

# EAST ANSTEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## DRAFT MINUTES

These minutes will be agreed at the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September and might be subject to slight amendment

### **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr I Vigus (Chair), D Barber, R Gibson, J Griffin, Miss L Moore, Mrs H Warne and Miss R Warne..

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

**34/07/19. To receive apologies.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr R Milton and received from County Cllr J Yabsley.

**35/07/19. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda.** There were no disclosures of interest.

**36/07/19. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2019 as an accurate record of the meeting.** The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**37/07/19. Matters arising from the minutes.** There were no matters arising.

**38/07/19. Public Questions.** There were no questions from the members of the public at the meeting.

#### **39/07/19. Planning**

**a) To make a recommendation on any planning applications received by the council before the meeting.** No applications received.

**b) To note any decisions made on planning applications by NDC.** No decisions received.

**c) To receive an update regarding the lodging of an appeal against NDC's refusal for applications 64059, 64060, 64061, 64062 and 64063, Oaklands Poultry Farm.** Appeals have now been submitted for all five applications. The Clerk has written to the Planning Inspectorate to request that a decision on the appeals is made following a hearing rather than by written representation. The Parish Council has not been informed yet how the appeals will be decided. West Anstey Parish Meeting will be asked to request a hearing for the appeals. The Clerk was asked to write to Knowstone Parish Council to see if they would be willing to contribute to the cost of Mike Kelly, planning consultant,

representing the Parish Council at a hearing, if there is one.

**d) Affordable housing plans.** There has been no update.

**e) Any other planning matters.** Complaints continue about the tipping of soil at Whitemoor Equestrian Centre. It was reported that the weight of earth is crushing water and drainage pipes and South West Water had to dig down 8' to mend a water pipe. It was noted that there had been some prosecutions in Mid Devon for tipping of soil and more details will be obtained. It was also reported that lorries are being parked overnight.

#### **40/07/19. Highways**

**a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out.** There is a bad pothole at Woodburn Cross and the grass needs cutting on the verges at the junction. There is also a bad pothole at Cuckoo's Nest, on the way to the A361.

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

#### **41/07/19. To receive the following reports:**

**a) District Cllr.** There was little to report following the elections in May.

**b) County Cllr.** No report.

#### **42/07/19. Finance.**

**a) To approve invoices for payment.** It was resolved to make the following payment: Mrs J Larcombe - £130.70 Clerk's salary and expenses including Temporary Event Notice for Fete (Chq no 306).

Cllr Miss R Warne - £90.52 fete expenses (Chq no 308).

Due to a tax code change the payment agree to HMRC at the last meeting for PAYE was no longer needed.

**b) To agree the Churchyard Grant for 2019-20.** It was resolved to give a grant of £450 towards the upkeep of the Churchyard (Chq no 307).

#### **43/07/19. Play Area**

**a) Any points to note from the weekly inspections.** Cllr Griffin reported that he had emptied the litter bin. There were no other points to note.

**b) To agree who will carry out inspections for the next month.** Cllr Barber will carry out the inspections.

**c) Update on applying for funding for replacement of play equipment.** It was agreed the Clerk would write to the owner of the piece of land next to the Village Green, that the Parish Council would like to purchase, asking for a meeting. Government funding for Air Ambulance night landing sites will end next year. In the meantime the Parish Council needs to go ahead with replacing some of the play equipment and it was agreed to spend a maximum of £10,000. Funding applications need to be made towards the cost of the play equipment and these will be made to the NDC District Councillor Community Fund, Awards for All and the Batsworthy Cross Wind Farm Community Fund. The Council discussed taking out a loan if they couldn't obtain enough funding. Any loan would need to be from the Public Works Loan Board.

**d) Any other matters arising.** There were no other matters arising.

**44/07/19. Report on the Village Fete and Froude Run held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.** The number of people attending the fete was down but it was noted that it clashed with the South Molton Olde English Fayre and Ocean Fest. The bouncy castle made a loss and they will not accept an invitation in the future. The run was successful.

It is estimated the fete will make about £900 once all the bills are paid and this will be split between Devon Air Ambulance and the Parish Council where it will be earmarked for the new play equipment. In October the Council will have another discussion about what type of event to hold. The parish will be asked if they want a fete. Signs advertising the fete near the South Molton roundabout on the A361 were removed by Highways and haven't been returned.

**45/07/19. Results for election of parish members to the Exmoor National Park Authority.** Robin Milton, Sarah Takle, Michael Ellicott, Jeremy Holtom and Vivian White were the parish members elected.

**46/07/19. Opportunity to raise any questions on items discussed during the meeting.** Cllr Ley suggested holding the fete on the last Saturday in May.

**47/07/19. Correspondence received by the Parish Council.** There was no further correspondence.

**48/07/19. Date of the next meeting.** It was decided there was no need to hold a meeting in August unless there is any urgent business. The next planned meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019.