

SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at SANDFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL on 5th MARCH 2020

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

Cllr J Stephens (Chairman)

Messrs – G. Griffin J.P, B Fyfe, N Unstead, , Stoyle, Haley, Hope and Snow

DCC Cllr M Squires (Arrived and left during the Meeting)

MDDC Cllr E Wainwright

The Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance

1 Parishioner

The Meeting commenced with “A moment for quiet contemplation”

1) APOLOGIES – Cllrs M Lee, E Dalton, S Miles, G Ford

2) Declaration of Interests – None

2) OPEN FORUM

A Member of the Sandford Heritage Group was present to talk about the proposed Boundary Walk which they were keen to be involved in.

Discussion took place over the suggested arrangements for the Day.

It was agreed June would be a good month and that the Walk be spread over 2 days with Refreshment Stops.

Mike Brett had investigated the location of Boundary Stones and although the locations had been identified they were no longer in place.

It was felt that the Walk could follow the Parish Footpaths and detours could be made to visit the location of the Parish Boundary as shown on the O.S. Map.

It was agreed to purchase a new Stone to mark the Boundary between Sandford and Crediton at Pedlars Pool. The Clerk had made enquiries to source a new Boundary Stone without success.

It was agreed to contact F.J. Stevens & Sons Monumental Masons in Crediton to obtain a Quote.

PROPOSED CLLR STOYLE, 2ND CLLR STEPHENS, AND CARRIED.

It was agreed the next action would be to Walk the Boundary to see the time taken and the miles taken.

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

a) “Please could the Parish Council consider the installation of electric charging points in the Parish Hall Car Park” ?

This had previously been suggested and was already in hand.

b) “The hay and straw falling off farm tractors on to the road is a hazard making the road slippery and blocking drains.

It was agreed to pass these comments on to the local Farming Community.

- 4) To confirm MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th February 2020

The Minutes were corrected to note that :-

5 (d) Should read - “How the Climate Crisis impacts on the Weather”

5 (d) Should read - “Exeter Community Energy Group”

5 (e) To note that MDDC Cllr E Wainwright had been present at the Meeting at MDDC to discuss S106 funding.

5 (e) To note that MDDC Cllr E Wainwright had been present, and Spoke at the MDDC Planning Meeting on 12th February 2020.

After these corrections the Minutes were then confirmed and Signed as a true record.

- 5) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Sandford Play Area – Joint Meeting with Sandford AFC and Meadowside Garage details of the likely cost was still awaited.

The Parish Council were not happy with the suggestion of the erection of a High Fence at the far end of the Field to stop balls going over into the neighbouring field.

It was felt that this would block the view down the valley and instead maybe higher fence just 4-5 meters at the back of and either side of the Goal post.

b) V.E. Bank Holiday Commemoration May 2020 Celebrations

Plans were progressing.

Insurance – Under enquiry.

Entertainment – Under enquiry.

Risk Assessment – This would be needed

Hog Roast – For Health and Safety issues it was agreed this needed to take place on the premises of The Lamb Inn.

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

A response was awaited from DCC Highways as to whether or not the whole of the Square, or just a Triangle at the bottom of Church Street, could be closed on 9th May. UNTIL THIS WAS KNOWN FINAL ARRANGEMENTS COULD NOT BE MADE. A DECISION HAD BEEN PROMISED IN TIME FOR THE NEXT V.E. DAY MEETING ON 11TH MARCH.

c) Celebrations for the 125th Anniversary of Sandford Parish Council –

Tree planting – The Trees had arrived and the Planting was set for 2.00pm on the 13th March 2020. A Working Party would visit the field in advance to prepare the site land and plant some of the trees.

Boundary walk - Discussed in the Open Forum.

d) Annual Parish Meeting (26th March 2020)

Three Speakers had been confirmed :

a) Tara Bowers (Chair of Exeter Community Energy) – “Community Energy”

b) Brian Golding (Exeter Met. Office) - “How the Climate Crisis impacts on the Weather”

c) MDDC Cllr E Wainwright - “My District Council Cabinet role on Climate Crisis”

e) Meeting to discuss Facebook Policy – Meeting still awaited.

f) MDDC Planning Meeting regarding Pedlars Pool / S106 Funding to Paths Project

Cllr Stephens reported on “Considerable Achievements” made with MDDC over the Proposal from Sandford Parish Council that some of the S106 funding for Sustainable Travel be allocated to construct a Cycle/Footpath from Sandford to Pedlars Pool.

