

SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at SANDFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL on 7th FEBRUARY 2019.

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

Cllr E Dalton (Chairman)

Messrs – G. Griffin J.P, M. Snow, N. Unstead. J Stephens, R. Stoye and P. Harvey

Mesdames P Yeo, Ford, and Keast

MDDC Cllr J Binks & DCC Cllr M Squires who both arrived and left during the Meeting.

Two Parishioners The Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance.

The Meeting started with “A moment for quiet contemplation”.

1) APOLOGIES – Cllr S Miles

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – None

2a) Reports :-

As County Cllr M Squires had to attend another Meeting her report was taken at this point.

Both MDDC and DCC were currently looking at their Budgets for the forthcoming financial year 2019/2020 and following further Government Cuts the amount of funding from Central Government. These would need to take into account a further reduction cut in finance received from Central Government. For the County Council this already had given rise to a an over spend in the Child Care Budget. The good news was that more funding had been allocated to Highways.

MDDC were keen to encourage and support new Businesses' in the District.

The MDDC Local Plan Review was being conducted and the suggested New Garden Town at Cullompton was being discussed.

3) OPEN FORUM

Two Parishioners were present and expressed their concerns and objections to the latest Outline Planning Application for 65 Homes on Higher Road, Crediton.

The Chairman agreed to bring this item forward on the Agenda for discussion.

18/00786//MOUT/ Land at Higher Road Crediton

Outline for the erection of 65 dwellings, public open space, ancillary works and associated infrastructure, including access.

It was Proposed by Cllr Griffin (J.P.), 2nd Cllr Stoye, and carried that :-

PREVIOUS OBJECTIONS, AS DETAILED IN THE LETTER OF 13TH JUNE 2018, TO STAND.

- IN ADDITION IT WAS AGREED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO COMMENT FURTHER ON THIS APPLICATION DUE TO THE LACK OF DETAIL SUPPLIED.
- IT WAS AGREED TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL, ON SAFETY GROUNDS, TO CONSTRUCT THE FOOTPATH ALONG HIGHER ROAD IT WAS FELT THIS SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT.

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

The Clerk had been asked to investigate a promise “a couple of years ago” that the footpath at Brady Close be covered with a surface to make it “less slippery”. He had passed this matter on to Cllr Binks and Squires.

5) The MINUTES OF THE of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd January 2019 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 sign – Cllr Yeo, and the Clerk, had been to visit Exeter Signs on Lords Meadow Estate in Crediton and the wording and design for the Creedy View car park sign, and the Pavilion Letting Sign, had both been discussed and the final wording agreed.

The final costs were likely to be :-

Car park sign - £154, plus fixing £50 cost, plus VAT

Letting sign - £26 plus Vat

It was agreed that once the costs were confirmed the signs could be ordered.

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

Creedy View play area – Cllr M Snow raised concerns once again over the loose chippings and Cllr Yeo agreed to investigate.

b) 2019 Annual Parish Meeting (14th March 2019) – Richard Ward had confirmed he was willing to be Guest Speaker.

c) Sandford Parishioner of the Year” - It was agreed NOT to proceed with this suggestion.

7) POLICE MATTERS – No new matters needing attention.

8) REPLIES

a) Rev P Fillery had confirmed that St Swithun's were happy to take on the organisation of Carols in the Square from 2019 onwards.

b) Sandford AFC had responded to the open points arising from the Joint Meeting :-

Accounts- The Treasurer had agreed to produce 6 monthly accounts and the first paper copy had been received.

Letting Income- “This was discussed, and as there are minimal amounts that have gone towards the running costs, we didn't feel at this point in time it was viable”. Accepted

Annual Inspection- “We were in agreement this was to take place annually in April”.

Fire Extinguishers- Phil Harvey was looking into this.

Parking Posts- Phil Harvey was looking into this

9) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Mr C Theedom – Sandford Relief in Need – Messrs Theedom and Munday (Sandford Parish Council Representatives) were due for re-election for another 4 years in 2019 and were both willing to stand again. The Parish Council were happy to accept these two Nominations.

b) DALC – 2019 Royal Garden Party Nomination – The Chairman's name had been submitted for the annual ballot.

c) ROSPA – Play area inspection – It was agreed not to carry this out in 2019.

d) DCC Highways – Details of proposed Highways work to be carried out in Sandford in 2019 had been received.

e) Lloyds Bank – Due to a Bank error the Current account had become overdrawn by 17p. The Clerk had phoned the Bank and the matter had been resolved.

f) MDDC – The February 2019 Newsletter had been received giving details of a MDDC Boundary Review taking place. Parish/Town Boundaries would not be changed as a result of this. The Local Election pack had been received running to some 13 pages and the Clerk had circulated this to the Parish Council.

g) Details had been received of a CPRE Seminary being held on 8th February 2019 at Tavistock, to discuss “Rural Housing”, the Chairman hoped to attend.

h) Graphic from Crediton had written setting out their Objections to the proposal for an Construction of an on-farm anaerobic digestion plant and associated infrastructure on Lords Meadow Crediton. The Chairman had replied pointing out that Sandford Parish Council were not the Planning Authority.

