

SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at SANDFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL on 9th MAY 2019.

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

Cllr E Dalton (Chairman) Messrs – G. Griffin J.P, R. Stoyale, M. Lee, J Stephens.

Mesdame Miles. DCC Cllr M Squires (Left during the Meeting)

Brian Fyfe the Chairman of Upton Hellions Parish Meeting. The Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance

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

The Parish Council were saddened to learn of the death of David Starkes, who was to have taken up his seat on the Parish Council that evening.

The Clerk had obtained a card which was signed by Councillors and would be sent to Georgina Ford.

1) Election of Chairman and completion of Acceptance of Office form – Cllr Jim Stevens was duly Elected and completed the Acceptance of Office form and then took the Chair.

1a) Election of Vice- Chairman – Cllr Gordon Griffin J.P. was duly elected

A VOTE OF THANKS WAS PROPOSED TO CLLR E DALTON FOR HER THREE BUSY YEARS AS CHAIRMAN AND FOR ALL THAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN THAT TIME.

1b) APOLOGIES – Cllrs G Ford and N Unstead. MDDC Cllr E Wainwright.

Declaration of Interests – None.

1c) Acceptance of Office forms were then completed by Parish Councillors.

1d) Parish Council vacancies and Co-options. It was agreed to advertise the Three vacant seats and ask for written “Expressions of Interest” to be considered at the 6th June Meeting.

1e) Future Meetings of the Parish Council – First Thursday of the month at Sandford Congregational Church Hall.

Meetings in the Summer months to be held at the Sandford Community Sports Pavillion.

1f) Review of Sub Committees (Finance sub committee/Play area sub committee etc) – To be dealt with once the Council were back up to full compliment.

1g) Review of Standing Orders – These had only been updated in 2016 and it was not felt there was a need to make any changes.

1h) Publication of Parish Council News – The Parish Clerk agreed to continue to undertake this task.

Possible Social Media page (e.g. Facebook) - To be dealt with once the Council were back up to full compliment.

1i) Review of Bank Signatories -To be dealt with once the Council were back up to full compliment.

3) OPEN FORUM

In the Open Forum Brian Fyfe the Chairman of Upton Hellions introduced himself. It was agreed that in future the two Parishes would work closer together on joint issues.

4) PARISH COMMENT BOOK contained the following entries :-

“369 Sandford Bus – The most used bus of the day is the 10.08 though most days regrettably it is not on time. As people use the bus for Appointments at the Doctors, Hospital, Opticians etc the need for it to be on time is really important.

Can we ask Dart Line to pursue this for us Bus Users .

IT WAS AGREED TO PASS THESE COMMENTS ON TO DARTLINE

Whist we note that Shop does Late Night Opening would it not be more advantageous to Shoppers if instead it remained Open on Wednesday afternoons or maybe Open for a couple of hours on a Bank Holiday for papers” ?

IT WAS AGREED TO PASS THESE COMMENTS ON TO THE SANDFORD STORES COMMITTEE.

MATTERS REPORTED ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE PLUS MATTERS REPORTED TO THE CLERK AND PARISH COUNCILLORS.

During the month the ongoing issue of Parking at Crofts had been reported to the Clerk. This matter been referred to MDDC Cllr M Squires to discuss the matter with the District Council.

5) To confirm MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th April 2019.

CORRECTION – The Donation of £500 towards the Play Area had been received from Creedy Dramatic Arts and NOT The Crossing.

Following this correction the Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Mr R Carter – 2019 Weed spraying quote – The reason for the 2019 increase to £300 was due to the inclusion of the “Creedy View” car park.

b) The Litter Pick had gone off well and the Clerk had sent thanks those who had helped.

c) It was agreed to send a message to Mike Brett, and the Sandford Heritage Group, congratulating them on the success of the recent Sandford Exhibition.

7) POLICE MATTERS – The Clerk had referred the matter of Speeding Vehicles at the bottom of Rose and Crown Hill to the Community Policeman.

