

SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held held (BY SKYPE) on 7th JANUARY 2021.

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, S Haley, M Lee, D Hope and M. Snow

Mesdame Dalton DCC Cllr M Squires

The Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance No members of the Public

The Chairman opened the Meeting with “A moment for quiet contemplation”.

- 1) APOLOGIES – Councillors Miles, Ford and Stoye. MDDC Cllr E Wainwright
- 2) Declaration of Interests – Mr M Lee – Creedy View 2
- 3) MATTERS REPORTED ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE PLUS MATTERS REPORTED TO THE CLERK

a) Dog incident – The dog in question it was noted was now “being muzzled”.

b) Parked camper van - This was still causing road safety issues. Cllr S Haley offered to speak to the Owner. Also to suggest the camper van could be temporarily parked in the Creedy View car park if as reported, “building works” were going on behind the wooden doors where it was usually parked when not in use.

c) The Parish Comment book

Owing to Coronavirus issues, the Sandford PARISH COMMENT BOOK (located at Sandford Stores) is no longer available for use. Traditionally, matters other than Parish Council issues have been reported in the book. Consequently, the CLERK is having an ever increasing number of non-Parish Council items raised with him in person including shop matters. In particular, the non-acceptance at Sandford Stores of cash for items purchased costing in total less than £1 .

It was AGREED that matters relating to the operation of the shop is a matter for the shop's Management Committee, but to suggest to the Committee that the reintroduction of the "tab" system would be widely appreciated by some villagers.

It was AGREED that the Management Committee also be asked with whom members of the public should raise their concerns and make the procedure more widely known.

(It was felt that for 2021 the Council should re introduce the use of the Parish Comment sheet. This would mean Parishioners could report matters in writing rather than verbally to the Clerk).

d) Cllr N Unstead brought to the attention of the Parish Council details of AVIAN INFLUENZA in the poultry world. It was agreed to publicise this in the Parish as the rules were important even for small flocks.

Cllr Unstead also recorded the thanks of Parishioners in New Buildings for assistance given by the Parish Council over the recent planning application.

e) Concern had been expressed by Parents that the day after schools were closed, due to Coronavirus, Sandford school had not been open, to take children of Key Workers. The alternative had been for parents to take their children to Silverton Primary School. It was pointed out that Parents needed to appreciate the School closure announcement had been made at very short notice. Sandford School was now open for the children of key workers. It was noted the number of Key Worker children had greatly increased since the 1st Lockdown.

3a) SANDFORD PULLS TOGETHER

Following the latest Lockdown Dom Dunn (Parish Emergency Planning Officer) had put together an update on safe guarding those in need in the Parish.

Also details of who to contact in an Emergency.

This would be publicised in the Crossing, the Courier, the Church Pew Sheet and the SPC Facebook page.

He also reminded everyone that the H Signs could continue to be used.

When the Clerk had time he would now make a start on the 2020 Sandford Pulls Together Scrapbook. The request for pictures of Sandford during 2020 had received a great response. Disappointingly, despite several requests, Sandford Stores had not sent a picture of the shop team and volunteers.

2) To confirm MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th December 2020

The Minutes were agreed and would be signed by the Chairman in due course as a true record.

5) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Help sheet to access MDDC Planning Applications – This has been circulated and was working well. In addition the Clerk now inserted the MDDC website location for each planning application.

6) POLICE MATTERS - PCSO Dave Waring had now retired and the Clerk had been provided with a Crediton Police email address for reporting issues :-
crediton@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

7) REPLIES

a) Exe Valley Federation – Following a positive feed back, from consultees, Sandford School would join the Federation on 1st February 2021.

b) Sandford AFC asked whether the Parish Council were in agreement to using their name to submit the planning application to install the proposed fence ?

