

## SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019

The Sandford Annual Parish Meeting took place this day.

Present:-

Chairman Mrs E Dalton plus 22 Parishioners and Parish Councillors.

Plus Cllr M Squires (DCC).

Mr R Ward (Practice Manager Chiddenbrook Surgery).

Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance.

- 1) APOLOGIES were received from Cllr S Miles.
- 2) The MINUTES of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting, which had been circulated and posted on the Parish Council website, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 3) MATTERS ARISING – None.
- 4) CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT for 2018/2019  
Cllr E Dalton then gave her Annual Report.  
It had been another busy year which had included :-
  - The “gifting of the Creed View car park” to the Parish by the “Gorwyn Trust”.  
The Parish Council had covered the cost of all Legal fees.
  - Yellow lines had been implemented in and around the Square following a public consultation.
  - Planning permission had been granted for 257 homes at Creedy Bridge.
  - An application had been received for 65 homes at Higher Road. Although this had been refused it had been re-submitted to MDDC with “reserved matters”.
  - Steve McCulloch continued as Parish Footpath Officer.
  - Carols in the Square had taken place again and for 2019 onwards this event would be organised by St Swithun's Church

After three busy years as Chairman Cllr Dalton advised that she would be standing down this year to give someone else an opportunity to “Guide the Parish Council”.

DCC M Squires and MDDC J Binks were thanked for their assistance during the year. Also the contribution and support given by the Parish Council and the Parish Clerk.

- 5) SPEAKER – The Chairman then introduced Mr Richard Ward (Practice Manager at Chiddenbrook Surgery” who then spoke on “The Proposed new single GP Surgery for Crediton”.

The idea for a “New joint surgery for Crediton” has started in 2015 to merge Chiddenbrook and New Valley practices to improve and develop new models of care for patients. Also to attract new Doctors and key medical staff. With all the new Homes planned for the Town increased Health facilities would be needed.

The project would obtain funding from the “NHS England's Primary Care Transformation Fund” and this would be paid back over the next 30 years. The NHS grant, 85%, had to be allocated and used by March 2020. MDDC had also agreed to a “low interest Loan”.

The Project was currently “Number One in Devon”.

An opening date between March and September of 2021 was envisaged for the New Surgery. Whether this would include a Pharmacy was still being discussed as there was already one at Tesco's.

Fifty members of staff from the two current surgeries would transfer over to the new Joint Surgery.

The proposed location was adjacent to the "Red Deer" and Tesco's on Joseph Locke Way. The Location would be well served by local buses.

The Presentation was followed by a question and answer session and Cllr Dalton then thanked Richard Ward for an interesting and informative Presentation.

6) Sandford Play Area "The way forward"

Cllr P Yeo gave a Report on the current position (See Appendix 1).

Cllr J Stephens proposed a vote of Thanks to Cllr Yeo, and members of the Play Area Sub Committee, for all their hard work on this Project.

Sandford now had a Sports Pavilion, a new Car Park, and the next priority was the Play Area.

7) A REFRESHMENT BREAK THEN TOOK PLACE.

8) PRESENTATION OF THE PARISH ACCOUNTS

Parish Accounts were then Presented :-

a) Sandford Parish Council by the Clerk Malcolm Vallance

b) Sandford Parish Hall by the Treasurer Tony Wright

c) The Crossing by the Chairman Mike Snow

These Accounts were then Adopted by the Meeting. Proposed Cllr M Squires, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr R Stoye, and carried

Sandford Relief in Need – A report on the last twelve months was given by Jill Kinch (Chairman). £4500 had been distributed during the year made up of regular and "one off payments to Parishioners who qualified for Relief.

9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Details were given of Parish Elections on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

b) Cllr J Stephens proposed a Vote of Thanks to Richard Ward, and Simon Whewell, for all their hard work on the. "The Proposed new single GP Surgery for Crediton"

c) It was reported that Mike Brett had agreed to take over as Editor of The Crossing.

A Vote of Thanks was proposed to Mike and Karen Snow for all the work they had put into The Crossing over the years.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9.20PM

Dear playground supporter,

Firstly, on behalf of Sandford Parish Council, a huge thank you for all your help with the decisions made over the Mill Lane playing fields. As you know there have been many consultations with the public over the best type of play provision for the community:

- A Saturday morning event attended mainly by younger children and their parents, including a disabled child.
- Three meetings at the Pavilion attended mainly by older children, parents and grandparents
- An online questionnaire.
- A school-based survey of children (special thanks to Dave Hope for organising these last two surveys).
- Discussions at Parish Council meetings.

The results of all these surveys can be obtained from Malcolm Vallance, the Parish Council clerk. Moreover, as a result of these meetings, architect's drawings have been completed, and work has been done to remove and dispose of rubber matting and splintered timbers to make all existing equipment conform with safety standards.

From the consultations it was clear that people wanted:

1. Something that could not be found elsewhere in the village;
2. Equipment for older juniors, and young adults' needs to be prioritised;
3. A community space for all ages.

At the February Parish Council meeting, it was asked that a proposal for the development of the play area be brought to the meeting. Clearly budgetary constraints unfortunately influenced our decisions, but the Parish Council has allocated precept funds for the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 for the work to be done in three distinct phases. Quotations were sought, and lengthy meetings with various play equipment suppliers were held, and it has been agreed that we use 'Ministry of Play Ltd' to provide the following:

- Phase 1. Outdoor gym equipment. The play area would include a small community gym, which could be used by adults and older children, including some disabled people.
- Phase 2. Further modules of the climbing apparatus. The existing equipment would also be refurbished in phase 2.
- Phase 3. Additional play structures (yet to be decided after further consultation) within the remainder of the enclosed play area.

Unfortunately, there was not enough remaining space for a zip wire given the required safety area that is needed. Similarly, the suggestion of a skate board park needs to be investigated further, owing to the high cost, and issues around the siting of such a structure.

Although this was agreed at the Parish Council meeting, we were disappointed to receive communication from Mid Devon District Council informing us that our S106 budget of £3500 had been reduced to £2386, and that this cannot be used for outdoor gym equipment or the refurbishment of existing playground equipment. The chairman and I are going to pursue this matter imminently with the finance officer at MDCC.

Consequently, the scope of what the Parish Council can achieve has been drastically reduced, but it seems we do have funds to refurbish the existing equipment, with the addition of an extra module built on to the monkey bar unit. By allocating funds in the new financial year with the addition of grants from the Crossing and SACA, we have a shortfall of approximately £2000 to fund two new pieces of equipment, namely a cone swing and a see-saw. Fortunately, we have just learnt that the parish has been awarded that sum from the MDCC TAP fund, so we are able to purchase these two pieces of equipment soon.

I trust that you recognise that Sandford Parish Council has listened and taken on board the feelings of the Sandford community, given that a wide range of diverse opinions were received, and that the subsequent decisions that have been made in the light of the new financial constraints are acceptable.

Once again, thank you for all your help and contributions.

Yours sincerely,  
Pat Yeo Sandford Parish Council.