

## SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at SANDFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL on 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 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. Mesdame E Dalton

DCC Cllr M Squires (left during the Meeting)

The Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance

2 Parishioners

(One arrived and left during the Meeting and another arrived towards the end of the meeting)

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

- 1) APOLOGIES - MDDC Cllr E Wainwright, Cllrs S Miles. M. Snow, R Stoyale and S Hayle.

Declaration of Interests – No items raised.

- 2) OPEN FORUM - No items raised.

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

Items reported mid month :-

Potholes West Lodge

Blocked drains Above Sandford School and Stones Hill

Street light on 24/7 The Shute

Dropped kerb outside Summerhayes

Lights on all day at Meadowside

PARISH COMMENT BOOK – No entries .

- 4) The MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**4a) AT THIS POINT THE CHAIRMAN AGREED TO DISCUSS ONE OF THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS LISTED LATER ON THE AGENDA.**

20/00151/LBC            The Lamb Inn Sandford

LBC to remove existing fireplace and surround in main bar and reinstate with original 16<sup>th</sup> century fireplace with wood burner (Retrospective)

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**IT WAS FELT THE PROPOSAL WAS A VAST IMPROVMENT THAN WHAT HAD ORGINALLY BEEN IN PLACE.**

5) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Sandford Play Area – Joint Meeting with Sandford AFC and Meadowside Garage to discuss updating the surface of the car park. This had gone off well and later in the Meeting, when Phillip Harvey arrived, he advised that details of the costings were awaited. Sandford AFC were happy to contribute towards the cost.

b) V.E. Bank Holiday Commemoration 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020

The Public Meeting (5<sup>th</sup> February 2020) had been well attended and plans had got off to a good start.

Closure of the Square – **As part of their Risk Assessment DCC Highway had looked at what else was going on. As this was a Bank Holiday Weekend Closing the Square for the day was NOT an Option.**

**INSTEAD THEY HAD SUGGESTED JUST CLOSING A CORNER OF THE SQUARE AT THE BOTTOM OF CHURCH STREET.**

Discussion took place as to whether, if access to the Square was allowed by vehicles at the same time, straw bales or some kind of fencing could be put in place to separate pedestrians from the traffic.

Also as food and drink were to be served, at the Lamb (and maybe elsewhere in the Square), this turned the event into a Commercial Event rather than a Community Event hence the charge.

It was agreed to also clear this with the Insurers who had already sent a quote for £140.

The Parish Clerk had taken the opportunity to phone and speak, with Miriam at DCC Highways, to explain how keen Sandford were really keen to close the Square and advised the Parish Council the outcome of this call.

**Suggestion from DCC Highways :-**

*When the Street Market end at 4pm why could not Church Street become the venue for the Picnic/Dance event was asked ?*

*Plus the corner of the Square suggested ?*

*The Clerk had responded saying that it was felt that to close the Square just once in 75 years was surely not asking too much ?*

*He had then suggested ?*

*A Compromise to close the Square from 4pm to 9pm with the necessary Diversions in place etc. This was discussed but NOT agreed at this point.*

**DCC Highways confirmed that this Option would be considered and a formal response would be sent in time for the Next VE Meeting, on March 11<sup>th</sup>, so that the Programme of Events could be finalised.**

THE PARISH COUNCIL FELT EITHER OF THESE OPTIONS WOULD WORK.

IT WAS ALSO FELT THAT THIS WOULD ALSO BRING THE EVENT BACK TO THE ORIGINAL PLAN TO HOLD THE STREET MARKET IN THE AFTERNOON, AND THE PICNIC/DANCE IN THE EVENING.

The Parish Council felt strongly turning this into a Commercial/Music Festival type event should be avoided. If this happened we would stray away from the Community Event that was envisaged and the cross section of ages that were hoped to be included.

## **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020 - 1940's Theme Street Market (AM)**

Location in and around Church Street.

Time 12 noon to 4.00pm.

(Parish Hall booked in case of Rain).

Health & Safety – Advice was already being taken.

Insurance – The Clerk was already in touch with the Parish Council Insurers.

Road and Square Closure – See above.

Crediton Town Band – All booked. A Parishioner had generously agreed to cover the cost (£125) in memory of family members lost in WW1 and WW2.

Opener – The Parishioner who had agreed to cover the cost of Crediton Town Band was suggested.

Stalls – Parish Organisations to be invited to bring a stall, with no cost, and they could keep the profits in return for a prize for the Main Draw.

Tables tops also to be offered at £10 (table to be supplied by the Hirer).

Lunches and Cream Teas -To be discussed at the next Meeting.

## **Picnic and Party in the Square (PM)**

Entertainment in and around Sandford Square.

