

SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at SANDFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL on 2nd JANUARY 2020

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

Cllr J Stephens (Chairman)

Messrs – G. Griffin J.P, B Fyfe, M Lee, N Unstead and M. Snow.

Mesdames E Dalton and S Miles

DCC Cllr M Squires MDDC Cllr E Wainwright

The Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance

1 Parishioner.

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

1) APOLOGIES – Cllr S Haley

1a) Declaration of Interests – Cllr J Stephens – 19/0213 Lot 4 Bawdenhayes Sandford - Removal of condition 5 (02/02643) pertaining to removal of agricultural building with in 3 years of cessation of use.

2) OPEN FORUM

Charlie Werner (Chairman of the Millennium Green Trust) was present and reported that the Cycle/Footpath from Sandford to Crediton would be Celebrating its 20th Anniversary in 2020.

Tribute was paid to those who had made this happen back in 2000, and to Eddie Trick for his assistance in purchase of the land that had been needed.

Thanks to a £700 Grant from DCC work was to be carried out to resolve drainage issues along the path where it was regularly flooded. Work was also due to be carried out on the Pond.

Looking to the future there was already talk of a Cycle Path from Crediton to Exeter though this was a large and complex Scheme.

The Homes at Pedlars Pool would be in Sandford Parish and probably using Sandford School as children from Crediton already came to Sandford School. Residents would also use Sandford Post Office and Community Stores and amenities.

There was already a well used Footpath from top of Rose and Crown Hill to Furlongs and out onto to the main road.

A suggestion had been made to use S106 funding from the development at Pedlars Pool to form a Cycle/Footpath from the end of the Furlongs Footpath to Pedlars Pool ?

This could then link up with the proposed Crediton to Exeter Cycle/Footpath.

(The question of acquisition of land and drainage in this area would need to be explored).

The Parish Council felt that this was an excellent suggestion which would not only be Environmentally friendly but would also mean that Sandford could share some of the S106 Funding.

(DCC Cllr M Squires reminded everyone that suggestion had previously been made to link up the end of the Sandford to Crediton Cycle/Footpath to Pedlars Pool along Stonewall Lane).

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH THE PLANNING OFFICER AT MDDC IN TIVERTON TO PUT FORWARD THIS SUGGESTION, AND REQUEST FOR 106 FUNDING, AND CLLRS M SQUIRES AND E WAINWRIGHT AGREED TO CONVENE A MEETING.

Charlie Werner also understood that contact had been received from a Member of the Gorwyn Family (Creedy View) to ask if the Parish were still interested in acquiring part of the Lower Field to create a Wild Flower Meadow ?

The Clerk confirmed that he had received this phone call and confirmed the Parish were still keen to pursue this suggestion.

He had been told that this would be fed back to the Gorwyn Family.

THIS WAS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL.

Charlie Werner felt this was well worth pursuing and the question as to who would own and maintain the land could be discussed at a future date.

The Chairman thanked Charlie for attending and he then left the Meeting.

3) PARISH COMMENT BOOK – No entries.

MATTERS REPORTED ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE PLUS MATTERS REPORTED TO THE CLERK

a) It was noted that the Yellow Lines outside Sandford School in Fanny's Lane had been re-painted.

b) It had been reported there was an excess of water on Fanny's Lane and it was agreed that this was surface water draining away from the Allotments.

c) The Sandford Sign on the Crediton Road had mysteriously disappeared only to be found thrown into the adjoining hedge. The Clerk had gone down to investigate to find Graham Baker attending to the problem. DCC Cllr M Squires suggested that Graham Baker become a DCC Road Warden and the Clerk agreed to contact DCC Highways.

It was suggested that Sandford Sign incident might have occurred after a Young Farmers Event at the Parish Hall. A suggestion was made that the PH should in future request a Deposit from potential Hirers to cover any damage ?

4) Following a correction of the time of the end of Parish Council meeting, held on 5th December 2019, the MINUTES were then confirmed and Signed as a true record.

5) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Sandford Play Area car park area – A Joint Meeting with Sandford AFC, and Meadowside Garage, was still awaited.

b) V.E. Bank Holiday Commemoration May 2020 – Public Meeting set for 5th February 2020, 7.30pm at Sandford Congregational Hall.

c) Celebration for the 125th Anniversary of Sandford Parish Council. This had gone off really well and had been well attended . Coverage in the Crediton Courier had been excellent.' The Chairman thanked Cllr S Miles, and the Parish Clerk, for their input.

Tree planting, Boundary walk etc – Discuss at next Meeting.

6) POLICE MATTERS – No new matters reported.

