

## SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILLION on 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019.

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

Cllr J Stephens (Chairman) Messrs – G. Griffin J.P, R. Stoye, D Hope and M. Lee.

Mesdame Dalton

DCC Cllr M Squires (Arrived during the Meeting) MDDC Cllr E Wainwright

Brian Fyfe the Chairman of Upton Hellions Parish Meeting.

Mr M Theedom (Sandford School Governor) Mr A Voisey (Sandford AFC)

( Both left during the Meeting)

Dr S Hale. The Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance

### 1) APOLOGIES – Cllr S Waller, N Unstead.

Declaration of Interests – None.

1a) Parish Council “Expressions of Interest” - Two Expressions had been received. One from Dr Stephen Hale, who was present at the Meeting, and former Councillor Mike Snow.

It was agreed to Co-opt both of these applicants to Sandford Parish Council and they would be invited to attend their first Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Acceptance of Office forms were completed by Georgina Ford, and Dave Hope who was welcomed to his first Meeting by the Chairman.

1b) Review of Sub Committees (Finance sub committee/Play area sub committee etc) – To be dealt with in September.

1c) Possible Social Media page (e.g. Facebook) – The Clerk had obtained confirmation that a Link to a Public Access Sandford Parish Council Facebook could be made from the Council Website.

Visitors to this Public Facebook page need not be Facebook Members. Cllrs Hope and Hale agreed to assist the Clerk if needed.

1d) Review of Bank Signatories – The Clerk had obtained the Mandate form to delete P Yeo, V Keast and P Harvey as Signatories and this form was counter signed by Cllrs Stephens and Stoye.

The Clerk also handed out for completion the relevant forms to add the new Signatories.

### 3) OPEN FORUM

a) Matt Theedom introduced himself as a Sandford School Governor.

ROAD SAFETY ISSUES – Whilst the traffic entering the Village, on the Kennerleigh road, still posed a problem the main road safety issues were now around the School entrance on Fanny's Lane.

There were currently 140 pupils spread over 5 classes (maximum capacity 180).

50% of the pupils now lived outside the Parish and this meant a high volume of traffic in Fanny's Lane in the morning and at the end of the day.

Most Parents used the car park facilities at the Parish Hall and this worked well using the new pavement opposite the Parish Hall against the Allotments wall.

However the School entrance at these time became very congested and the Road Safety Markings were in need of replacement as they had worn away over the years.

The School was also considering a Barrier to avoid children running out into to the main road.

DCC Cllr M Squires agreed to arrange a Site Meeting with the Road Safety Officer.  
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM – Matt reported that the Tendering/Funding matters were currently being dealt with. It was envisaged works would take place in the Autumn half term. 99% of the new building would be timber and it was not envisaged the delivery of the materials would cause much extra traffic on Fanny's Lane.

b) Adam Voisey introduced himself as the new Chairman of Sandford AFC and advised that he would also continue as Secretary, and be responsible for taking Pavilion bookings.

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

a) BT. Outreach had been back working in the Square “to improve Sandford Internet quality for the next 30 years”.

During this time Parishioners had found their landlines were being interfered with and there had been numerous Complaints.

When the work had been completed the BT Engineers had left Sandford one Friday afternoon stating that all was well.

However as soon as they left the previous problems began to re-occur. This included land lines not working and numerous reports of “Crossed lines” where people were getting phone calls meant for other recipients.

The Clerk had asked why a Letter had not been circulated in the Village warning of these potential problems only to be told the “Works should have been seamless”.

At any one time there had been three vehicles parked in and around the Square some on Yellow Lines with their engines running. As a result of the congestion and parking issues it was reported that this had been effecting trade at the Lamb Inn and the Post Office.

THE CLERK HAD PURSUED BT OUTREACH WITH NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS MANY OF WHICH HAD BEEN IGNORED.

