

SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILLION on 5th SEPTEMBER 2019.

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

Cllr J Stephens (Chairman)

Messrs – G. Griffin J.P, R. Stoyale, D Hope, N Unstead, Dr S Hale, Fyfe, M. Snow and M. Lee.

Mesdame S Miles DCC Cllr M Squires (Left during the Meeting) MDDC Cllr E Wainwright

The Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance

- 1) APOLOGIES – Cllrs Ford and Dalton Declaration of Interests – None.

1a) Acceptance of Office forms were completed by Steven Hale and Brian Fyfe who were both given copies of the Sandford Standing Orders document

1b) Review of Sub Committees

Finance sub committee – Cllrs Stoyale, Miles, Ford , Griffin and Stephens.

Play area sub committee - Cllrs Snow, Haley and Hope. It was also agreed to co-opt Pat Yeo for the rest of the time she remained in the Parish.

Proposal to form a SPC Sub Committee to discuss “Climate Change” - Cllr Stephens.

Discussion took place on this proposal and the Clerk reported on how other Parishes and Town were dealing with this use.

MDDC Cllr Wainwright advised action MDDC were taking.

Cllrs Stephens suggested that CLIMATE CHANGE should be the Main topic for the Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting in March 2020 which would give Sandford Parishioners an opportunity to get involved. This was agreed unanimously.

MDDC Cllr Wainwright agreed to find a Speaker once a date had been set

The following Cllrs agreed to serve on the Sub Committee – Cllrs Haley, Hope, Lee, Fyfe and Stephens and would meet in advance of the APM. It was also agreed to invite Cllr E Dalton to join the sub committee.

- 2) OPEN FORUM – No one present.

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

A Comment had been made in the Parish Comment Book “Just to say well done for the choice of equipment and refurbishment of the play area. It took a while but looks good now – and more to come ?”.

The Clerk had been approached by William King “ I have some concerns about the potential transportation impact of the proposed development at Creedy Bridge and there are some areas of the plan which are unclear to me”. He had been in touch with MDDC Planning but had been unable to obtain a response.

The Clerk had referred the matter on to MDDC Cllrs Squires and Wainwright to investigate.

3a) As she had to attend another Meeting, DCC Cllr M Squires gave her report at this point.

“Creedy Bridge” - MDDC were still discussing this application concerning S106, Transportation, and the Travellers Site.

She noted item 14 – The Suggestion to erect a safety mirror at the end of Fanny's Lane (Church Street end) for traffic exiting on to the main road. DCC Highways were against the erection of these mirrors and this was not an Option.. Maybe the painting of Yellow Lines might help in this location ?

MDDC were carrying out a Boundary Review to balance up the number of Voters in each District Council Ward which would probably see the number of DCC Cllrs cut to 42. Sandford and Creedy were “Spot on”. The dead line for comments was 4th November after which there would be a 2nd Consultation.

At a later date a Consultation would take place on Parish Boundaries where there was currently confusion with the Boundary between where Sandford and Shobrooke met.

County Councillor Squires also gave an update to the suggested “Sunnyside” Footpath suggestion to say that this pathway had been transferred to the Owners of the two properties when MDDC had sold the Properties so this was not an Option (SEE ITEM 5D). A suggestion was made that maybe the painting of Yellow Lines in Fanny's Lane might assist both the School road safety issues and the problems of exiting on to the Main Road ?

CLLL SQUIRES THEN LEFT THE MEETING.

- 4) To confirm MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2019 also MINUTES of the Planning Meeting held on 8th August 2019.

Following the correction of the name of an Attendee, at both Meetings, the Minutes were confirmed and signed as a true record.

PROPOSED CLLR GRIFFIN, 2ND CLLR FYFE, AND CARRIED.

- 5) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Gate replacement Meadowside – Cllr Stephens confirmed that the gate had now been replaced. Thanks were proposed to Cllr Stephens and Steve Kirkham for undertaking this task.

IT WAS HOPED THAT THE SKATE BOARDING WHICH HAD LEAD TO THE DAMAGE TO THE GATE WOULD NOW CEASE.

b) Parking Signs – These had been purchased and would now be erected by Steve Kirkham.

c) Facebook (Community Page) – This was now up and running and thanks were extended to the Clerk and Cllr Hope for making this happen. It was felt that this would be an excellent opportunity for of Communication with Parishioners. A link had been made from the Parish Council Website and even those who were not on Facebook would be able to access the Facebook information.

d) Sandford School road safety issues were discussed.

