

SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held at Sandford Community Sports Pavillion on 7th OCTOBER 2021.

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

Cllr G Griffin J.P. (Chairman)

Messrs – M Lee, D Hope, B Fyfe, M. Snow, R Stoyale, J Stephens and N Unstead.

Mesdames – G Ford and S Miles MDDC Cllr E Lloyd

No Parishioners The Parish Clerk Mr M Vallance

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

1) APOLOGIES - DCC Cllr M Squires Cllrs E Dalton and S Haley.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr M Lee “Creedy View” 2.

1a) OPEN FORUM - No Parishioners present.

2) MATTERS REPORTED ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE PLUS MATTERS REPORTED TO THE CLERK - The Clerk had been asked to reported a “Safety issue” over vehicles parked at the top of Rose and Crown Hill, under the sign post. This meant drivers were unable to look up Back Lane. to see whether any traffic was heading down, and apparently there had been several “near misses”.

IT WAS AGREED TO PUT THIS MATTER ON THE LIST FOR DISCUSSION AT THE PROPOSED MEETING WITH THE DCC ROAD SAFETY OFFICER.

3) The MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd September 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record

5) To report on MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) The future of the Sandford Parish Council Facebook page – It was decided to broaden the title of Facebook page to read SANDFORD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD page.

This would make it clear that it was not just Parish Council matters to be “Posted”.

A trial period was suggested.

It was agreed that this was not the place for Parishioners to use for Parish Council business which should continue by the use of email, parish website etc.

b) Donation to the Parish Hall – It had been established that if a Parish Council made a donation to a Charity for specific equipment they would be able to purchase the item and re claim the Vat.

So this meant a donation of £500 became a donation of £600 (£600 less vat = £500).

IT WAS AGREED THE PARISH HALL COULD SPEND £600 AND ANY INVOICES WOULD NEED TO BE SUBMITTED IN THE NAME OF AND PAID BY SANDFORD PARISH COUNCIL.

The Parish Hall were pleased to learn of this donation for “pots and pans” for the new kitchen and work was scheduled to commence in November.

c) Proposed Meeting with DCC Road Safety Officer – Still awaited (requested 5th July 2021).
It was suggested to contact the Leader of DCC John Hart to ask for his assistance due to the long delay ?

After discussion it was agreed to contact Michelle Woodgates DCC Highways for her assistance and notify DCC Cllr M Squires.

c) Parking in the Square – No update although there was now the issue of the rotten timbers supporting the railings outside the Lamb. This had been reported by the Clerk to DCC Highways who had erected safety fencing. There would be a delay of up to “3 months” to replace the rotten timber.

It was noted that the Car Park sign had been stolen.

IT WAS AGREED TO MEET WITH THE LANDLORD OF THE LAMB INN TO DISCUSS HIS OFFER TO ERECT A PARKING SIGN.

d) Despite a 2nd letter the trailer was still being parked in the Creedy View car park.

6) POLICE MATTERS – Stolen parking signage no other new matters had been reported.

7) REPLIES

a) DALC / Devon Communities / SLCC / MDDC– Community Assets

The Clerk had been researching this item with some positive responses over Listing Sandford Congregational Church Hall and Church for community use.

The first thing would be to make a submission to MDDC to List the two buildings as Community Assets and the necessary forms had been obtained.

Devon Communities – A suggestion was made to contact the Congregational Federation Trustees, in Nottingham, at an early date to hear their proposals.

DALC - Details of obtaining loans for this purpose from the PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD had been received.

MDDC – A suggestion had been received to List the Church, and the Hall, as two separate items.

The Council discussed the way ahead and it was agreed to submit the Listing of the Congregational Church Hall as a Community Asset over the coming months.

The Clerk had obtained details of the cost of taking out a loan from the Public Works Loan Board.

Typical annual payments per £50.000 borrowed on a fixed rate were currently :-

£10,313 pa over 5 years

£5359 pa over 10 years

£3774 pa over 15 years

£2805 pa over 25 years

Before any Loan could be taken out the Public would need to be consulted.

(Some years ago the Congregational Church Hall had been valued at £60K.)

The question was asked as to whether there was a need for a further small hall in the Village as most of the events held at been organised by Sandford Congregational Church e.g. lunches, jumble sales etc.

