CREEDY VIEW” PLAY AREA.

b) MDDC Planning Meeting 17/00348/MOUT Land at NGR 284185 101165 “Creedy Bridge” Sandford- Application for 257 Homes in Sandford Parish.

Cllr G Ford had attended this Meeting, on the 19th September 2018”, to represent and present the Objections on behalf of Sandford Parish Council.

THE APPLICATION HAD BEEN GRANTED PLANING PERMISSION (7 VOTES IN FAVOUR AND 4 AGAINST).

FOLLOWING THE MEETING CLLR FORD HAD COMPILED A REPORT AND THIS HAD BEEN CIRCULATED TO PARISH COUNCILLORS.

THE CLERK WAS ASKED TO THANK CLLR FORD FOR BOTH ATTENDING THE MEETING AND PREPARING HER REPORT.

IT WAS AGREED TO ASK THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO FORMULATE A BID FOR S106 FUNDING ARISING FROM THE DEVELOPMENT.

7) POLICE MATTERS – No new matters reported.

8) REPLIES

a) PKF Littlejohn LLP had sent Notice of the Completion of External Audit 2017/2018.

THE CLERK HAD “POSTED” THE RELEVANT NOTICES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE.

b) Falcon Housing had responded to the “Parking issues” and “Vegetation issues” at Creedy View :- *“Falcon Rural Housing is aware that there are alleged problems with parking in Creedy View, however, this is exasabated by residents of the private homes keep parking in the spaces that we own and that are for Falcon residents only. Consequently, if private residents use our spaces then it will force our residents to park in the street and actually, I cannot blame our residents for doing so. We are currently in the process of getting signs made for our spaces to mark them as Falcon residents use only – so hopefully, with the private residents not parking in our spaces (especially the spaces allocated to be specifically not occupied all the time and for the sole use for visitors to our residents!) any issues should sort themselves out”. “The strip of land that has been reported is nothing to do with us and will still be within Summerfield's remit as the road has not been adopted. I can also assure the Parish Council that we do have a contract in place with a local man to care for our parking strip and every time we have checked it appears he is doing a fine job”.*

The Chair confirmed she had spoken with the complainant confirming that the land in question is fact belongs to him.

c) Charity Commissioners – Despite the long delay in responding to the enquiry the Charity Commissioners had finally responded. They were unable to give advice as to whether Grant Applications could be submitted in the name of the Charity King Georges Field Sandford rather than Sandford Parish Council.

9) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Sandford AFC had contacted the Clerk to ask how they wished to be Invoiced for use of the Sports Pavilion for Meetings ?

DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE AS TO WHETHER AS THE PAVILION BELONGED TO THE PARISH COUNCIL WHETHER THEY WERE EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT ?

THE CLERK WAS ASKED TO RESARCH THE MINUTES TO SEE WHETHER ANY DECSION HAD BEEN MADE AT THE TIME OF THE PAVILION BEING OPENED.

IF NO EXEMPTION HAD BEEN AGREED THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD PAY HIRE CHARGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOURLY RATE SET FOR “PARISH ORGANISATIONS”.

CLLR YEO REPORTED THAT PARENTS WERE UNAWARE THAT THE PAVILION COULD BE HIRED AND SANDFORD AFC HAD BEEN ASKED TO PUBLICISE. THIS WOULD INCREASE BOTH THE REVENUE AND THE FOOTFALL.

b) Sandford AFC had sent a copy of the Invoice for payment for the Drainage Works carried out on the Playing Field (WESTCOUNTRY GROUNDWORKS LTD £2088.00).

c) Mr R Matthews – Request for Bench on the Football field to be repaired

CLLR P HARVEY OFFERED TO ATTEND TO THIS MATTER.

d) Mrs D Webber had made a Complaint over vegetation overhanging the Highway at the Orchard at the entrance to the Village.

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e) Crediton Town Council had sent details of a Presentation, on 11th October at the Town Hall, to report on the progress since 2015 “To analyse how the GP Primary Care Service in Crediton could be made sustainable for the next 20 to 30 years”. The Chairman confirmed that she hoped to attend.

f) Crediton Repair Cafe asked if the Parish Council would support their Communities Together Grant application for to get their Project started ?

