

SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Sandford Congregational Church Hall on 5th April 2018.

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

Chairman - Cllr E Dalton

Messrs – Lee, Snow, and Stephens (arrived during the Meeting).

Mesdames Yeo, Ford, Keast and Miles.

7 Parishioners Mr M Vallance (Parish Clerk)

The Meeting opened with a Quiet Moments of Contemplation

1) APOLOGIES – DCC Cllr M Squires, MDDC Cllr J Binks, and Cllrs Harvey and Unstead.

1a) DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr M Lee - Creedy View car park and Play Area fencing.

2) OPEN FORUM

Six Parents had turned up to address matters relating to the Play Area on the Sandford King Georges Field.

These issues included the the future of the Play Area and what plans the Parish Council had to replace play equipment ?

Also at the same time they raised their concerns over current Safety Issues that needed to be addressed.

Victoria Albrighton agreed to act as spokes person for these Parents' and also as future Contact Point.

PLAY EQUIPMENT

There was a lack of equipment on the main play area and the area was not attractive.

Chairman – The Slide had been taken away when the Pavillion was constructed and had not been put back as it no longer met Safety Regulations.

Rubber Matting – This was a safety hazard and needed to be removed.

Concrete Mound – When was this going to be disposed of ?

(Later in the Meeting when Cllr Stephens arrived he reported that the Concrete Mound had now been removed from the Play Area and was currently against the tennis court awaiting disposal.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Stephens and Helpers for carrying out this task.

It was agreed to take a look at the Rubber Matting and if necessary arrange for its disposal).

SAFETY ISSUES

Who was responsible for the Play Area and its Safety ?

Chairman - This was the responsibility of the Parish Council and regular Safety Inspections took place.

FENCING

The whole of the Play Area, prior to the construction of the Sports Pavillion, had been fenced off. Presently there was no fencing on the Pavillion side thus causing safety concerns.

(Chairman - The Parish Council had already received one Estimate to re-fence this side and the matter was still being discussed).

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD INVESTIGATE THE ERECTION OF TEMPORARY FENCING UNTIL A FINAL DECISION WAS TAKEN).

TOILETS

The new Pavillion had toilet facilities why could they not be Open for use by the Public ?

Disappointment was expressed that “the Pavillion was never Open”.

(Chairman – The Pavillion was Managed on behalf of the Parish Council by Sandford AFC.

In the past the Public Toilets had been vandalised and there had been a problem to find someone to keep them clean. Maybe if Sandford AFC agreed, and someone offered to clean the Toilets, a key could be made available ?).

FUTURE OF THE PLAY AREA AND NEW EQUIPMENT

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council presently had £6K funding towards the future refurbishment.

(The new Play area at Creedy View had cost £20k with very little to see for this money as in addition to the cost of the equipment safety surfacing had to be installed. When the Creedy View Play Area had been discussed estimates, and suggestions, had been obtained from Three play equipment suppliers).

The Rep from Sovereign Play was visiting on 20th April 2018 to come up with a scheme and an Estimate for a Refurbishment.

In addition, £60K S106 funding had been earmarked for New play Equipment

Other suggestions had included the provision of a Skate Park although a location would need to be identified. The Parish Council were not in agreement to one suggestion, made by letter, to dismantle the Tennis Court for lack of use as a new Committee had recently been formed and usage would no doubt increase.

Also the provision of Adult Exercise Equipment (Estimate cost £30K).

Following discussion with the Parents present, and the Parish Council, it was agreed to pursue the following suggestions as a joint initiative between the Council and Parents'.

- The Parish Council Play Area Committee to co-opt interested Parents to work with the Parish Council and in the short term to improve the quality and safety of the present Play Area.
- A Self Help Working Party be arranged to meet and “tidy up” the play area in the short term.

- Enquiries to be made to establish possible sources of funding ?
The Parish Council had already obtained a list from Devon Communities.
- Fund Raising in the Parish was also suggested ?
The Clerk pointed out that the Sports Pavillion would be One year old in July 2018 and maybe a fund raising event could be arranged on this date ?
The Organisers of the Sandford Festival had also offered to make a contribution to funding for refurbishing the Play Area.
- Funding applications would need a Charitable status.
The Clerk pointed out that the Sandford King Georges Field was already a Registered Charity. He would make enquiries with Fields in Trust (who managed KGFs') , as to the possibility of using this Sandford Charity as the Applicant for applying ? Also the possibility of opening a new Bank Account and transferring the present £6K to this Account ?
- Perhaps instead of waiting until funds had been accumulated for a total refurbishment one piece of new play equipment at a time could be purchased ?

IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT CLLR HARVEY WHO WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE PLAY AREA SUB COMMITTEE WAS PRESENTLY AWAY AND WOULD NEED TO BE BROUGHT UP TO SPEED ON THE DEVELOPMENT SUGGESTED AT THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked the Parents attending the Meeting and for their positive input and offers of assistance. Once the first Play Area estimate had been received a Meeting would be called to discuss the way ahead.

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

It was decided NOT to pursue a suggestion to erect a new Notice Board adjacent to the Allotments.

- 4) The MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th March 2018 were confirmed and signed as a true record.
- 5) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) 2018 Annual Parish Meeting (15th March 2018)

This had gone off well and been attended by 24 Parishioners and Councillors (2017 = 31).

Simon Trafford (MDDC Planning Officer) had spoken, and taken questions, on “The MDDC Local Plan (and Review) and how this fitted into the Planning Process”.

As Mrs Edworthy had retired as Clerk to Sandford Relief in Need the usual Annual Report had not been possible.

(It was noted in the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING BOOK that since 1st April 1908 “The Accounts

for the Parochial Charities” had been Presented annually).

This Charity had later become the “Consolidated Charity” Accounts and from 3rd April 1980 became “Sandford Relief in Need” Accounts.

The A.P. Minutes for March 1983 showed that “Mrs D Edworthy” took over from Mr G Brookes “who had served for 33 years” and most years since that until 2018 Mrs Edworthy has attended the APM).

SEVERAL NEW COUNCLLORS WERE UNAWARE OF THE PURPOSE OF THIS PARISH CHARITY OR WHO AND HOW THE CHARITY HELPS ? TWO OF THE TRUSTEES HAD HISTORICALLY BEEN PARISH COUNCILLORS. THEY HAD BEEN REPLACED BY TWO TRUSTEES AS PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED BY THE CHARITY FOR A PERIOD OF 4 YEARS EACH.

IT WAS AGREED TO INVITE ONE OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE NEXT MEETING TO GIVE AN OVER VIEW OF THE CHARITY THEIR AIMS AND HOW THEY OPERATED. DUE TO CONFIDENTIALITY PERSONAL INFORMATION WAS NOT EXPECTED.

b) General Data Protection Regulations (SLCC) – Further details were still awaited.

c) Village Litter Pick – It was agreed to carry this out on Saturday 12^h May starting at the Sports Pavillion at 10am.

6) POLICE MATTERS – Matters needing attention – None

Cllr Stephens advised that he had attended a Meeting at Police HQ at Middlemoor and had met the Devon & Cornwall Assistant Chief Constable and the Police Commissioner.

7) REPLIES

a) Veitch Penny – Paper work on transfer of “Creedy View” car park was still in the process of being circulated between the Solicitor's for the Gorwyn Trust and the Parish Council.

It was felt that the relevant legal paper work was becoming somewhat excessive.

A Meeting was suggested with The Gorwyn Trust and Cllrs Lee, Stephens and Dalton.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

a) MDDC Consultation on the Local Plan Review (Amendments to Sustainability Review) – Details of the Review had been received.

b) Matthew Detzler – Details had been received of the Public Event in Sandford regarding “Creedy Bridge” on the 16th April 2018, 4.30pm to 7.00pm. In the evening a Meeting with the Parish Council, and Upton Hellions Parish Meeting Reps, was being arranged.

c) Crediton Town Council – The Mayor's Reception 16th April 2018. This clashed with the Creedy Bridge Event.

d)MDDC “Any Bin will Do” (Proposal for dog poo to go into General Refuse Bins) – The Parish Council were unhappy with this suggestion due to Health issues though they were pleased that the current Dog Bins in the Parish would remain in use.

e) Harriet Hunt had written asking if the Dog Bin at top of Rose & Crown Hill could be re-located and this request had been forwarded to MDDC.

f) Email from Parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous – Skate boards and scooters, Yellow lines, and Deteriorating footway.