Entertainment /Bands/Morris Dancers/Sandford Sings etc.

(Parish Hall booked in case of Rain).

Health & Safety – In hand see above.

Insurance - In hand see above.

Road and Square Closure - In hand see above.

Stalls – To be discussed at the next Meeting.

Tea Party – To be discussed at the next Meeting.

Sandford Orchards Lorry – Booked and would be a possible platform for any Band playing.

Participation by The Lamb Inn – The Landlord confirmed that he proposed to hold a Hog Roast and would be obtaining an All Day Licence.

The Rose and Crown to be invited to participate.

Programme of Events – Sandford School to be asked to provide art work for the cover.

Future Fund raising – The Lamb Inn offered to run a Charity Quiz ahead of the event.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020** Church Service - Paul Fillery was happy to organise this and felt there would be a National order of Service.

It was agreed the cost of any printing could be covered by the Parish Council Events fund.

## **The next Meeting was planned for 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

c) Celebrations for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sandford Parish Council – Tree planting, Boundary walk etc

TREE PLANTING - The trees were on order, and due to be delivered in March, and the Munday family were happy for these to be planted against the fence at the far end of the Playing Field.

Sandford School were still keen to assist with the Planting.

BOUNDARY WALK – To be discussed at the next Meeting.

- d) Annual Parish Meeting (26<sup>th</sup> March 2020) – MDDC Cllr E Wainwright had secured a Speaker from the Exeter Community Group. The Parish Council were happy for her to speak on her new Cabinet role at MDDC for climate change which had recently been created.

It was also agreed to take up an offer from Cllr Fyfe for a speaker from the Exeter Meteorological Office to speak on how climate change was affected by the Weather.

- e) Meeting with MDDC Planning Department regarding Pedlars Pool S106.

The Chairman reported on this Meeting attended by Adrian Devereaux (MDDC Planning Dept.) Members of the MDDC Planning Team, MDDC Cllr M. Squires, Ian Sorensen (DCC Highways) and a small delegation from the Parish Council Cllrs Stephens, Fyfe, Griffin and Dalton.

An over view was presented as to how the S106 funding would be used as previously reported. This would be used in accordance with the Proposals set out in the (previous) MDDC Local Plan. The major items included :-

- £1.25 Million to Highways
- Replacement of a footpath over the River Creedy carrying Utility pipes (gas and water)
- A Pathway to meet up with the proposed Boniface Trail (Crediton to Exeter)

Cllr Stephens had repeated, once again, that although this Development was in Sandford (recorded again as Crediton on the Planning Agenda) the Parish would not enjoy any of this funding.

The response from MDDC Planners was that at the time Sandford had nothing in the MDDC Local Plan or any suggestions for the use of any of the Allocation of funding.

Sandford Parish Council said that since that time a suggestion had been brought forward to link Sandford and Pedlars Pool with a Footpath/Cycle path.

This would be an improvement for those walking to School (Sandford School currently) had 40 vacancies) and hopefully would link up with the Boniface Trail.

Details of the proposal, and identification of the land involved, had already been researched.

Whilst it was felt this was a good suggestion the S106 funding for Pedlars Pool it was explained had already been allocated.

It was felt that the suggested Cycle/Footpath would be well supported and could be given consideration in the future once the scheme had been costed and the Landowners involved had agreed to the proposal.

#### **IT WAS FELT THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING.**

The Chairman then opened up discussions from the floor and points were raised to MDDC Cllr M Squires :-

- Why should the S106 funding be allocated to cover Utility Costs ?
- What would be the cost of rebuilding the Bridge to carry the Utility pipes ?
- Was it not a case of Sandford being “Bypassed” ?
- Could not some of the S106 funding be used towards a Feasibility Study towards the proposed Footpath/Cycle Path from Sandford to Pedlars Pool ?

- Why was all the funding being allocated to Crediton and also to Shobrooke to pay for the new Footbridge. And to the Willow Walk area ?
- Why was so much funding allocated to the Crediton Clean Air Fund. ?

MDDC Cllr M Squires reiterated, once again, that the S106 Funding had already been allocated. She was sure that the proposed Footpath/Cycle Path, from Sandford to Pedlars Pool, would receive favourable consideration from both DCC and MDDC when the time was right. Also Sandford would in due course enjoy their proportion of the Council Tax from any Development.

After answering questions Cllr M Squires then left the Meeting.

**The MDDC Planning Meeting for this application was on the Agenda for 12<sup>th</sup> February. This would be attended by Cllr J Stephens (Sandford Parish Council), and Cllr B Fyfe (Upton Hellions Parish Meeting), who would both speak together with Ward Member MDDC Cllr M Squires.**

6) POLICE MATTERS – No new matters reported.

