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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th December 2018 at Allways End Methodist at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: County Cllr J Yabsley, eight members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

86/12/18. To receive apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mrs C Drummond. Apologies were received from District Cllr E Ley.

87/12/18. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. Cllr Milton declared a personal interest in item 91/12/18e) as Chair of the Exmoor National Park Authority Committee.

88/12/18. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2018 as an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

89/12/18. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. There were no matters arising.

90/12/18. Public Questions. A member of the public reported on the difficulties farmers experience when trying to get tractors and other vehicles out of field gateways and onto the road through the village due to the speed of vehicles travelling along this road. Householders also have the same problem driving out of properties on the edge of this road. There are 25 properties and the school on the stretch of road from Springfield to Barton Cross. The Parish Council were asked to request a 30 mph speed limit from Counties Meet to Hawkwell Cross. It will be easier to try and get a speed limit introduced in a single Local Authority rather than trying to get it in Somerset as well as Devon. It was suggested that there were other ways of trying to slow down traffic including having 'Slow' advisory warnings painted on the road surface.

Cllr Yabsley joined the meeting.

Lorry loads of earth continue to be tipped at Whitemoor Equestrian Centre and it was reported that the road is starting to break up. It was questioned whether the tipping licence had been exceeded. There is a mobile home on the site.

There is a mobile home at Hillvera which is being used as accommodation and it was reported the planning approval had expired.

91/12/18. Planning

a) To make a recommendation on any planning applications received by the council before the meeting.

65838: prior notification application for proposed development by Telecommunications Code System Operators ((Town & County) GPD (Order 2015, schedule 2, part 16) in respect of installation of 15m monopole with radio equipment attached & erection of metal storage cabinet stored at the base at land adjacent to Smallacombe Farm, West Anstey, South Molton. Grid ref: 284587;125364.

Comment: East Anstey Parish Council support the application because of the need to improve broadband connection and speed as part of the CDS project.

b) To note the comment made for 65486: Extensions & alterations to dwelling at Holly House, Blackerton, East Anstey, Tiverton.

Comment: East Anstey Parish Council has no objections.

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

65486: Extensions & alterations to dwelling at Holly House, Blackerton, East Anstey, Tiverton. Decision: conditional approval granted.

d) Update on NDC Planning Committee meeting where 64059, 64060, 64061, 64062 and 64063 (retrospective application for siting of four concrete pad and erection of two mobile poultry houses with two feed silos, Oaklands Poultry Farm, East Anstey) were considered.

At the Planning Committee Meeting held on 14th November it was resolved that the applications be deferred for a maximum of three cycles to enable the Head of Place to:

- Obtain evidence regarding whether the applications would have an impact on the viability of planning application 55662;
- Have the opportunity to investigate how and where waste was being transported;
- Check whether the site was in a SSSI Impact Risk Zone.

It was also reported that Highways Officers have advised that a 215 metre, in each direction, level of visibility was considered to be the minimal acceptable standard as the B3227 is a fast, free flowing class 2 county road. Although improvements have been made to the visibility there are still significant shortfalls in the level of visibility.

Cllr Yabsley reported that NDC has engaged an independent viability study on the effect there would be on the provision of affordable housing if the applications were to be approved. The applicant is also doing the same. Cllr Vigus has made enquiries about the Parish Council obtaining a valuation from an independent source. It was agreed to spend up to £500, not including VAT. It was decided that this could be justified because of the Council's support and commitment to the provision of affordable housing at Blackerton. Once the cost is known neighbouring parishes and the developer could be approached and asked for a contribution towards the cost.

e) To discuss the Review of Protected Landscapes – Call for Evidence in respect of Exmoor National Park. The Parish Council agreed to make a response to Question 19 What views do you have on the process of designation - which means the way boundaries are defined and changed?

Response: East Anstey Parish Council would like consideration to be given to a boundary review to look at where it would be appropriate to include more of the parish within Exmoor National Park.

f) Any other planning matters. No other planning matters.

62/12/18. Highways

- a) **To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out.** The surface of Broomball Lane, from behind the Church to Barton Cross, remains in a very poor condition.
- b) **Any other highways issues.** No other highways issues.

63/12/18. To receive the following reports:

- a) **District Cllr.** No report.
- b) **County Cllr.** Cllr Yabsley had nothing further to report.

64/12/18. Finance

- a) **To approve invoices for payment.** It was resolved to make the following payment: Mrs J Larcombe – £101.72 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 293)
- b) **To discuss the budget and agree the Precept for 2019-20.** Councillors discussed the draft budget presented by the Clerk. It was agreed to request a Precept of £4,000. Proposed by Cllr Barber and seconded by Cllr Mrs Warne.
- c) **To consider a request from Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon Citizens Advice for a donation towards their valuable advice service.**
It was agreed to donate £100.00 (Chq no 294) as parishioners seek free advice from this service.

65/12/18. Play Area

- a) **Any points to note from the weekly inspections.**
- b) **To agree who will carry out inspections for the next month.** Cllr Griffin will carry out the inspections until the next meeting.
- c) **Any other matters arising.** The Chair and Vice-chair will meet with the owner of the piece of land adjacent to the Village Green that the Parish Council is interested in purchasing. If this piece of land can be purchased then the Village Green will be large enough for a night landing site for the Air Ambulance. The Air Ambulance Trust is now able to reimburse the cost of putting in power as long as two quotes have been obtained for the work.

66/12/18. Opportunity to raise any questions on items discussed during the meeting. There were no questions.

67/12/18. Correspondence received by the Parish Council. A letter has been received from a Blackerton resident asking if the Parish Council could contribute towards an invoice received from a planning consultant for their share of the cost of providing planning advice regarding the Oaklands Poultry Farm planning applications. It was decided that the Parish Council could not make a contribution. The valuation that the Parish Council has agreed to pay for can be justified because of its commitment towards the provision of affordable housing at Blackerton.

68/12/18. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th February 2019 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm. If any urgent business arises a meeting will be called in January.
Cllr Gibson gave his apologies for the 6th February meeting.