

SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at SANDFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL on 3rd OCTOBER 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, Dr S Hale, Fyfe and M. Snow.

Mesdame S Miles and Dalton.

MDDC Cllr E Wainwright (arrived during the meeting).

Mr G Baker (Sandford Neighbourhood Watch)

Mr M Brett (Editor of the Crossing)

The Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance

- 1) APOLOGIES – Cllrs M Lee, N. Unstead and DCC Citty Cllr M Squires.

Declaration of Interests – None.

- 2) OPEN FORUM – Mike Brett raised the issue of the 125th Anniversary of the formation of Sandford Parish Council on 4th December 2019.

This had been brought to the attention of the Sandford Heritage Group who were interested to know what was planned to mark this Anniversary?

The Chairman explained that this was still at the Planning stage.

It was suggested that Events could take place not only near the Anniversary date but also in the Anniversary Year.

Suggestions included planting 125 trees (the Woodland Trust were offering free saplings for delivery in March 2020) and asking the children at Sandford School to be involved.

Also a celebration cake, a concert, tea party etc. It was agreed to discuss these suggestions further at the next Meeting.

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

The Clerk had received an enquiry from a Crediton Resident (William King) concerning “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.

Who else could assistance him ?

The Clerk had referred him on to MDDC Cllrs M Squires and E Wainwright.

MDDC Cllr Wainwright confirmed that she had spoken to Mr King who was new to the area.

A further email had been received from Mr King asking if Sandford had considered producing a Neighbourhood Plan ? The Clerk had confirmed this had previously been discussed and Mr King offered his assistance if at some further date this suggestion took off.

It was pointed out that Mr King was always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and speak in the Open Forum.

Parish Comment Book :-

A request was made to tidy up and update the Neighbourhood Watch notice board in the Square (see item 5 (a)).

Could we please have some of those Rumble Strips like those in Crediton Tesco's installed above Orchard Close on the approach road from Kennerleigh ?
(It was pointed out that Rumble strips were no longer installed).

- 4) The MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th September 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Sandford Neighbourhood Watch – Mr G Baker (Co-ordinator) explained that Neighbourhood Watch was no more. He had received a visit from Dave Waring the Community Policeman explaining this was now known as Devon and Cornwall Alert “A two way community messaging system operated by Devon and Cornwall Police”.

A number of leaflets had been received explaining how this operated asking Residents to “Register for Alerts”.

It was agreed to publicise this in The Crossing and see what feedback was received.

(The Chairman thanked Graham Baker for the duties he carried out in the Village including planting up and looking after the Sandford sign, and the tubs at the entrance to Church Parks).

b) Dates for Sub Committee Meetings

Finance – 7.30pm 25th November at Sandford Congregational Church Hall

Play Area - 8.30pm 25th November at Sandford Congregational Church Hall

Climate Change – 1st November 8.00pm at Sandford Congregational Church Hall

c) Date for 2020 Annual Parish Meeting (26th March 2020) – The Clerk had booked the Parish Hall.

d) MDDC Boundary Review Sandford/Creedy border with Shobrooke – Discuss at next Meeting.

e) New Buildings Noticeboard replacement (Estimates) – Discuss at next Meeting.

f) Re-opening of the Play Area – This had gone off well and had been well publicised in the Crediton Courier and The Crossing as had the Presentation of the Parish Hall Bingo cheque for £665. The Clerk had purchased a picture frame, and had filled this with four pictures of the re-opening, and it was agreed to display this in the Sports Pavilion.

6) POLICE MATTERS – No new matters to report.

7) REPLIES

a) Summerfield Developments (SW) Ltd (Jim Wheeler) had responded to the Complaint concerning the Coping stones at “Creedy View” Play area. 17 of these were now loose and the two gate posts at the top entrance were now out of line and several had been removed as a safety issue. On examination it was clear that insufficient mortar had been used to fix the coping to the top of the boundary wall when it was built.

Responding to an email from the Parish Council, to draw this to their attention, a reply had been received from Mr J Wheeler Summerfield Developments (SW) Ltd stating :-

“We have been looking in to this with our solicitors this land was transferred to Sandford Parish council on 21 October 2016 and it is their duty to maintain and make sure it is safe from that date forward Summerfield are not responsible for the up keep of walls or land it is down to the owners that being Sandford parish council”.

The Chairman had spoken to Mr Wheeler suggesting that Summerfield make a contribution to the repairs and a response was awaited.

A suggestion was made that alternatively they made an Exgratia donation toward the Sandford Play Areas'.

IN THE MEAN TIME THE CHAIRMAN WAS AUTHORISED TO CONTACT A LOCAL BUILDER TO CARRY OUT THE NECESSARY REPAIRS TO THE WALL.

THE CHAIRMAN LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT AND THE CHAIR WAS TAKEN BY VICE-CHAIRMAN CLLR GRIFFIN J.P.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

a) The MDDC October Town and Parish Newsletter had been received.