8) REPLIES

a) Sandford Congregational Church had sent a letter of thanks for the Hall rental donation.

b) MDDC – A formal reply had been received from David Green (MDDC) regarding the Complaint over Creedy Bridge S106 funding Allocation :-

I have considered and investigated the matters raised in your letter and understand your main concerns to be that:

As you are aware the issue of contributions to Sandford PC was discussed at length by the planning Committee when they made a decision to approve the application. As part of the site visit for this meeting the Planning Committee also drove to Sandford to establish the distances involved from the development. As the Planning Committee listened to the concerns of Sandford PC at the committee meeting and decided that the development and Sec 106 contributions proposed were acceptable there is nothing further I can add on this matter. The Planning Committee has made its decision having fully heard your concerns so unfortunately there is nothing further the complaints process or planning legislation can do to assist you on this matter.

I am aware that you have met with MDDC Sec 106 officer and discussions have taken place on how to ensure you can secure contributions from developers in the future through having community projects that are ready to go for which the Planning officers of MDDC can secure contributions. It is always better to have CIL regulation compliant community projects ready to be delivered when negotiating with developers before they get their planning permission as they are much more receptive to these funding suggestions. Whilst I cannot comment further on the terms of the sec 106 agreed by Planning Committee I would encourage you to continue your positive dialogue with the Sec 106 officer in the Development Management Team at MDDC as this will enable you to ensure that the frustrations you feel on the above application are not repeated should other developments come forward in the future .

On the basis that the terms of the Sec 106 agreement are compliant with the CIL regulations and were ratified as acceptable by the Planning Committee I can find no grounds to support your stage 1 complaint . This concludes my response to your complaint in accordance with Stage 1 of Mid Devon District Council's complaints and feedback procedure.

WHILST THESE COMMENTS WERE ACCEPTED IT WAS FELT INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE DISTRICT COUNCIL TO DEAL WITH COMPLAINTS MADE AGAINST IT.

THE PARISH COUNCIL AGREED TO REFER THE MATTER ON TO MEL STRIDE M.P.

- c) Lottery – The Council were disappointed to learn that the application had been turned down. It was agreed to re-apply in 12 months time for a grant towards the Outdoor Gym, by which time the Parish Council would have Precept funding and possibly further MDDC S106 funds to add.
- d) Ministry of Play had quoted £1138 to supply and install a SPRIN MAZE at the Creedy View Play Area to use up the surplus S106 funds for this location. Also a quote for £329 to supply and install a Bench in the Sandford Play area following the donation of £250 from Sandford Flower show had been accepted. The Clerk had completed and submitted the relevant S106 forms to MDDC.

9) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Crediton Town Council had sent a copy of their Crediton Neighbourhood Plan (draft) and Cllrs Dalton and Griffin were looking at this document with view to creating a Sandford N.P.
- b) Veitch Penny – Following completion of the legal work, on the “Creedy View “ car park, a refund on Charges of £59.00 had been received (Land Registry fees).
- c) Sandford Flower Show had sent a Donation of £250 towards new equipment for the play area. As their previous donation had been used to purchase the picnic bench it had been agreed to use the latest funding towards the purchase of a Bench for the play area.
- d) Pamela Tilney Ellis had sent the Parish Council a strongly worded email objecting to Weed spraying taking place in the Village. Her comments were noted. She had also emailed on the matter of speeding traffic “Can the council do something about the huge very fast farm traffic that thunders down Rose and Crown Hill and past my cottage? It is frankly terrifying and is going to cause a fatality one day with the road junctions and garage activity at the bottom of the hill. I'm sure they are doing more than 30 and ' 20 is plenty'.

The Clerk had referred this matter to the Community Policeman for his comments.

- e) Sandford AFC had forwarded an email received from Emma Byrnes in connection with the use of the Pavilion and Toilets for Events on the Green.

Could they have the use of the Toilets on an occasional basis ?

Also Hire the Pavilion for future Workshops ?

It was also asked if the Pavillion was Ofsted Registered. ?

The Clerk had replied to the Email requesting further information and a response was still awaited.

As Booking Agents for the Pavillion it was agreed that Sandford AFC should negotiate the request for use of the Toilets.)Maybe a small charge to cover costs and cleaning ?).

