

SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (held on Skype) on 7th MAY 2020, at 7.30pm.

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, D Hope and M. Snow.

MDDC Cllr E Wainwright The Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance.

The Meeting commenced with “A moment for quiet contemplation” reflecting on the current Coronavirus Emergency.

The Chairman reminded everyone of the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (8th May 2020).

1) APOLOGIES Cllr Lee, Haley, Ford, Lee, Stoye, Dalton & Miles. DCC Cllr M Squires.
Declaration of Interests - None

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 COMMENT BOOK :-

Two matters had been raised :-

1) Speeding traffic on the Kennerleigh Road above Sandford School where a 5th cat had been killed..

IT WAS AGREED TO PASS THIS MATTER ON TO DCC CLLR M SQUIRES.

2) Parking issues at Snows – As this was a MDDC matter Cllr E Wainwright was already pursuing this matter.

3a) SANDFORD PULLS TOGETHER

(Formed to deal with Parish Needs during the 2020 Coronavirus Emergency).

An update was given as to how this was operating :-

The Sandford Pulls Together list of Volunteers was still being used though the number of requests for help had dropped.

Sandford Community Stores were still serving the needs of the Parish with orders and deliveries.

The Clerk had submitted a claim, from the “DCC Coronavirus Prompt Action Fund” for awards up to £500. Funding of £308.25 had been awarded, to cover expenses incurred to to cover items including the Shop letter, the H Sign printing cost, ink cartridges, stationery Also the Sandford Pulls Together Banner (£32).

The Chairman expressed thanks to the Clerk for taking this action.

A letter of thanks had been sent to all Town and Parish Councils by Robert Jenrick (MP)

“Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government” thanking Communities for “...the incredible work you are doing in your Towns and Parishes..”

- 4) MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd April 2020.
The MINUTES were Confirmed and would be Signed at a future Parish Council Meeting at a time the Council were not meeting remotely.
- 5) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
- a) Sandford Play Area – Joint Meeting with Sandford AFC and Meadowside Garage to discuss the car park area – It was reported that the Scalpings had been ordered and delivery was awaited.
 - b) V.E. Bank Holiday Commemoration May 2020 Celebrations – A small scale event was planned for Sandford Square for the next evening.
IT WAS HOPED TO PLAN AN EVENT LATER IN THE YEAR TO MARK BOTH VE & VJ DAY.
 - c) 125th Anniversary of Sandford Parish Council (Boundary Walk) – No news to report.
 - d) Annual Parish Meeting - It was still hoped to arrange this later in the year.
 - e) Meeting to discuss Facebook Policy – Still awaited.
 - f) New Buildings notice board – Quotes for erection still outstanding.
 - g) Weed Spraying – This would take place beginning on 8th May 2020.
 - h) Devon Communities Together (Renewal of membership) – It was agreed to renew Membership.
 - I) Calor Gas grant for base ball hoop – Cllr Hope reported that further information had been requested.
- 6) POLICE MATTERS – No new Matters needing attention.

7) REPLIES

- a) FOSS – Scarecrow Trail – The comments from the Parish Council, regarding not holding this until after the Coronavirus Emergency had been lifted, had already been adopted.
- b) Sandford Tennis Club – An email had been received from Richard Wilk “Personally, I believe that any initiative which encourages youngsters to be active and play more sport is one which deserves to be supported. I agree that the tennis courts currently are under used but are still used by tennis players of all ages from 5 - 90! So, a happy compromise would be our priority”.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) PKF Litteljohn – Further information on the extensions to the deadline for submission had been received for the 2019//2020 Internal and External Audit.
- b) NALC – A request had been received for a report on the 125th SPC tree planting had been received and the Clerk had sent this off.
- c) DCC, SLCC and Devon Communities had all sent updates on the Coronavirus Emergency.

9) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION & PLAY AREA – Nothing to report.

10) PLANNING

20/00651/CLU Burrough Cleave New Buildings Sandford

Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of a dwelling in breach of agricultural occupancy Conditions (b) of Planning Permission and (d) of Planning Permission 4/43/82/191 for a period in excess of 10 years
IT WAS AGREED TO SUBMIT NO COMMENT ON THIS APPLICATION.
IT WAS FELT BEST FOR MDDC TO SCRUTINISE IT AND MAKE A FORMAL DECISION.

The Sandford Conservation Area Plan was put in place in February 1986.
It was agreed to ask MDDC Cllr M Squires whether it was now time for a Review ?

Permission Granted :-

20/00481/HOUSE 13 Linhay Park Sandford-Conversion of garage to ancillary accommodation

20/00506/PNAG Hawthorns Creedy Park Sandford
Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural storage building

11) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & SUB COMMITTEE

DCC Cllr M Squires and MDDC Cllr E Wainwright had both sent written reports which had been circulated.

MDDC Cllr E Wainwright :-

- MDDC Cabinet meetings have increased to every fortnight, to keep on top of things.
- The local Citizens Advice Bureau has seen a 40% increase in demand for their services during the Covid19 crisis. For people needing support with universal credit, job advice, etc, their phone lines are still open, but it may be worth checking their online information first: <https://www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk/get-advice/online-advice>
- MDDC has launched a Local Support Fund, to help those with immediate financial difficulties because of Covid19 (e.g. paying bills). More information and how to apply found here: <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/council-launches-local-support-fund-to-help-those-in-financial-difficulties-due-to-covid-19/>
- **Road maintenance** - I wrote to the Devon County Councillor with responsibility for roads to share with him that I'm worried that repairs have slowed down, despite some other authorities increasing their road repairs at the moment with fewer cars on the road. As well as improved safety and decreased wear & tear, well-maintained roads decrease carbon emissions.

DCC Cllr M Squires had sent an email regarding potholes :-

“Earlier this afternoon I had a conversation with Steve. As I have previously reported he is taking the current situation to drive the roads in the area and do a condition survey. He is reporting potholes as he goes and it is a huge number. As you will appreciate it is very time consuming and he is obviously not getting everywhere. Currently Skanska is only repairing potholes but hopefully the patching and resurfacing work that has been on hold during the Covid 19 situation is hopefully going to be resuming in the next couple of weeks. Bear in mind it will not be quite back to normal as the workers will be travelling to site separately. Please report individually any potholes you come across so that we can take advantage of the pothole situation being addressed. www.devon.gov.uk and click on ”Report a Pothole” or call 0345 155 1004”

12) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Lloyd's Bank Interest (April 2020) £ Not known

Payments

Mr M Vallance (Salary) £454.00,	
Sandford Pulls Together costs/Shop letter	
(Staples) - Paper, ink cartridges,laminating pouches etc £107.29, Banner £32.20	£593.49
Linda Bennet - Ink cartridge	£19.20
Devon Association of Local Council (Renewal of Membership)	£293.05
Devon Communities Together (Renewal of Membership)	£50.00
Vision ict (Web hosting)	£150.00

Cheques to be Signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Balances 31st March 2020 £4443.12 (31st March 2019 £13789.06)

2019/2020 – Internal/External Audits/ Completion of the Annual Return – The Clerk had now completed the Accounts for 2019/2020 and would make contact with the Internal Auditor to see how the Audit could take place under the Coronavirus Rules.

13) ROADS AND FOOTPATHS - The Chairman advised that he had reported 23 potholes.

14) ANY OTHER BUSINESS – None.

15) Date of next Meeting – 4th June 2020

There being no other business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.20pm

