

EAST ANSTEY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

These minutes might be subject to slight alteration

**The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday
7th December 2016 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr's I Vigus (Chair), D Barber, R Gibson, J Griffon, C Gillett, R Milton, Mrs H Warne and Miss R Warne.

In attendance: District Cllr E Ley, County Cllr J Yabsley, twelve members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

111/12/16. To receive apologies. There were no apologies.

112/12/16. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures of interest.

113/12/16. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd November 2016 as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

114/12/16. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. There were no matters arising.

115/12/16. Public Question Time. Residents from Blackerton questioned what impact planning enforcement might have on them if the developer who owns much of Blackerton does not comply with the S106 agreement. Non-compliance with the agreement would impact on the developer and not residents. Solicitors should have warned residents about the S106 agreement when they were carrying out searches prior to purchase. At present NDC are not fully staffed in the Planning Enforcement Department. Cllr Ley said he felt there would be no problem for those who had bought property from the developer. Residents are planning to replace the existing sign at the entrance to Blackerton and offered to let the Parish Council see a copy before the sign is erected.

Cllr Yabsley joined the meeting during this item.

116/12/16. To receive the following reports:

a) District Cllr. Cllr Ley reminded everyone about previous conversations to doing something in the parish in the memory of Peter Wood and Robert Blake, former Councillors and Chairmen of this Council. He hoped to be able to offer some funding towards the project from his grant budget. One suggestion was a commemorative bench. This will be discussed further at the next meeting when Councillors have had time to give the matter some thought.

b) County Cllr. Cllr Yabsley suggested the Council apply for a share of funding from the County Councillor's £10,000 Locality Budget soon after the County Councillor is elected in May 2017. Funding from the sale of Exeter Airport lasted longer than expected because of projects that failed and didn't need funding. The Council is looking for a site where the Air Ambulance could

land at night and would need funding towards the provision of lighting. The Council could apply to the Locality Budget for funding towards this project. Cllr Yabsley warned that some parishes have found themselves eating into their reserves to pay for contractors to clean ditches etc following DCC cutbacks. DCC needs to have enough highways staff to cover the winter period and now has a new contractor for its £13million maintenance budget. More competition means there will be less problems than in the past. Cllr Milton said contractors have been making a good job clearing road edges but he was concerned that some verges have been built up and could affect drainage. Cllr Yabsley told the Council about DCC's new £100,000 support budget which Town and Parish Councils can make a bid to for a share of this funding if they want to carry out some work such as drainage. This was announced at the Highways Conferences.

Cllr Yabsley left the meeting.

c) Police. PCSO Bray had emailed the Clerk to say there had been no reported crimes or incidents in East Anstey and West Anstey since the 1st November.

117/12/16. Planning

a) To make a recommendation on any planning applications received by the council before the meeting. There were no applications.

b) To note any decisions made on planning applications by NDC.

There were no decisions.

c) Update on any planning issues at Blackerton. The Clerk has spoken to Jean Watkins, Planning Office NDC, regarding the concerns that have been raised. The situation is being monitored but there is no need for enforcement at present. It was noted two buildings received a Certificate of Lawfulness for use as living accommodation before application 55662 was submitted.

d) Any other planning matters. There were no other planning matters.

118/12/16. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. The usual problems are ongoing.

b) Any other highways issues. There were no other highways issues.

119/12/16. Finance

a) To approve invoices for payment. It was resolved to make the following payment: Mrs J Larcombe - £86.14 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 248).

b) To discuss the budget for 2017/18 and agree the precept. The draft budget prepared by the Clerk was agreed. The Council has adequate reserves and it was not felt necessary to increase the amount parishioners pay for the Parish Council share of the Council Tax.

It was agreed to request a precept of £3000.

The future of Allways End Methodist Hall was discussed again. The Methodist Church has said they do not want to sell the hall at the moment. The parish does have some S106 money from the development at Blackerton (potentially about £40,000) and there is concern that some of the funding from the Batsworthy Cross Wind Farm Community Fund might be used elsewhere in Devon if there aren't enough suitable projects locally. It was felt the Council should start thinking about a site for a new community building.

120/12/16. Play Area

a) Any points to note from the weekly inspections. There were no points to note from the inspections.

b) To agree who will carry out inspections for the next month. Cllr Vigus will carry out the inspections until the next meeting.

c) Any other matters arising. There were no matters arising.

121/12/16. Update on the delivery and installation of the defibrillator. The defibrillator has been delivered. Quotes will now be obtained for the electrical installation. Cllr Mrs Warne and the Clerk were given power to act to make a decision on approving a contractor. Once the defibrillator has been installed community awareness/training sessions will be arranged.

122/12/16. Possible recommendation for someone under thirty years old to fill the vacancy on the Batsworthy Cross Wind Farm Community Fund Grants Panel. There was concern that the rules are being made up as it goes along. Cllr Barber will contact a young person, who it was felt would make a good panel member, and find out whether they would be interested.

123/12/16. Devon Air Ambulance; to discuss possible night landing sites in or near to the parish. The Village Green was suggested as a possible site if the goal post at the far end was removed. Lighting would be needed and Cllr Barber will research how this could be provided. The site would only be used occasionally and it was not felt necessary to consult neighbours.

124/12/16. Matters Brought Forward at the Discretion of the Chairman. There were no matters brought forward.

125/12/16. Correspondence received by the Parish Council. There was no further correspondence.

126/12/16. Date of the next meeting. If no planning applications are received it will not be necessary to hold a meeting on the 4th January. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th January*

*This date was later changed to Wednesday 8th February..

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