I) Devon Communities Together had sent a Membership renewal application form.

10) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION – See item 6 (a)

11) PLAY AREA UPDATE

Cllr P Yeo reported on a Meeting held earlier in the day with Andy White (Ministry of Play) attended by Cllrs Yeo and Snow, plus the Clerk.

Andy White had made a suggestion that the way ahead was to carry out the play area refurbishment in three phases in accordance with the Parish Council finances.

Rather than replace all the play equipped some items could be refurbished. He would send a further quotation, with his suggestions, as to how this could be achieved.

Phase 1	Outdoor Gym (To include disabled access)	Estimated costs £10K plus Funding Sandford Parish Council play area fund £6500 The Crossing £500 SACA Grant £250 SPC S106 £3552 Upton Hellions S106 for “Falconry” ? MDDC TAP Grant ? Parish fund raising
Phase 2	Refurbishment and add on to Wooden Money Bars plus :- Play bus upgrading Swings re-painting Children's Play area refurbish large piece of play Equipment (PLUS – Urgent replacement of wooden Leg)	Estimated costs £10K plus (Precept £6000) Funding SPC
Phase 3`	Add ons and Extra equipment Zip Wire Rotating climbing frame Cone swing See saw Benches	Estimated costs £10K plus Funding SPC

IT WAS AGREED THAT, SUBJECT TO THE FUTURE QUOTATION FROM ANDY WHITE (MINISTRY OF PLAY), PHASES 1 & 2 COULD COMMENCE IN THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR IN APRIL 2019. Proposed Cllr Yeo, 2nd Cllr Griffin (J.P.) and carried.

BOTH CllRS HARVEY AND STEPHENS FELT THAT DUE TO THE PRESSURE FROM PARENTS' AND GRANDPARENTS IF PHASES 1 & 2 DID NOT TAKE PLACE AT THE SAME TIME THE PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PHASE 2 "THE REFURBISHMENT".

It was felt that due to its finance, and a suitable location being found, the proposed skate park, could not be progressed at the present time.

Cllr P Yeo agreed to draft a Newsletter giving an update on the progress made on the refurbishment of the Play Area.

12) PLANNING

18/01986/LBC "Higher Woolsgrove" Sandford
LBC for installation of a radio receiver dish
NO OBJECTION

18/02057/LBC "Fishers" New Buildings
LBC for consent for internal and external alterations including erection of porch and canopy
NO OBJECTION

17/02061/FULL Crediton Garden Centre Barnstaple Cross Crediton (Crediton Hamlets)
Remodelling and modernisation of existing garden centre following demolition of existing structures, to include erection of retail areas, cafe, and warehouse, formation of new vehicular access, provision of parking areas, and landscaping (Revised drawings and revised information)
PREVIOUS COMMENTS TO STAND :-
NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO ADEQUATE SCREENING OF THE SITE, THE PLANTING OF TREES, AND SIGNAGE NOT BEING TOO OBSTRUSIVE.

18/01966/TPO Application to part dismantle 1 Holm Oak tree protected by TPO
Land between Old Tiverton Road and Pedlarspool lane.
NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO TPO CONDITIONS

18/01841/LBC Downhayne East Village LBC for conversion of barn to dwelling
NO OBJECTION provided the porch was not on the road as there were ancient markings on an eastern wall which needed to be retained.

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DISCUSSED AT ITEM 3

Grant of planning approval noted :-

18/01941/FULL 11 Snows Sandford Erection of conservatory and porch

17/00348/MOUT Land at NGR 284185 101165 (Creedy Bridge) Sandford
IT WAS AGREED TO MAKE A FORMAL COMPLAINT TO MDDC OVER THE FACT THAT SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM ANY POTENTIAL S106 FUNDING ARISING FROM THIS PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT.

13) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & SUB COMMITTEES – See 2 (a).

14) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Lloyd's Bank (Interest January 2019) £0.51

Payments

Mr M Vallance (Salary) £449.00

Donations :-

C.A.B. £200

Victim Support £150

Mid Devon Mobility (Ring and Ride) £150

Wicksteeds (Replacement cradle seat) £241.66

Cheques signed by Cllrs Stoyle and Yeo

15) ROADS AND FOOTPATHS – It was agreed to report once again the matters reported from the January Meeting :-
Potholes – West Sandford Road, Lodge Corner, and Long Barn.

16) GRASS CUTTING QUOTATIONS

Two Estimates had been received one from Mr S Mc Culloch and another from Mr M Upcott. Mr G Hooper had not responded.

It was resolved to accept the lowest quotation received from Mr S Mc Culloch.

(It was agreed that the grass verge against the Parish Hall needed to be excluded).

Proposed Cllr Harvey, 2nd Cllr Snow, and carried

17) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) Cllr Snow reported that a Volunteer had come forward to take as Editor of The Crossing.
- 2) Cllr N Unstead advised that he was making enquiries for the use of the New Buildings call box and was in the process of circulating a letter to the Residents.

18) Date of next Meeting 7th March 2019

There being no other business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.45pm.