Congregational Church – There had been interest in, and outside, of the Parish to turn this into an Arts venue.

The Parish Council would consider supporting such a venture they felt unable to lead this initiative. Additionally this would need to be lead by a Local Charity and it was suggested S.A.C.A might be interested in this venture ?

8) CORRESPONDENCE

a) DALC – Details had been received of the October 2021 Annual Conference (3 day virtual event). No one was available to attend.

b) Keith Stanlake had contacted the Clerk over a number of issues.

Lighting at Orchard Close – New replacement lighting had been installed but “new energy bulbs” had been used. This was found to be “too bright and intrusive and shining into their property”. The Engineer had come back and “fitted a shade”.

It was noted that these “new energy bulbs” would be used for replacements in the future and it was felt DCC should be made aware of the issue this caused.

The Clerk has passed this on to DCC M Squires to pursue.

Speed bumps – A request had been made to have these removed. The Clerk had advised that the PC had already made a request to DCC Highways, at the September Meeting.

Lodge corner – It was a pity the road on Lodge Corner had not been repaired when the road works from the Lodge to the bottom of Rose and Crown.

c) Nick Unstead had submitted a Notice of Resignation as Parish Councillor with effect from the October Meeting.

The Clerk had notified MDDC and had posted these details on the 6th October.

After 14 days (21st October) if no request had been made to hold an Election the PC could take action to Co-opt someone to fill the vacant seat.

d) Matt Perry SWW – Repairs to track to the Sandford waste water treatment plant would take place on 1st November 2021 when it would be necessary to close the track.

e) Di Martin had written on behalf of Sandford Stores, asking to be kept up to date on any updates to Parking in the Square. It was pointed out that Sandford Stores had already requested to be included.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PROPOSED MEETING WITH THE ROAD SAFETY OFFICER WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO COUNCILLORS.

ANY FUTURE DISCUSSIONS, IF NEEDED, COULD TAKE PLACE WITH PARISHIONERS.

9) SANDFORD COMMUNITY SPORTS PAVILION & PLAY AREA

a) Play Area Sub Committee Meeting – Due to the weather this had not been able to take place.

A further Meeting was set for 13th October 2.30pm meeting at the Playing Field.

The Chairman stressed the need for the 2021 ROSPA SAFETY REPORT to be reviewed

The Clerk had requested details of a possible piece of play equipment to replace the broken Springy at the Creedy View play area.

Basket ball hoop – Cllr D Hope was keen to source further funding for this piece of equipment and it was agreed to notify Sandford Tennis Club that this proposal was still on the table.

10) PLANNING CREEDY VIEW 2 – Update

The Clerk had been in touch with MDDC Planning to ask at what stage the formal Planning Approval would arrive ?

He had been told there were a number of issues that still needed to be resolved i.e. S106 etc before this could be done.

Cllr J Stephens had been speaking to Justin Denno over various matters :-

Roofs - A suggestion has been made for a mix of galvanise and slate.

THE PARISH COUNCIL AGREED TO STAND BY THEIR ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION THAT SLATE BE USED FOR ALL PROPERTIES.

Safety issues around the accentuation tanks – The need for adequate safety fencing had been stressed

Proposed Cycle/Furlongs Footpath to Pedlars Pool – Cllr Stephens has been working with Joe Miles on the possible cost of this part of the proposed Footpath.

It appeared the Clean Air funds to be allocated to this application would be able to cover the costs. It was agreed thank Joe Miles for the assistance he had given on this matter.

Minute d) Matt Perry SWW – Repairs to track to the Sandford waste water treatment plant would take place on 1st November 2021 when it would be necessary to close the track.

The Clerk had spoken to the Owner (Colin Reed) of the field next to Furlongs who had not been notified of this.

He was also keen for Signs to be erected to ask Walkers to keep to the track and not wander all over the field.

Cllr J Stephens offered to meet with Colin Reed to discuss this matter and also the suggestion to fence off the track from the field.

Access/ Right of way to the adjoining Orchard below Park House – This matter was also discussed as this would impact on the transfer of the small piece of land, above Meadowside, that was to be “gifted” to the Millennium Green.

Footpath Closure – It was noted that the Furlongs Footpath would need to be temporarily closed once any building works commenced for “Creedy View 2”.