Skate boards and Scooters

This issue had been raised before and discussed with the Community Policeman who at that time had been unable to assist. It was felt that this issue was the responsibility for individual parents and not a Police or Parish Council matter.

As a number of Parents had been present in the OPEN FORUM to press for the refurbishment of the play area to include a skate board area it was felt that in the long term this would be resolved. A letter being was to be circulated to these Parents ,which hopefully Sandford School would also agree to circulate, which would include a paragraph regarding the dangers of skate boarding and use of scooters on the Highway.

Yellow Lines – The Parish Council had been assured once these were finally completed Sandford would go on the List for a regular visit by the DCC Enforcement Officer.

Foot ways – It was agreed to refer this matter on to Devon County Councillor Margaret Squires. If there were any specific areas causing concern it was requested the locations be advised.

g) PFK Littlejohn – The new External Auditor gave details of the 2017/2018 Audit.

h) MDDC gave notice of an award of a £2224.88 of TAP Grant to Sandford Parish Hall.

I) Kate Wadge advised that the Play Area sign at the far end of Meadowside Road was in need of adjustment. Cllr Keast agreed to look into this.

j) Charlesworth Nicholl – Confirmation was requested that no further legal work was required by them on the Sandford King Georges Field. This was confirmed.

k) Sandford Congregational Church had written thanking the Parish Council for the donation for the use of the Hall

9) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION

a) Drains across the Playing Field – Listed for S106 funding.

b) Parking Posts – Awaiting a decision from Cllr Harvey.

c) Dog Signs – Being pursued.

d) BT damage to building – Cllr Lee agreed to press Ross Stephens for the completion of these works as BT had accepted the Estimate for the repairs.

10) PLANNING

18/00435/HOUSE Burrowland Sandford - Erection of aluminium and glass greenhouse

18/001271/LBC & 18/00124 HOUSE Fishers New Buildings

Listed Building Consent for internal and external works to include: alterations to roof structure to allow re-building of chimney stack and installation of flue, installation of 2 additional windows, erection of porch, repairs to thatch, installation of heating system, installation of first floor bathroom, lowering level of ground floor to install underfloor heating, conversion of bathroom to utility room, change of ground floor window to door, and removal of 2 internal walls on first floor
NO OBJECTION

Permission granted

18/00202/HOUSE & 18/00203/LBC

East Meadow Cottage New Buildings

Installation of external central heating boiler
17/02001/FULL & 17/02002/LBC The Linhay Higher Furzeland Coppleshone
Alterations and change of use of Linhay to holiday let.

Refusal
17/01511/MOUT Chapel Downs Farm Crediton
Outline for the erection of up to 120 dwellings.

11) TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & SUB COMMITTEES - None

12) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Lloyd's Bank (Interest March 2018)	£0.22
DCC (PP3 Footpath Grant 2018/2019)	£570.00

Payments

Mr M Vallance Salary £444.63, Use of Home £54.00, Postage £7.94, Expenses £11.45 (New rate of Salary from 1 st April 2018 £449.00 per month).	£518.02
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The Clerk advised that the 2017/2018 Accounts were in draft form and subject to receipt of Bank Statements the balance at 31st March 2018 stood at £9568.93 (31st March 2017 £11690.17).
As the Annual Return for 2017/2018 had been received this could now be prepared subject to any amendment/additions made by the Internal Auditor who the Clerk would now arrange to meet with.

13) ROAD AND FOOTPATHS – Concern was expressed over the number of Pot holes and the need for them to be reported to DCC Highways. The need to report every Pot hole individually seemed excessive.

The re-surfacing had been completed at New Buildings there was now concern over the amount of Littering taking place which appeared to come from vehicles passing through.

14) “SAVE THE PLAY PARK” - See **OPEN FORUM**.

14) BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION – It was agreed not to enter in 2018. It was decided to continue to hold the Annual Contest to find the Best Garden, Tubs and other Containers and to ask “Tuckers of Crediton” to carry out the Judging.
THE CLERK WAS ASKED TO OBTAIN A QUOTATION FOR WEED SPRAYING IN SANDFORD (EXCLUDING CREEDY VIEW AND CAR PARK).

15) ANY OTHER BUSINESS – None.

16) Date of next Meeting 3rd May 2018 at **SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILLION**

There being no other business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.20pm.