

## SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at SANDFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL on 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019.

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

Cllr E Dalton (Chairman)

Messrs – G. Griffin J.P, and J Stephens.

Mesdames P Yeo, Ford (arrived during the Meeting), Miles.

MDDC Cllr J Binks.

The Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance.

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

- 1) APOLOGIES – DCC Cllr M Squires. Cllrs Keast, Unstead and Snow
- 2) DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – None declared
- 3) OPEN FORUM – No Parishioners present.
- 4) PARISH COMMENT BOOK / MATTERS REPORTED ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE PLUS MATTERS REPORTED TO THE CLERK AND PARISH COUNCILLORS.

An entry had been made in the Parish Comment Book that when the potholes were repaired on the Henstill Road (21<sup>st</sup> February 2019) the road was closed. This meant that the Residents of “Bawdenhayes” were “unable to go up or down the lane”.

A request was made that if this happened again due notice could be given to the local Residents.

- 5) The MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record
- 6) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
  - a) 2019 Annual Parish Meeting – Arrangements were in hand for this Meeting take place at the Parish Hall, 7.30pm, on 14<sup>th</sup> March.
  - b) Signs (“Creedy View” car park and Hiring sign for Pavilion) – The wording had been agreed and the Clerk, and Cllr P Yeo, had been to visit Xswraps in Crediton to place the order.
  - c) The MDDC Application for Community Funding (TAP) form had been completed and financial assistance was being claimed towards two pieces of new play equipment at the Play Area.

7) POLICE MATTERS – No matters reported

8) REPLIES

a) MDDC – S106 response

An email had been received from Jo Williams Planning Obligations Monitoring Officer dated 18<sup>th</sup> February advising the current S106 balance :-

“I would like to confirm – there is an available balance of £3,552 available to spend now on any eligible project. The money is in a fund which is available to both Sandford and Upton Hellions Parishes. In order to access this funding I require a completed application form to be submitted with three quotes. This money can be used to fund any public open space project (play or exercise equipment is acceptable). Upton Hellions Parish and local Ward Members will be consulted to ensure they are happy with any proposed spend. Assuming there are no objections then the money can be released to the Parish Council straight away. Please let me know if further copies of the application form are required.

There is also a project set up for future funding. £3,852 is currently allocated to this project but is not available to spend yet. To be available to spend the planning permission must have been granted, the monies paid to the Council and the development commenced on site. No applications towards this project currently meet all these criteria. We have no control over the rates of development and the lifespan of the planning permission is usually three years so it could take up to three years, once permission is granted, for any of this money to become available. The project title is Improvements to Play Area including new adult exercise equipment at Sandford Play Area, Sandford.”

b) Andy White – Updated had submitted a revised quote for play area (18<sup>th</sup> February 2019)

Refurbish Play Units £6500, Rotating Cone Climber £7114.45, Swingo Sea Saw £4443.35, plus Security and waste removal £650. Total £18708.

The Clerk had produced a Play Area Plan C showing that the Council could probably finance this scheme :-

Play Area funds held	£5795
MDDC S106	£3500
Precept 2019/2020	£6000
The Crossing	£500
SACA	£250
Funding taken from Reserves	£1985
TOTAL	£18030
Shortfall	£678

(Could be covered by TAP Grant or Parish funding raising)

c) Mid Devon Mobility (Ring and Ride), Victim Support had both sent letters of thanks for their Donations

d) Upton Hellions Parish Meeting – S106 funds

e) Mr S Walford (Chief Executive MDDC). Following a Meeting held at MDDC with the Chief Executive attended by Cllrs Dalton and Griffin J.P to discuss various issues including “Creedy Bridge Development a response had been received confirming the position in respect of future Precept funding.

*“All houses in your parish will pay your precept, irrespective of whether they may look to Crediton for many of their services.*

*The parish boundary is all that matters, so any new houses within your boundary will pay your precept, and you will be able to secure extra funds through this to pay for additional items or improvements that you believe are necessary”.*

f) MDDC had replied to apologise for the delay in dealing with the Parish Council Complaint over “Creedy Bridge”.S106 funding.

g) MDDC S106

A further email had been received from Jo Williams Planning Obligations Monitoring Officer dated 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019 advising the current S106 balance had been reduced :-

*Following further work across s106 balances and our financial system's records, I must now inform you that the figure in the Sandford pot now stands at **£2,386**. The Council has recently undertaken a s106 finance reconciliation exercise reviewing our records. Much of the General Fund money has been held in financial systems for some considerable time. Interest has been applied where applicable but modest account management fees have also been deducted. The figure above is up to date and accurate, being the absolute amount available. I would stress that the sooner we can spend this funding, the better*

The Parish Council were devastated at this latest news which would mean that it would NOT be possible to finance PLAN C (see MINUTE 8b) at the present time as there would be insufficient funds.

