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DRAFT MINUTES

These minutes might be subject to slight alteration

The minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 7th January 2015 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's I Vigus (Chair), D Barber, Mrs T Brock, C Gillett and Miss R Warne.

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

- 121/01/15. To receive apologies.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr R Milton.
- 122/01/15. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda.** None.
- 123/01/15. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd December 2014 as a true record of the meeting.** The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.
- 124/01/15. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda.** None.
- 125/01/15. Co-option of Councillor.** There are now two vacancies on the Council. As it is so close to the Parish Council elections in May there is no requirement to fill these vacancies but the Council can co-opt if it wants to. One parishioner has asked to be considered for co-option and other parishioners have shown an interest. The two vacancies will be advertised on the notice boards, on the website and in the newsletter. Anyone interested should email or write to the Clerk by 31st January. If more than two applications are received a decision will be made by ballot at the next meeting on the 4th February.
- 126/01/15. Planning**
- a) To make a recommendation on any other planning applications received by the council.** No applications.
 - b) To note any decisions made on planning applications by NDC.** No decisions.
 - c) Any other planning matters.** Cllr Mrs Brock asked about the affordable housing at Blackerton. Building has started but only on the open market housing. There will be some detail about the specified build out in the S106 agreement. The Clerk will write to Mr Wilkins and ask about the progress of the

affordable housing. Cllr Ley suggested asking Jean Watkins, NDC Planning, if she had any further information.

127/01/15. Highways

- a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out.** A pipe has been put in to drain away the water that was coming up through the road near the school but it was reported that some water is still running. This will be reported to Richard Sables. Faults reported previously still remain. There is a temporary sign warning about humps in the road near the kennels.
- b) Any other highways issues.** None.

128/01/15. To receive the following reports:

- a) District Cllr.** Cllr Ley reported that not much had been happening at NDC over the Christmas and New Year period. He asked about a possible tribute to Peter Wood and Robert Blake. The village fete and Froude Run are being organised in their memory and there will be a charity collection. A bench on the village green was also suggested. Robert was keen on helping to provide a tarmac path to the new part of the Churchyard and Cllr Ley offered financial assistance of up to £200 towards this either as a grant or a personal donation. The date has passed when Mr Chinneck can contest the appeal decision for his planning application at Barton Wood. Mr Dedames is submitting a planning application for a permanent home and to legalise what else has been built. There was a reminder about the 28th February deadline for applications to the TAP Fund. There will be no carry forward this year. One of the conditions imposed when permission was granted for the wind turbines at Batsworthy is causing problems. The bat survey has to be approved before the permission expires in October 2015.
- b) County Cllr.** No report.
- c) Police.** No report. Cllr Barber reported that he hasn't received any Neighbourhood Watch emails.

129/01/15. Finance

- a) To approve invoices for payment.** It was resolved to make the following payment: Mrs J Larcombe - £85.10 Clerk's salary and expenses (chq no 205).
- b) To agree the Precept for 2015/16.** The draft budget for 2015 – 16 was approved by the Council. It was agreed that the Precept for 2015 – 2016 will be £2742.00.
- c) TAP Fund.** There is still no price for installing a water supply at the village green. This will be needed for the next meeting so that a decision can be made whether to make an application to the TAP fund for this. Support for the application will be needed from West Anstey Parish Meeting.

130/01/15. Play Area

- a) To agree who will carry out inspections for the next month.** Cllr Miss Warne will carry out the inspections for the next month.
- b) Any matters arising.** Cllr Gillett offered to cut back the brambles on the fence by the old railway line. There will be a working party before the fete to tidy up the field.

- 131/01/15. Update on new parish website.** The website has been updated and is up and running. Cllr Barber has updated the details on the Councillor page and will update other information on the site. Cllr Barber and the Clerk can add content to site and change details when necessary. The Clerk told Councillors that under the new Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities the Council will be required to publish certain information on the website. From April agendas and papers for meetings will need to be published at least three clear days before the meeting. Minutes will need to be published within a month of the meeting. Details of all payments over £100 excluding VAT will need to be published. The Clerk is checking whether including the details about payments in the minutes is adequate. The information on the Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement will need to be published by 1st July 2015 as well as details of public land and building assets. Details of councillor responsibilities and representation on external local public bodies also needs to be published. The website name remains the same.
- 132/01/15. Public Question Time.** A member of the public reported that a lock on one of his gates had been physically cut to open it. An attempt had been made to take a trailer but it had a lock on it and wasn't stolen. Another gate was left open. Arrangements have been made for the Police to security mark equipment. Diesel has been taken for the third time and a gate was barged into at Woodburn Cross. There was a warning that thieves are after flat-bed trailers. Another member of the public said cuts to bus services had been mentioned on television news and asked whether this will affect the bus service to East Anstey. The Clerk will make enquiries.
- 133/01/15. Matters Brought Forward at the Discretion of the Chairman.** Cllr Gillett will write a tribute to Cllr Blake for the newsletter. It was suggested that Mrs C Wood and Mrs J Blake could be asked to open the fete. The Council was asked whether it should contribute to the fabric of the hall at Allways End. The Council does pay a hire charge for the hall and councillors have been involved in helping to obtain grant funding for the hall.
- 134/01/15. Correspondence received by the Parish Council.** The following correspondence was noted:
Clerk & Councils Direct – January 2015
Somerset Association of Local Councils – details of a meeting of Exmoor Town and Parish Councils at Exford on January 28th regarding elections to the Exmoor National Park Authority.
- 135/01/15. Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th February 2015 at 7.30pm at Allways End Methodist Hall.

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