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.

PROPOSED CLLR HARVEY, 2ND CLLR SNOW, AND CARRIED.

g) Campaign for the Protection of Rural England had sent a “Membership Pack”.

10) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION

AT THE NEXT MEETING IT WAS AGREED TO REVIEW THE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SANDFORD AFC TO SEE THAT THE CONDITIONS WERE BEING MET.

11) PLAY AREA UPDATE – Cllr Yeo gave a report on the Play Area Sub Committee Meeting held on 3rd October 2018.

This had been well supported by both Grand Parents and Parents.

THE SUB COMMITTEE HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT A QUOTE FOR £413.17 (PLUS 8.5% CARRIAGE), FROM WCKSTEEDS TO RENEW THE SWING SEATS AND CHAINS. CLLR HARVEY AGREED TO TAKE DELIVERY AND ARRANGE THE NECESSARY WORKS TO CHANGE THE SWINGS SEATS AND CHAINS OVER. (THIS COST WAS TO BE TAKEN FROM THE £1000 THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD AGREED COULD BE SPENT ON THE PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT).

(COPY OF NOTES OF MEETING SEE APPENDIX 1).

The next Meeting was set for 30th October 2018, 7.30pm, at the Pavilion.

12) PLANNING (Site Meetings)

18/01337/HOUSE 2 Gosses Cottages Sandford

Erection of two storey rear extension

NO OBJECTION

18/1405/HOUSE & 18/1407/LBC

The Old Manse Sandford

Replace and raise roof of shed

NO OBJECTION

SINCE SUBMISSION OF THE ORIGINAL COMMENT OF “NO OBJECTION” THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD BEEN MADE AWARE OF AN OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION.

IN VIEW OF THESE COMMENTS IT WAS AGREED THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD WITHDRAW THEIR ORIGINAL COMMENT. IT WAS AGREED TO REQUEST THAT THE PLANNING OFFICER VISIT THE SITE, TO CONSIDER THE OBJECTIONS, AND MAKE THE FINAL DECISION TO THE PROPOSAL
(Cllr P Yeo declared a Personal Interest (Neighbour)).

18/01399/FULL Swelthills Farm New Buildings
Conversion of barn to dwelling
NO OBJECTION
(Cllr P Harvey declared an Interest)

18/01466/FULL Chilton Heights Farm Chilton
Erection of roof over existing livestock gathering area
NO OBJECTION

18/01455/HOUSE The Old Rectory Sandford
Retention of a garden WALL

18/01522/FULL Preston Farm East Village
Erection of a lean to extension to an existing agricultural building
NO OBJECTION

18/01485/PNCOU PNCUO Building at NGE 280637 101396 Adj Glentor Barnstaple Cross
FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

Grants of permission :-

18/01194/FULL Cross Barton Sandford
Erection of a replacement agricultural storage building

18/0014/FULL Mill Farm Mill Lane Sandford

Conversion of barn to dwelling

18/01304/HOUSE & 18/01305/LBC Jadini Cottage Sandford

Retention and LBC for the erection of an extension following part demolition of existing boor room and erection of summerhouse in front garden

13) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & SUB COMMITTEES

a) The Sandford Square defibrillator – Cllr Yeo reported that the Defibrillator had been accessed (NOT USED) for the first time following an incident at the “Rose and Crown”.
The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Nick Couzens for his assistance during this incident.

IT WAS AGREED TO MAKE ENQUIRIES OVER ANY ROUTINE MAINTENANCE THAT NEEDED TO BE TAKEN AFTER THE DEFIBRILLATOR HAD BEEN ACCESSED/USED.

b) County Councillor M Squires had attended the DALC Annual General Meeting and gave a brief

Report. At the Meeting Lesley Smith had been presented with a Retirement Gift and enquiries were being made to find her replacement.

14) CHURCHYARD DONATIONS

These were agreed in the following amounts :-

St Swithun's PCC	£305.00
Sandford Congregation Church	£139.00

Proposed Cllr Snow, 2nd Cllr Stephens, and carried.

15) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Lloyd's Bank (Interest)	£0.36
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Payments

Mr M Vallance (Salary) £449.00	Use of Home £54.00	Expenses £22.92	£525.92
PKF Littlejohn LLP (2017/2018 External Audit)			£360.00
St Swithun's PCC (Churchyard donation)			£305.00
Sandford Congregational Church (Churchyard donation)			£139.00

Cheques were signed by Cllr Snow and Stephens.

16) ROADS AND FOOTPATHS The Roads at “Gays” and “Thornedges” were on the list of matters to be attended to.

The Boundary Wall at “Stonewall Landing” had been damaged and the Clerk was asked to report this to the Highway Authority.

17) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) “Sandford Remembers the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW” (11th November 2018 at 11am) - The Clerk advised that a Meeting was being held on Monday 8th October at 7.30pm at St Swithun's Church to discuss the format of the Service.

b) Sandford Christmas 2018 – It was agreed to make enquiries with the Landlord of The Lamb Inn as to whether he would be erecting a Christmas tree this year ?

c) Sandford Congregational Church were once again organising a Christmas Tree Festival (13th to 15th December).

d) It was agreed to make enquiries over the date for Carols in the Square.

18) Date of next Meeting 1st November 2018

There being no Any Other Business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.45pm.

Appendix 1 Notes of Play Area Sub Committee held on 3rd October 2018

Notes of Play Area Sub Committee Meeting, 7.30pm, at Sandford Community Sports Pavilion on Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Attended by Cllrs P Yeo, M. Snow, P Harvey (arrived during the Meeting)

Grandparents - Mr P and Mrs M Saunders Parents H. Wilk, A Ridley. D. Hope, J. Ginney, and V Albrighton
Pamela Tilney Ellis and M. Vallance (Parish Clerk)

Apologies V Keast, K Doyle, J. Kay, J McCulloch - Cllr P Yeo was Elected as Chairman for the Meeting.

1) Matters arising from Notes of the 5th September Meeting

a) Issues attended to since the last Meeting.

I) Cllr M Snow had dealt with the wooden Climbing Frame, removing rotten wood, and it was now safe to use.

II) Phil Saunders was attending to the matter of cutting up and disposing of the old rubber safety tiles. It was agreed to retain a small number of tiles for temporary use around the Bus etc.

A VOTE OF THANKS WAS PROPOSED TO MIKE SNOW AND PHIL SAUNDERS.

b) Visit by Wicksteeds – The Wicksteeds Rep had made a visit to the play area site and had come up with some suggestions for new Metal equipment.

She had also come up with an estimate to replace the swings and chains. This would be reported to the Parish Council at their meeting on the next evening. (Cost £413.17 plus 8.5% carriage plus VAT. (PHIL HARVEY OFFERED TO INSTALL THE NEW SEATS AND CHAINS AND A SUGGESTION WAS MADE TO ASK A MDDC PARKS OFFICER TO CHECK THEIR SAFETY ONCE INSTALLED).

A suggestions had been made that Baby seats swings be re-located next to the Play Area for smaller children

1) Correspondence - a) The Charity Commissioners were unable to offer advice as to whether Grant applications could be made in the name of the Sandford King Georges Field.

2) Current state of the Play Equipment and Health and Safety Issues – It was agreed that the equipment that was left was in a safe state.

3) Suggested PLAY AREA WORK DAY to repaint, and tidy up, the Play Area and Equipment
DATE TO BE AGREED once the new swings and chains have been delivered. It was suggested that local business's be approached to provide materials.

4) The need for Fund Raising was once again discussed and those present were asked to bring along suggestions to the next Meeting.

Pamela advised that although her Family Trust funds were presently committed an opportunity to “Match Funding” to all community fund raising events. would arise in the future.

5) Grant Applications – It was agreed there was a need to find someone to make Grant applications for the Refurbishment. Dave Hope felt there was a need to “aim high” with any Bid.

6) Any other Business

a) Dave Hope suggested that a Skate Board Park be incorporated into the Refurbishment though it was agreed a problem arose as to its location.

b) It was agreed when accepting any Quotation for the Refurbishment that the need for equipment for older children be taken into account.

c) The need for Benches around the play area was once again stressed.

7) Date and Venue for the next Meeting – 7.30pm on 30th October at the Sports Pavilion.