A Meeting had taken place on 30th August, at short notice, with Cllr G Griffin (Vice Chairman) and the Parish Clerk as Steve Tucker and Margaret Squires had been in the area, and passing the School, and had been able to review current issues regarding safety concerns.

(The DCC Road Safety Officer had been away and was only just catching up with matters that had been reported).

- Steve Tucker confirmed that the Lines on the road, outside the School entrance in Fanny's Lane were on the list for re-painting. There was currently a backlog.
 - At the same time he was aware of the Parents who persisted in Parking on the Lines to drop children off. He felt the Police needed to make the occasional visit.
 - He was encouraged to hear that the School were hoping to erect a barrier at the bottom of the School slope, on to Fanny's Lane to stop children running out onto the main road.
- HE WAS UNHAPPY THAT CHILDREN, AND VEHICLES ACCESSING THE SCHOOL, WERE MIXING TOGETHER.**

His suggestion was to utilise the “Sunnyside” Footpath that ran up beside the car park to allow a Pedestrian access.

- As the two former MDDC Council House homes at “Sunnyside” had in all probability been purchased by the Residents the District Council would need to be approached to confirm Ownership of the Footpath.
- **HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR ALL CURRENT POTENTIAL ROAD SAFETY ISSUES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SANDFORD SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN.**

IT WAS AGREED THAT AN UPDATE OF THIS MEETING COULD NOW BE PASSED TO MATT THEEDOM, AND SANDFORD SCHOOL, WHO COULD NOW LIAISE WITH DCC CLLR M SQUIRES AND DCC AS TO THE WAY AHEAD.

- 6) POLICE MATTERS – Brian Fyfe reported that three properties, in Upton Hellions, had been broken into on the night of Tuesday 3rd September and various pieces of garden tools had been stolen.

IT WAS AGREED TO ASK FOR AN UPDATE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH FROM PCSO DAVE WARING AND THE SANDFORD N.W. CO-ORDINATOR (Graham Baker).

7) REPLIES

- a) Lloyd's Bank – The Bank mandate had been acknowledged though further action was needed. The Clerk confirmed he had this matter in hand.
- b) BT Outreach Complaint – An apology had been received to the issues in Sandford School and it was reported that “lessons had been learnt” from this incident.
- DCC Parking Enforcement – Advised that BT Outreach were within their right to Park their vans on Yellow Lines in the Square. Whilst this was accepted it was pointed out that the vans needed to be parked sympathetically so as not to cause problems for emergency vehicles, the Sandford bus, and any business operating in the Square.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) DCC Highways – Road closure Forches Corner to George hill Cross 23/9/2019- 18/10/2019 for Gas Main replacement.
- b) D.A.L.C. - Annual Report 2018/2019 also AGM 23rd October at Haldon Racecourse
- c) CPRE Event – Crediton 18th September – Anyone wishing to attend was asked to contact the Clerk. It was understood that Cllr Dalton had already signed up.
- d) MDDC – Possible sources of grant funding had been received.
Also the September Newsletter which contained details of 2018 Website Rules which the Clerk confirmed, after contacting the PC Hosts, were in place.
A District Council Boundary Review was taking place but Sandford was not affected due to the number of Electors' in a large way
AT THE OCTOBER MEETING IT WAS AGREED TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT PARISH BOUNDARY WITH SHOBROOKE.
Comments needed to be submitted by 4th November.
- e) The Rural Bulletin contained details of a new Publication The Village Survival Guide. The Clerk was asked to purchase a copy.
- f) CPRE Devon – Renewal of Membership. This was agreed and a cheque to be drawn at the next meeting.

9) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION

As the entrance to the field, and in front of the Pavilion, was being far more used for Parking a suggestion was made for a more suitable surfacing ?

10) PLAY AREAS

BEFORE THE MEETING A “TOAST”, TO THE NEWLY REFUBISHED SANDFORD PLAY AREA, HAD TAKEN PLACE WITH LOCAL CIDER AND MILK. PAT YEO HAD BEEN PRESENTED WITH A BOOK TOKEN FOR HER EFFORTS IN “MASTERMINDING THE PROJECT” AND FOR INVOLVING PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS.

a) Suggestion for a Junior swing at the “Creedy View” Play Area.