THE CLERK HAD FINALLY EMAILED THE CHEIF EXECUTIVE OF B.T. OUTREACH AND THIS HAD PROMPTED A RESPONSE :-

*I'm really sorry to hear about the issues residents have been experiencing with their service since the visit at the end of June.*

*I've raised an executive case on C14128570 so we can look into these issues further. We'll also look into the parking incident on the 21<sup>st</sup> June to find out what work was being undertaken and make sure in future we park in a more suitable space to stop any inconvenience for the business.*

*Would you mind providing me with your address details as this will give us a base to start our investigation? If residents are still experiencing issues with their service, I'd recommend them to raise this with their service provider so we can arrange for an engineer to attend site. Service providers have direct routes into Openreach should they need our assistance.*

**Adam Langford (CEO Complaints Openreach)**

5) The MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Best Kept Garden Contest – The Chairman confirmed this was in hand and would be Judged later in July. Cllr Ford suggested Sandford enter “Britain in Bloom”.

- b) Broken Field Gate on Meadowside Road – This matter was being dealt with.  
c) “Creedy View” car park – The Chairman was in the process of visiting Mrs Escott to discuss her email concerning the parking restrictions. The Clerk had researched Parking Sign directing vehicles to the Car Park and it was agreed to order 1 Small Sign and 2 Large Signs. It was suggested these could be located at the top of Rose and Crown Hill, in the Square and on Fanny's Lane.

7) POLICE MATTERS – No new matters to report.

8) REPLIES

a) D.A.L.C had replied to the questions on Planning issues confirming that a Parish Council was unable to pursue Complaints through the Local Ombudsman.

9) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Devon Communities – Local Plan Training Course “Getting Started” Boniface Centre Crediton 10<sup>th</sup> September at 18.00. Cllrs Griffin and Dalton had signed up for this training course.

10) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION – The Annual Inspection had taken place after the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Meeting and the Clerk gave details of the results.

11) PLAY AREA UPDATE – The works to install two new pieces of Equipment, and to refurbish the rest of the play area, had now been completed and prior to the Meeting Councillors had inspected the works. Everyone was very pleased with the result and above all how the finances had been used to complete the refurbishment.

It was agreed to purchase a £25 book token to thank Pat Yeo for all the time and effort she had been into this Project. It was suggested that this could be presented at the start of the Planning Meeting planned for 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and to invite Members of Parish Organisations who had made donations to the Project and those who had attended the Meetings.

12) PLANNING

19/01044/CAT          The Lamb Inn Sandford  
Notice of intention to remove one Rowan tree in the Conservation Area  
**NO OBJECTION**

19/01099/FULL        Downhayne East Village  
Erection of sheep housing and general purpose agricultural building  
**NO OBJECTION**

Grants of planning approval :-

19/00746/CAT          Park House Sandford  
Notification to Crown one tree and remove others in the Conservation Area

19/01041/NMA        Broomclose Sandford  
Non material amendment for 15/10590/FULL to change wording of condition 3 from natural slate to fibre cement tiles.  
**IT WAS AGREED TO OBJECT TO THIS AMENDMENT**

## 12) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & SUB COMMITTEE

MDDC Cllr Elizabeth Wainwright introduced herself to the Parish Council and looked forward to working with Members.

MDDC Cllr Margaret Squires reported on the MDDC Climate Change Policy 2030-2080.

Cllr Griffin had attended the New Councillors Course and had found this to be both useful and interesting.

## 14) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

### Receipts

Lloyd's Bank (June 2019 Interest) ?

### Payments

30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Ministry of Play Limited

Sandford play area refurbishment, two new pieces of play kit, and new bench) £21779.76

Mr M Vallance (Salary) £454.00, Use of Home as Office (3 months) £54.00, Expenses £25.23,  
Postage £14.64, Holiday Pay £586.23 £1134.10

Ministry of Play Limited ("Creedy View" Springy) £1366.44

Mr S McCulloch (Grass cutting) £49.50

1<sup>st</sup> August 2019

Mr M Vallance (Salary) £454.00

Cheques signed by Cllrs Stephens and Stoye

15) ROADS AND FOOTPATHS- No new Matters to report.

16) ANY OTHER BUSINESS - None

17) Date of next Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
(Planning Meeting if needed 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019)

There being no other business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.37pm.