This also included an article on the progress to establish the Community lead Thorverton Climate Action Group.

b) DALC had sent the October Newsletter. This included details of the Annual Conference, on 23rd October, which Cllr B Fyfe had agreed to attend and represent the Parish Council.

c) C.P.R.E. (Annual Membership Renewal) £36.00 received. This was confirmed for payment.

d) C.A.B. Had sent a letter asking to be considered for a Donation and it was agreed to look at this in January 2020 when the Parish Council discussed Donations

9) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION –

The issue of Parking outside the Pavilion was once again discussed.

It was agreed to ask if Tom Lee had been able to come up with any suggestions to produce Parking posts at the entrance.

A suggestion was also made to put down some chippings to improve the Parking area.

10) PLAY AREAS

The problem of loose coping stones (17) on the boundary wall at the “Creedy View” Play Area See Item 7 (a).

It was reported that there were problems with the Playing Field Boundary fence (at the far side) with the Mundays Field. Parts of the fence had fallen down and there were also problems with the gate post having fallen over. On referring to the Playing Field Deeds this appeared to be the responsibility of the Parish Council.

THE CHAIRMAN AGREED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE MUNDAY FAMILY.

11) PLANNING

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

Copies of the Objections sent by Sandford Cricket Club, and Mrs J Poulton, had been received objecting to the issue of a Certificate of Lawfulness. Their reasons included issues surrounding the already shared access formalities that were in place at the entrance to Creedy Park.

(Creedy Park Management Ltd had also Objected on various grounds including these).

The Parish Council had also agreed to **OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL** on the following grounds :-

“In consultation with Parishioners and neighbours to the location, on the basis of available information and evidence it seems untrue that the business has operated for the 10+ years required for a Certificate of Lawfulness.

Creedy Park is unique both aesthetically, and environmentally, and it needs to be protected.

The location is totally unsuitable for any Commercial Business and if the Certificate of Lawfulness is granted will lead to other proposals.

Within the Crediton area there are far more suitable premises to carry out this type of business.

Within the Parish we have received considerable objections to this application for a Certificate of Lawfulness”.

19/01347/LBC Ivy Cottage Kennerleigh
LNC for the erection of lean to extension following removal of existing
NO OBJECTION

19/1558/CAT The Lynch Sandford
Notification of intention to remove 1 Holm Oak tree, 2 Beech trees and crown and lift and thin 3
lime trees to 3m from ground level within the Conservation Area
RECOMMEND APPROVAL

CLLR STEPHENS RETURNED TO THE MEETING AND TOOK THE CHAIR AGAIN.

19/01589/FULL Linscombe Farm New Buildings
Erection of 3 dwellings and garages, associated works and landscaping following the demolition of
agricultural buildings and polytunnel
THE PARISH COUNCIL WERE UNAHAPPY WITH THIS PROPOSAL TO BUILD 3
EXECUTIVE HOMES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.
HOWEVER AS THIS FOLLOWED A PNCOU APPLICATION (Class Q 18/01717/PNCOU) IT
WAS AGREED THERE WERE NO GROUNDS ON WHICH TO OBJECT.
NO COMMENT

19/01200/FULL Mill Farm Mill Lane Sandford
Variation of condition 2 of planning permission (18/01147/FULL) to allow the substitution of
previously approved plans
NO OBJECTION

Grant of Planning permission
19/01043/HOUSE & 19/010445/LBC Yarmleigh Sandford
Part conversion of outbuilding and extension to form ancillary accommodation

12) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & SUB COMMITTEE

Neighbourhood Planning Course (10/9/2019) - Cllrs Dalton and Griffin had attended this event and
although found it useful it was not felt it covered all the areas involved.
MDDC Cllr Wainwright gave details of a Climate Change Working Group being set up by the
District Council and promised to keep the Parish Council updated.

13) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Lloyd's Bank (September interest)	£0.27
Sandford Parish Hall Bingo proceeds	£665.00

Payments

Mr M Vallance (Salary) £454.00 Book "The Village Survival Guide" £9.24,	
Use of Home as Office due £54.00 (1/ 4/2019), Paid (4/7/2019) due £54 (1/10/2019),	
Expenses £16.07, Postage £86.12, Ink cartridges £86.12	£683.39
DALC - New Councillor Course £66.00 Planning Course £48.00	£114.00
Mr A Wright (Cup engraving)	£7.50
Mr J Stephens (Gate replacement)	£77.99
C.P.P.R.E. (Membership Renewal)	£36.00

Cheques were Signed by Cllrs Miles and Snow.

14) ROADS AND FOOTPATHS – No new matters to report.

15) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Suggested Meeting with St Swithun's to discuss Remembrance Sunday – This was set for 9th October, 7.30pm, in the Under Gallery.
- b) Suggested purchase of a Laminator (£21.94) from Office Equipment funding.
This was unanimously agreed.
- c) V.E. Bank Holiday Friday 8th May 2020 – It was agreed to hold a Public Meeting in the new year to discuss how Sandford would commemorate this. One suggestion was to hold a 1940's Street Market.
- d) 125th Anniversary of Sandford Parish Council (4th December 2019) – Discussed at item 2.
- e) Suggestion to Plant Trees in Sandford - Discussed at Item 2.
- f) Absence of the Parish Clerk – Details were noted.

16) Date of next Meeting 7th November 2019

There being no other business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.45pm