The Clerk had obtained a quote for this item at a cost of £4K.

b) Next Phase for the Sandford Play Area ?

The Clerk had produced a schedule setting out the finances for Phase 1.

The S106 from MDDC for Creedy View was still awaited and MDDC Cllr E Wainwright agreed to make enquiries over this matter.

Once the S106 funding had been received a start could be made on the next Phase and the profits of the August Parish Hall Bingo of £665 had already promised to kick start this.

One suggestion that an Outdoor Gym would be the next Project and an estimate of £20K as a guide had been received of one recently installed in the area.

THESE OPTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING OF THE PLAY AREA COMMITTEE

11) PLANNING

19/01383/HOUSE Furzeparks New Buildings

Erection of two storey extension and garage with space above

NO OBJECTION

19/01434/CLU Land adjacent to Kerswell Cottage Sandford

Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of garage and adjoining area for vehicle repairs (B2) for a period in excess of 10 years

IT WAS AGREED TO SEEK COMMENTS FROM THE RESIDENTS OF “CREEDY PARK”, AND SANDFORD CRICKET CLUB, BEFORE SUBMITTING ANY COMMENT AS IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THERE WERE POTENTIAL ACCESS ISSUES.

(FOR THIS REASON IT WAS AGREED TO ASK MDDC PLANNING IF THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS COULD BE EXTENDED FROM 17 SEPTEMBER TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2019 ?)

19/1490/LBC The Lamb Inn Sandford

LBC for the formation of a covered seating area within the courtyard

NO OBJECTION AS THERE WOULD BE NO VISABILITY TO NEARBY PROPERTIES.

Grants of planning permission

19/01099/FULL Downhayne East Village

Erection of sheep housing and general purpose agricultural building

19/010005/FULL Pelistry Farm Copplestone
Change of use for siting of an agricultural workers residential caravan

19/01214/PNAG Swannaton Sandford
Permitted development - Prior notification of an agricultural machinery building

19/01232/CAT Shute House Sandford
Removal of 1 cherry tree in the Conservation Area

12) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & SUB COMMITTEE

G Griffin J.P. reported on the DALC Planning training course which he had found both interesting and informative.

MDDC – Cllr E Wainwright advised that she would be sending out a Monthly MDDC Report to Parish Clerks for distribution.

Current issues included Cuts to the Fire Service (Crediton was likely to lose one fire engine) and local Planning Matters.

13) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Lloyd's Bank (July 2019 Interest)	£1.02
Lloyd's Bank (August 2019 Interest)	£0.27
HMRC (VAT refund)	£3987.74
MDDC (S106 payment "Creedy View")	Awaited
M Vallance (Donation)	£10.00

Payments

Mr M Vallance (Salary) £454.00 Book token £25 , Garden & tub prizes £24, Parking Signs £170.97	£673.97
Devon Communities (2 Delegates to Neighbourhood planning course)	£108.44
DALC (Planning training course G Griffin J.P.)	£48.00
Mr S McCulloch (Grass Cutting)	£112.50
Society of Local Council Clerks	£106.00

Cheques signed by Cllr Miles and Snow

14) ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

Suggestion to erect a safety mirror at the end of Fanny's Lane (Church end) for traffic exiting on to the main road. **DEALT WITH ITEM (3a).**

DDC CLLR M SQUIRES HAD ADVISED THAT DCC HIGHWAYS WERE AGAINST THESE MIRRORS BEING ERECTED AND THIS WAS NOT AN OPTION (see Minute 3a).

The Parish Council were delighted to learn that the re-surfacing at Long Barn had at last taken place and the Clerk was asked to convey their sincere thanks to DCC Highways.

15) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Sandford Neighbourhood Watch – To be placed on the 3rd October Agenda and Graham Baker (Co-ordinator) be invited to attend.
- b) Cllr N Unstead was in the process of obtaining Estimates for the replacement of the New Buildings notice board and these would be presented at the October Meeting.
- c) The Chairman congratulated the organisers of Sandford Flower Show on another successful event

There being no other business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.44pm.

16) Date of next Meeting 3rd October 2019 at **Sandford Congregational Church Hall.**