21/01876/FULL Frostlands House Copplestone
Erection of an agricultural storage building and formation of access track
NO OBJECTION

21/01662/HOUSE Creedy Nook Coppice Lane Sandford
Erection of single storey extension
SITE MEETING RECOMMEND APPROVAL

21/01822/FULL Wood Barton Morchard Bishop (in Sandford Parish)
Erection of an agricultural building (540 sqm)
NO OBJECTION

Approval of planning permission :-

21/01317/FULL & 21/01205/FULL
Creedy Manor Long Barn Sandford Erection of two agricultural buildings

21/01391/FULL Hele House West Sandford
Change of use of agricultural to domestic land and erection of an ancillary residential building

21/00707/FULL Creedy Park Sandford
Change of use of land from agricultural to cricket pitch “Change of description and revised drawings”

21/01504/FULL Land West of Snows on Rose and Crown Hill
Erection of a lean to greenhouse

21/00920/FULL Elston Cross Copplestone
Change of use for “pooch paddock” and car park alterations to existing access

LEG/MH.TPO 149 Land north of Meadows Road
Tree Preservation Order

Refusal of Planning/LBC consent Downhayne East Village
Conversion of barn to ancillary dwelling

Listed for hearing by the MDDC Planning Committee on 6th October 2021
21/00617/FULL Land at NGR 282822 101624 (Creedy Park) Crediton Devon
Erection of a general purpose agricultural building
(IT WAS REPORTED THAT THAT PLANNING PERMISSION HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE MDDC PLANNING COMMITTEE)

21/01679/PNAG Swannaton Sandford
Prior notification for the erection of an extension to an existing building.
(Cllr J Stephens declared an interest in this application)

21/00887/FULL Linscombe Farm New Buildings
Erection of 5 dwellings with associated works following demolition of existing agricultural building

Both the Clerk, and the Chairman, had been approached by the Agent dealing with this application to be told that it would be discussed by MDDC Planning in November 2021 asking would a Parish Councillor be able to go along and support their comment to RECOMMEND APPROVAL ?
It was felt that the Parish Council had made a site visit, and submitted their recommendation, and that was the end of the matter.

11) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS & SUB COMMITTEES

DCC Cllr M Squires had sent a written report and this had been circulated.
MDDC Cllr E Lloyd reported on the proposed Parish Boundaries Review and also advised that she had now been appointed a Trustee of the Crediton Food Bank.

12) Proposed Electric Car Charging Points – Cllr S Haley not present.

13) RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Lloyds Bank interest (September 2021)	£0.16
MDDC (Half year Precept payment)	£9940.00

Payments

Mr M Vallance Salary £466.00 Ink cartridges £17.99, Postage £3.40, Stationery £14.84 Best Gardens prize money £24 Use of Home ¼ year £54.00	£580.23
Steve Mc Culloch - Grass cutting	£406.80

Cheques signed by Cllrs Stoye and Miles

14) ROADS AND FOOTPATHS – Road safety suggestions 20's Plenty, also Mirror on the Church wall opposite the Fanny's lane exit. IT WAS WAS DECIDED NOT TO PURSUE THESE SUGGESTIONS.

15) BOUNDARY STONES / PROPOSED BOUNDARY REVIEW

Cllr Stephens had been speaking with Ben Huggins who was now suggesting, in place of using a concrete mould to make the Boundary Stones to use Granite.

MDDC Cllr E Lloyd confirmed that a Public Consultation to discuss Parish Boundaries was due to commence shortly.

16) ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CLERK'S SALARY (From 1st April 2021)

The new rate from 1st April 2021 has not yet been agreed with NALC the suggestion was 2%. It was agreed to discuss this once a recommendation had been made.

17) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Absence of the Parish Clerk – The Clerk gave details of his absence during the month.

Date (and venue) of next Meeting 4th November 2021

With the loss of the Congregation Church Hall the Clerk had enquired as to whether the Parish Hall was available ?

He had been told that the Hall was in use every night of the week.

The possibility of using the annexe on a Monday evening had been suggested.

After discussion it was agreed to hold the 4th November and 2nd December meetings at the Sports Pavillion and make enquiries over the provision of heating with Sandford AFC.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.34pm.