7) REPLIES

a) Devon Communities/DALC/SLCC – These Bodies had all given advice over the allocation of S106 Funding.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Mr G Hope (1 Gaters Gardens Planning application)

The Parish Council had received a copy letter, sent to the Chairman of MDDC, regarding the process in which Planning matters were publicised locally by the District Council.

The Parish Council usually received notification (by email) of new planning applications, from MDDC, at the same time they are displayed at the relevant location. They then had a short time to formulate a response and if necessary arrange a site visit. It was also pointed out that at the same time it was usual practice for “Neighbours” to be notified by the Planning Office of any new planning applications.

After discussion it was agreed the Parish Council were satisfied with the process in which planning applications in the Parish were dealt with and had no say over how the Planning Notices are Posted and Advertised.

It was agreed to remind Parishioners that it is useful if the Parish Council are copied in to any comments sent to MDDC on Planning matters.

b) MDDC had sent a copy of the January 2020 Parish Newsletter

c) DALC – Details of the 2020 Royal Garden Party Ballot had been received and it was unanimously agreed to nominate the Chairman Cllr J Stephens.

d) MDDC – An update on the Mid Devon Local Plan Review had been received. Further Consultation would take place starting on 6th January and ending on 17th February 2020

e) Mr P Baker had sent a letter to DCC Cllr Squires regarding Highway Maintenance and had copied in the Parish Council. He was concerned over how the “minor road system had deteriorated over the last 5 years”. Whilst he was aware that there was a lack of funding, the removal of the Parish Lengthman was when “..the position has certainly deteriorated”.

DCC Cllr Squires had responded to this letter and was taking it along to a forthcoming DCC Highway Meeting.

9) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION - No news to report.

10) PLANNING

19/02032/House 6 Brady Close Sandford

Erection of a porch

NO OBJECTION

19/02136 Lot 4 Bawdenhayes Sandford - Removal of condition 5 (02/02643) pertaining to removal of agricultural building within 3 years of cessation of use

NO COMMENT – IT WAS AGREED TO LEAVE THIS FOR THE MDDC PLANNING OFFICER TO DETERMINE.

19/02101/FULL Holly Acres New Buildings

Erection of field shelter

NO OBJECTION

SITE MEETING

19/01881/FULL Peppercorn House Back Lane Sandford

Sub Division of dwelling into two dwellings to include erection of rear extension and formation of new pedestrian access

NO OBJECTION - However it was felt, if the application is granted, before works starts a programme needs to be put in place to consider how deliveries to the building site are to be dealt with. This is a busy part of the Village, near a dangerous junction, and forms part of the route to Sandford School.

At the same time the public footpath at the front of the property is in need of repair and we would like to suggest that the Applicants work with DCC Highways to resolve this issue.

(The Parish Council would also be pursuing this matter with our DCC Councillor and the Highway Authority).

Grant of planning permission

19/01707/FULL Land and Buildings at NGR 285814 103966 (Chilton Heights Farm)
Erection of a agricultural building to provide a covered yard for livestock

19/01907/FULL The Lamb Inn Sandford
Erection of pitched roof over existing sitting area at rear courtyard

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 **WITHDRAWN**

11) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & SUB COMMITTEE

DCC Cllr M Squires reported on functions she had attended as Vice- Chairman of Devon County Council.

MDDC E Wainwright was close to obtaining a Speaker on Climate Change for the Annual Parish Meeting on March 26th. It was agreed to finalise this at the next Meeting.

12) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

Receipts

Lloyd's Bank Interest	£0.26
DCC (Extra work on Millennium Footpath)	£700.00

Payments

Mr M Vallance (Salary) £454.00, Use of Home £54, Ink Cartridges £74.38, Postage £14.64, Stationery/125 Celebrations £33.35	£630.37
Mrs S Miles (125 th Anniversary expenses)	£65.75
Mr J Stephens (125 th Anniversary expenses)	£50.00
C.A.B. (Donation)	£220
Mid Devon Local Transport (Donation)	£100

Cheques signed by Cllrs Miles and Snow.

(THE CLERK REPORTED THAT THE NEW BANK MANDATE FORM HAD BEEN CIRCULATED AND A RESPONSE WAS AWAITED TO CONFIRM ADDITION OF THE NEW SIGNATORIES)

13) ROADS AND FOOTPATHS – Flooding at Church Parks, Problems Ruxford Barton to Shute Cottage.

14) GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Citizen Advice Bureau £220 Mid Devon Rural Transport £100
Proposed Cllr B Fyfe, 2nd Cllr J Stephens, and carried unanimously.

15) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) It was reported that Carols in the Square had gone off well and the Collection of £168 had been divided between Crediton Food Bank and Church Housing Action Team.

16) Date of next Meeting - 6th February 2020

There being no other business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.10pm