It was agreed to ask exactly what was being proposed before making any decisions.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Mid Devon District Council had requested a List of current S106 projects and the following were agreed :-

- Outdoor Gym at Sandford Playing field/play area
- Upgrading of footpath from Creedy View to Snows/Meadowside
- Play Area upgrading Creedy View for further pieces of equipment.
- Ha Ha maintenance at Creedy View.
- The proposed cycle/footpath from Sandford to the Pedlars Pool development.
- (A proposal has been made that the allocation from the proposed Creedy View 2 Housing Project, to the Crediton Fresh Air fund could be diverted to this Project which is attracting much interest).
- Basket ball Hoop (This had already attracted Fundraiser Crowd funding monies of over £300).
- Bench/seat for Upton Hellions - Cllr B Fyfe advised that Upton Hellions were in the process of identifying a location for a bench/seat and it was agreed to add this to the list

The Clerk was asked to request an update on the S106 balances for Sandford Parish as the current List did not include the Falconry at Upton Hellions which it was understood was now in use.

b) DCC Highways – Road Closures were noted :-

1st March - 5th March 2021 – Signpost Corner to Aller Down Cross

8th March - 12th March 2021 – Aller Down Cross to North Creedy Cross

(Both to “Safely access BT equipment in order to install new fibre cabling on behalf of Openreach”).

9) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION & PLAY AREA – No new matters were reported.

10) PLANNING

20/02075/HOUSE 1 Creedy View Sandford

Replacement of garden shed with garden room/hut

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

20/020136/HOUSE Stoneshill Cottage Sandford

Erection of annexe

NO OBJECTION

20/02161/LBC Sandford Primary School Church Street Sandford

Listed Building Consent for the replacement of 2 timber framed double doors in west elevation and repair to the associated door frames, fixed glazed over light, architraves and reveals

NO OBJECTION

20/02158/FULL - Land at NGR 283389 104269 (Priorton Hill) and NGR 283520 104046 (Priorton Mill Cottage) Crediton Devon Site Vicinity Grid Ref: 283621 / 10

Creation of new access to public highway and rebuild derelict cob/stone walls to form timber frame barn to provide garaging/storage Location:

SITE MEETING TO BE ARRANGED

Approval of planning permission

20/01833/HOUSE 5 Crofts Estate Sandford

Erection of single storey front extension

Creedy View 2

The Chairman had spoken to Justin Denno (Belfield Developments) regarding possible names for the proposed development. Weavers Way (to recognise the weaving industry in Sandford) had been selected for submission to MDDC with the planning application February 2021.

The potential Developer was currently looking at ground levels and discussing possible roof materials.

The matter of Affordable Housing was discussed by the Parish Council and it was agreed the number of AH would be dependent on the final number of homes that may be approved.

It was agreed the MDDC was the best source of potential occupants for AH and that another Parish Housing Needs Survey did not seem necessary.

11) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & SUB COMMITTEE

As it was only the beginning of the New Year no meetings had taken place.

12) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Lloyds Bank (December Interest)	£0.13
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Payments

Mr M Vallance £466.00 (Salary), Expenses (Use of home as Office) £54, Expenses £43.99 = £554.99

12a) Parish Council Reserves

The Clerk had prepared a spread sheet showing :-

Estimated Reserves at 31st March 2021 £7858 (31st March 2020 £702.00)

12b) 2021 Grants and Donations

Beacon Church Community Project (Contribution to Planning Application costs for new toilets etc)	£250
CAB (Mid & North Devon)	£220
Mid Devon Mobility	£100

Proposed Cllr G Griffin, 2nd Cllr S Haley, and carried unanimously.

13) ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

The sign post at Lodge Corner on the Crediton road had fallen over, also bad potholes on Lodge Corner on the road to Crediton.

Badly deteriorating Roads - New Buildings to Copplestone,
Bottom of road leading down to Lower New Buildings
Road from Linhay Park out to Waterlake Cottage EX17 4PA

Road flooded and potholes in the East Pidsley area – Although this had already been attended to once there were still problems over flooding which was causing access problems for the Royal Mail and other deliveries.

14) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Re chargeable vehicle points for Creedy View car park – Contact with Western Power had not obtained the necessary guidance.

It was agreed to contact both DALC and Devon Communities for advice on this topic.

Dates and Venue for Meetings in 2021 – The Clerk had prepared, and circulated, a list based on continuing to meet on the first Thursday of the month.

15) Date (and venue) of next Meeting 4th February probably by Skype.

The being no other business the Chairman Closed the Meeting at 9.00pm.