Also booking of the Pavillion for the proposed Workshops.

f) MDDC had sent a copy of the May 2019 Town and Parish Newsletter.

g) Lester Yeo had written on the matter of the Defibrillator outside Sandford Stores. As his property was now on the Market he gave advance notice that it would be necessary to find someone to take on the responsibility of “keeping an eye on it and to ensure it is in working condition”. It would also be necessary to pass on the Training Equipment.

IT WAS FELT NECESSARY THAT WHOEVER TOOK OVER SHOULD BE FULL TRAINED IN THE USE OF THE EQUIPMENT.

A SUGGESTION WAS MADE TO ASK SUMMERHAYES IF THEY WOULD TAKE ON THIS DUTY. CLLR MILES AGREED TO VISIT SUMMERHAYES, WITH PAT YEO, TO ASK THEM IF THEY WOULD TAKE ON THIS RESPONSIBILITY AND TO EXPLAIN WHAT WAS INVOLVED.

10) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION – Annual Inspection to be carried out at the 6th June Meeting due to take place at the Pavillion.

11) PLAY AREA UPDATE – The quotation from Ministry of Play for the refurbishment and purchase of two new pieces of equipped had been accepted and the work would be carried out in the near future. “Creedy View “ Play Area – MDDC were insisting that it was necessary to obtain THREE quotes to purchase new equipment for the play area to use up the balance of £1166.

12) PLANNING

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

PREVIOUS COMMENTS TO STAND.

19/00689/FULL Endfield Farm New Buildings

Erection of extension to an agricultural livestock building **NO OBJECTION**

19/00691/HOUSE Rocks Court Crediton

Erection of first floor extension and garage extension (revised scheme) **NO OBJECTION**

19/00746/CAT Park House Sandford

Notification of intention to crown lift 4 oak trees to 3m over footpath and remove deadwood: remove 3 oak trees and 1 leylandi tree within the Conservation Area

NO OBJECTION. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT ANY TREES REMOVED WERE REPLACED.

Grant of Planning permission

19//00221/FULL Land and Buildings at NGR 278312 104548 Coppleshone

Conversion of barn to holiday cottage and erection of single storey extension and 4 bay carport

18/01596/LBC Downhayne East Village

LBC for the erection of ground floor and first floor extensions and alterations to joining barn

Refusal of permission

18/01841/LBC Downhayne East Village
LBC for the conversion of barn to dwelling

13) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & SUB COMMITTEES
MDDC were going through the induction process for New Councillors.

14) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Lloyd's Bank (April 2019 Interest)	£0.60
Veitch Penny (Refund on Charges)	£59.00
Sandford Flower Show (Donation)	£250.00
HMRC (VAT refund)	£129.48

Payments

Devon Communities Together (Renewal of Membership)	£50.00
Devon Association of Local Council (Renewal of Membership)	£298.15
Mr R Carter (Weed spraying)	£300.00
Vision ict Ltd (Web hosting 2019/2020)	£150.00
Mr C Cole (Internal Audit)	£60.00

Cheques were signed by Councillors Miles and Stoyle.

15) ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

It was noted that the damaged pavement outside “Valley View” was in the course of being repaired. The Clerk was asked to write to DCC Highways to say what a “great job” had been made of the recent “Patching”, on the road from Sandford to Crediton, and to congratulate the Contractors on a job well done ! It was also agreed to press Current issues :- Patching needed on the road to West Sandford past the Cow sheds at Town Barton also the poor state of the road at Long Barn.

16) PRESENTATION OF THE 2018/2019 ACCOUNTS AND COMPLETION OF THE ANNUAL RETURN

The Clerk confirmed that he had met with the Internal Auditor who had not found any problems and had Signed off the Accounts.

The 2018/2019 Accounts were presented to the Meeting by the Parish Clerk and were then formally Adopted. Proposed Cllr Stephens, 2nd Cllr G Griffin J.P., and carried unanimously.

The Chairman and Clerk then Signed off the Annual Return.

As the turnover for 2018/2019 did not exceed £25K there would be no need for an External Audit. All financial details would be published on the Parish Council Website.

17) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) The forthcoming Absence of the Parish Clerk was noted.

b) 2019 Best Gardens Contest – To be discussed at the next Meeting.

18) Date of next Meeting 6th June 2019 at Sandford Community Sports Pavillion
THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9.25PM.