It was felt that a Meeting with Jo Williams (MDDC) to discuss this matter was needed at the earliest opportunity and Cllrs Dalton and Yeo agreed to attend.

**IT WAS AGREED TO PRESS ON WITH THE REFUBISHMENT OF THE PLAY AREA Proposed Cllr Stephens, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Griffin J.P., and carried unanimously.**

The Clerk would update Andy White.

h) Upton Hellions Parish Meeting had responded to being asked to support the MDDC Communities Together Fund to finance new Play Equipment at the Play Area.

They noted that £3500 S106 funding had been included and were unhappy that they had not been consulted over these funds as they had a Project in their Parish that would qualify.

The Chairman advised that she had also received a phone call from the Parish Clerk Sue Keogh on this matter.

**IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THIS HAD NOT BEEN AN OVERSIGHT.**

**HISTORICALLY THERE WERE TWO SEPARATE POTS ONE FOR SANDFORD AND ANOTHER FOR UPTON HELLIONS. WHEN THE PAVILION HAD BEEN BUILT AGREEMENT WAS REQUESTED AND OBTAINED FROM UPTON HELLIONS TO USE THEIR S106 FUND TOWARD THIS PROJECT.**

**IT WAS AGREED THIS MATTER COULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WITH JO WILLIAMS AT MDDC.**

**MDDC Cllr J Binks confirmed that the Sandford and Upton Hellions S106 Funds were now held in ONE pot.**

#### 9) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Keep Britain Tidy – Litter Pick set for 28<sup>th</sup> April meeting 9.15am at the Sports Pavilion.

b) Crediton Town Council had sent an invitation for two representatives to attend the Mayor's Reception (13<sup>th</sup> March). Cllrs G Ford and J Binks agreed to attend.

c) Devon Communities Together (Membership) – It was decided not to renew Membership this year.

d) Calor Gas Rural Community Fund – The Chairman agreed to look at the forms to see whether the Parish Council would qualify ?

10) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION - No news to report.

11) PLAY AREA UPDATE “The Way Ahead” - See Minutes 8 (a) (b) and (g).

#### 12) PLANNING

19/00101/HOUSE The Linhay Higher Furzeland Coppystone

Installation of package sewage treatment plant and associated underground drainage pipework from the dwelling to a water course

NO OBJECTION

19/00262/FULL

Land at NGR 285493 104975 (Holly Water Holidays) Cross Hill Cross to Cheriton Cross East Village

Change of use of agricultural land to leisure and tourism for an area of 170 sq. m for the erection of a timber tipi and associated outdoor area

**NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO A SUGGESTED 10 YEAR CONDITION FOR THIS BUILDING**

Devon County Council request for comments to application received by the Mineral Planning Authority

Extraction of up to 2,000 tonnes of Exeter Volcanic Series building stone per annum at Knowle Quarry, Coppleshon, Crediton, EX17 5PB

**NO OBJECTION**

Grant of permission :-

18/01986/LBC "Higher Woolsgrove" Sandford - LBC for installation of a radio receiver dish

18/02057/LBC "Fishers" New Buildings

LBC for consent for internal and external alterations including erection of porch and canopy

### 13) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & SUB COMMITTEES

MDDC Cllr J Binks confirmed that a written response had been sent by the Chief Executive regarding the allocation of Creedy Bridge S106 funding.

### 14) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

#### Receipts

Lloyd's Bank (Interest February 2019) £0.53

#### Payments

Mr M Vallance Salary £449.00 Use of Home £54.00

Ink Cartridges Epson + Inkjet £139.78 Stationery £8.50 Postage £9.64 £660.92

Sandford Congregational Church (Donation for use of Hall) £150.00

XS wraps Ltd (New signs) £276.00

Cheques signed by Cllrs Miles and Stephens.

### 15) ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

It was agreed, for the third time, to report outstanding matters :-

Potholes – West Sandford Road and Lodge Corner. Also Long barn, near Creedy Lakes, where the road surface was in a dangerous state possibly giving rise to claims from Drivers for damage to their vehicles.

### 16) DONATION FOR USE OF SANDFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL

£150 Proposed Cllr Stephens, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Lee, and carried.

17) 2019 WEED SRAYING – The Clerk was asked to contact Rodd Carter for an estimate.

18) ANY OTHER BUSINESS – The Chairman gave advance notice of Parish Elections on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019.

19) Date of next Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

There being no other business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.05 pm.

