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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 5th August 2015  
at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm**

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

**In attendance:** the Clerk Mrs J Larcombe and three members of the public.

**53/08/15. To receive apologies.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr I Vigus.

**54/08/15. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda.** There were no disclosures.

**55/08/15. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st July 2015 as a true record of the meeting.** With a small amendment to the feedback from the fete, the minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

**56/08/15. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda.** There were no matters arising.

#### **57/08/15. Planning**

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

**b) To note any decisions made on planning applications by NDC.** There were no decisions on planning applications during the last month.  
59365 Prior Approval Application for change of use of agricultural building to dwelling together with associated building works (Class QB), Pigginswood, Oldways End, East Anstey (Applicants: Mr & Mrs Ridewood) has been withdrawn

**c) To discuss a letter regarding Exceptions Housing Land Allocation – land adjacent to Oldway Road, East Anstey.** The Council has received a letter from Ken Parke Planning Consultants to ask whether or not the Parish Council would be supportive of some rural housing exceptions development on a site adjacent to Oldways Road and whether there was a identified local need for affordable housing in the parish. The Clerk will write back to acknowledge the letter and to say that if a planning application is submitted the Council will make a comment.

It was felt that any local need for affordable housing will be met by the planned affordable housing at Blackerton.

**d) Any other planning matters.** Exmoor – the 2015 Moorland Units Review. Anstey Common is the only area in the parish that this applies to and is owned by The Forestry Commission. It was suggested that councillors could have a look at the questionnaire and make a response if they wanted to.

#### **58/08/15. Highways**

**a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out.** The road between Radnidge Bridge and the Kennels is still in a poor condition as is Broomball Lane. There has been no further news about possible repairs to the road surface between Countiesmeet and Woodburn Cross. The fingerpost sign at Rhyll is still missing.

The Clerk has emailed photos of the poor condition of the passing area, near the Oldways End sign, to SCC Highways. Peter Owens, Assistant Highways Service Manager, has replied and said he would send the Highways Superintendent to inspect the area. However the photos appear to indicate the wheel tracks are beyond the end of the surfaced carriageway and, if this is the case, it is not classed as a safety defect and no repair will be undertaken.

The road markings on the junction opposite Allways End Methodist Hall were due to be re-painted today but the work couldn't be carried out because it was raining.

**b) Any other highways issues.** Mr Barton has applied for a licence to thin some trees in Barton Wood and damage was caused to the highways, banks and verges when the timber was taken away. Mr Bew has complained to the Forestry Commission and DCC Highways.

DCC Highways has notified the Council of a temporary closure of the road between Dunsley Farm and Yeo Mill Cross for patching works between 12<sup>th</sup> August and 14<sup>th</sup> August. The road between Dunsley Farm and Barton Cross will also be closed for patching works between 14 August and 17<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **59/08/15. To receive the following reports:**

**a) District Cllr.** No report.

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

**c) Police.** In an email PCSO Beverly Bray reported that it was unlikely anyone would be free to attend the meeting as it was on the same day as North Devon Show. Having looked at the logs and crimes for the last month she was able to report there was just the one for East Anstey. This was a report of a young male driving dangerously towards East Anstey from the Rackenford direction. The male was spoken to regarding his manner of driving and advice given. Now, especially as it is the school holidays, she will be keeping an eye on the local primary schools and in September she has arranged with East Anstey to come out to speak to the children about who their local Police are and what they do. Hopefully some of the children who are still there remember her and PC Micallef from their last visit. She hopes to attend Oldways End for the coffee morning in the not too distant future to catch up with the wider community there. If anyone has any questions or any issues they wish to discuss with them they were asked to get in touch.

#### **60/08/15. Finance:**

**a) To approve invoices for payment.** It was resolved to make the following payment: Mrs J Larcombe - £86.58 Clerk's salary and expenses (chq no 224)

**b) To note thank you letters for donations from the money raised by the fete.** The Council noted the thank you letters from Cancer Research UK and Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

**61/08/15. Play Area**

**a) Any points to note from the weekly inspections.** Cllr Mrs Warne reported that she had sanded down the side of the slide. She said a swing shackle had a nut missing and the litter bin needs wiping down. Cllr Barber will check the shackles on the swings. There was dog mess in the field during one of the inspections. Councillors discussed how they could try to see whose dog was responsible.

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

**c) Any other matters arising.** No other matters arising.

**62/08/15. To review advertising on the parish website.** The former website had links to businesses. It was agreed that there would be links on the website to local businesses and local amenities. There will also be a disclaimer to say the Parish Council is not endorsing them.

**63/08/15. Oldways End – legal ownership of land opposite Allways End Methodist Hall.** Mr & Mrs Deering of Post House Studio contacted Cllr Milton about the confusion over the ownership of the piece of land opposite their property and between the Royal Mail Post Box and the side of the metal shed. When they discovered that a document was circulating to obtain signatures to prove public use of this piece of land they obtained legal advice. They were advised to close off this area, which they have now done. Cllr Milton reported that they had shown him the deeds from 1974 onwards which prove their ownership of this piece of land. The situation has also been explained in a letter addressed to the Parish Council and 'To Whom it May Concern' and this letter has been displayed in a noticeboard on the area. Mr & Mrs Deering have written to Cllr Milton saying they would like to find a way forward so that those using Allways End Methodist Hall can continue to use this piece of land for parking. A suggestion is that a licence is granted for this use, possibly to the Council. The Council agreed that this was the best way forward and they will consider taking this forward once the long term future of the hall is known. The Council would have to pay the legal fees for this licence. Mr Matthews said he was worried that, if the area remains cordoned off, children will have to get off the school bus onto the road when school starts again in September. Mr Matthews offered to liaise with local residents and Mr & Mrs Deering to find a way forward. His offer was accepted and an item will be put on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss this matter further.

**64/08/15. Public Question Time.** There were no questions from the public.

**65/08/15. Matters Brought Forward at the Discretion of the Chairman.** Cllr Gillett said the Church was having to cut down more trees for safety reasons and asked whether the Council would consider giving a grant towards the cost of the work. A quote for the work was passed to the Clerk. This request will be considered at the next meeting and it was suggested that more than one quote for the work should be obtained.

There will be an item on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss whether the

fete should be held again next year and, if this is agreed, to agree a date. West Anstey is considering purchasing a defibrillator. Cllr Mrs Warne will contact the person leading this initiative to ask about their plans. Mr Matthews has looked into re-obtaining qualifications to train other people to use a defibrillator but the cost is prohibitive. It was felt that if it was decided to have a defibrillator in East Anstey the money could be raised by direct appeal.

- 66/08/15. Correspondence received by the Parish Council.** The following correspondence was noted:  
Devon Access to Services Project – information about Community Car Schemes and Car Forums.  
Mark Sanders, Local Fire Service Risk Manager, has contacted the Council. He is looking to strengthen links with local communities and their representatives so that the Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service can serve them more effectively and keep their residents and visitors safe. The Clerk has accepted his offer to speak to the Council and he will come to the December meeting.
- 67/08/15. Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd September 2015 at 7.30pm at Allways End Methodist Hall.

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