7) REPLIES

- a) Lloyd's Bank – An acknowledgement of the new Mandate form had been received and the Clerk had asked for a List confirming the names of all current Signatories.
- b) C.A.B. / Tiverton and Crediton Community Transport Association(Mid Devon Mobility) had both sent letters of thanks for Donations. The cheque for C.C. T.A had been returned to be re-issued in the name of Mid Devon Mobility.
- c) DALC – Confirmation that Cllr Haley was booked on “Being a Good Councillor Course” on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 had been received.
- d) The Charity Commission had acknowledged submission of the Kings George's Field annual return (2018/2019).

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Mr M Cormack – Had sent a copy of his comments submitted to MDDC Planning in Tiverton, on planning application 19/01840/FULL (1 Gaters Gardens Sandford Erection of three dwellings and part demolition of garage to provide access), and these were noted.
- b) Vision ICT Ltd had sent confirmation that the SPC Website Content and Accessibility Guidelines were all up to date.
- c) DCC – Annual Parish Paths Summary of income and expenditure request for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 had been received and would be completed by the Clerk.
- d) MDDC Electoral Review – Details of the Review had been received and the consultation would run to 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

MDDC Cllr M Squires had explained (before she left the Meeting) that draft proposals were :

- Mid Devon should be represented by 42 councillors, the same number as present
- Mid Devon should have 21 wards, three fewer than there are now
- The boundaries of all wards should change

**FOR SANDFORD & CREEDY WARD THELBRIDGE WOULD BE REMOVED AND BE REPLACED WITH SHOBROOK.**

9) Review of Email/Facebook backup/Social Media Policy

A draft document had been found and it was agreed that this would be looked at by Cllr Hope, Haley, and the Clerk and be Presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> March Meeting.

10) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION

- a) Repair of the boundary fence at the Playing Field - The Chairman had spoken with the Munday Family and a Joint initiative to carry out the repairs had been agreed.
- b) Pavillion car park area proposal to update – See Item 5(a).

11 ) PLANNING

20/00159/FULL Land at NGR 278856 103146 (Langlands Farm) New Buildings Sandford  
Erection of extension to agricultural livestock building  
**NO OBJECTION**

20/00070/TPO Shute Cottage Sandford  
Application to remove 2 lower limbs from 1 ash tree protected by TPO  
**NO OBJECTION**

20/00151/LBC The Lamb Inn Sandford  
LBC to remove existing fireplace and surround in main bar and reinstate with original 16<sup>th</sup> century fireplace with wood burner (Retrospective)  
**(DISCUSSED AT ITEM 4a)**

**ON THE AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED BY MDDC PLANNING COMMITTEE ON 12TH FEBRUARY2020 :-**

17/00348 Land at NGR 284185 101165 (Creedy Bridge) Crediton Devon  
Proposal: Residential development of up to 257 dwellings and up to 5 Gypsy and Traveller pitches; 8.6 hectares of land made available to facilitate the relocation of Crediton Rugby Club; up to 1.1 hectares of land safeguarded for the delivery of a primary school; access arrangements from A3072 (Exhibition Way); pedestrian and cycle access on to Pounds Hill/Stonewall Cross junction, Old Tiverton Road and Pedlerspool Lane; landscaping and area of public open space; and other associated infrastructure and engineering operations.

**DISCUSSED AT ITEM 5 (e).**

Approval of planning permission  
19/01976/HOUSE 3 Orchard Close Sandford  
Erection of single storey extension and balcony

12) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & SUB COMMITTEE

- a) MDDC Report on proposed Boundary Changes see item 8(e).

13) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

**Receipts**

Lloyd's Bank Interest	£0.24
HMRC (VAT refund)	£165.26

## Payments

Mr M Vallance (Salary)	£454.00
Sandford Congregational Church (Donation of use of Hall £150 + Christmas Tree £25)	£175.00
Mid Devon Mobility (Donation)      Replacement Cheque	£100.00

Cheques signed by Cllrs Stephens and Unstead.

14) ROADS AND FOOTPATHS - No new matters reported.

15) 2020 Grass Cutting Estimates

Two Quotes had been received (3 had been requested) and after consideration it was agreed to award the contract received from Steve McCulloch.

Proposed Cllr Griffin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Lee, and carried unanimously

16) Purchase of External hard drive for Laptop – Following advice it was agreed to purchase an external hard drive for the Council Laptop.  
Cllr G Ford generously offered to cover the cost (approx £49) and was duly thanked.

17) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Absence of SPC Personnel – The Parish Clerk would be absent from 10 – 29 February.

18) Date of next Meeting - 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

There being no other business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.55pm.