This had been discussed with MDDC Officers at Tiverton who had met a Delegation from SPC with a positive response.

The matter had been formally discussed at the MDDC Planning Meeting on 12th March 2020 “when it had been conceded that SPC could tap into some of the S106 funding (£995000) if they could come up with a scheme.

Cllr Stephens was able to confirm :-

- a) A costing for the proposed scheme was being prepared
- b) The Owners of the land for the proposed Route were being contacted to discuss the proposal.
- c) The Government over recent days had publicised an initiative to fund Cycle Routes.

DCC Cllr Squires suggested that the next step was also to hold a Meeting with Ian Sorensen (DCC Highways) to get them on board. If this could be achieved the County Council would also investigate possible sources of funding.

Whilst it was agreed the Route could link up with the Proposed Boniface Trail from Crediton to Exeter it was appreciated this was a far more complex scheme still in the planning stages.

CLLR STEPHENS THANKED EVERYONE FOR THIER SUPPORT AND TO MDDC CLLRS SQUIRES AND WAINWRIGHT, AND CLLR FYFE, ON SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL AT THE MDDC PLANNING MEETING.

6) POLICE MATTERS – No new matters raised.

6) REPLIES - None

7) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Gleasons – A Request for a copy of February 2020 Minutes had been requested and been sent
- b) MDDC – March Parish Newsletter this included a Complaints procedure for small Parish Councils
- c) A copy of Clerks and Councils Direct, including an article on the SPC 125th Anniversary, had been received.
- d) DCC had sent a copy of the February 2020 news letter on Devon Climate Emergency.

9) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION & PLAY AREA

- a) Repair of the boundary fence at the Playing Field - This was in hand.
- b) Pavillion car park area proposal to update – See Matters Arising
- c) Next phase of Play Area project – Dave Hope suggested that a Basket Ball Hoop be included.

10) PLANNING

20/00134/HOUSE Bramley East Village
Erection of extension following demolition of existing porch
NO OBJECTION

19/01840/FULL 1 Gaters Gardens Sandford
Erection of three dwellings and part demolition of garage to provide access
(PLACED ON MDDC PLANNING MEETING AGENDA FOR 11th March 2020)
MDDC Cllr reported that the Conservation Area Officer had issues with this application.
Cllr Stephens declared an interest and did not take part in discussions regarding this application.

Permission Granted

20/00070/TPO Shute Cottage Sandford
Application to remove 2 lower limbs from 1 ash tree protected by TPO

19/02101/FULL Holly Acres New Buildings
Erection of field shelter

Notice of Appeal

18/00786/MOUT Higher Road Crediton
Outline for the erection of up to 65 dwellings, public open space,
ancillary works and associated infrastructure, including access

11) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & SUB COMMITTEE

MDDC Cllr Wainwright reported that the District Council were discussing Climate Change and also local planning issues including the Planning Appeal at “Higher Road”.

12) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Lloyd's Bank Interest	£0.22
DCC (Locality Grant towards N.B Notice board	£250.00
DCC (Footpaths Work)	£150.00

Payments

Mr M Vallance (Salary) £454.00, Ink cartridges £74.38	£528.38
Mr S Mc Culloch (Footpath work carried out for DCC)	£847.95

Cheques signed by Cllrs Snow and Stoye

13) ROADS AND FOOTPATHS – There were a high number of potholes in the Parish following the bad weather and Councillors were encouraged to report them on the DCC Highways Website.

14) 2020 WEED SPRAYING – It was agreed to carry out Weed Spaying again in 2020. Proposed Cllr Stoye, 2nd Cllr Griffin, and carried. Cllr Hope and Fyfe abstained from Voting.

15) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) MDDC Cllr Wainwright and Cllr Haley agreed to meet to discuss the possibility of funding for the suggested electric charging points in the Parish Hall Car Park” ?

16) Date of next Meeting – 2nd April 2020

There being no other business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.40pm.