

## EAST ANSTEY PARISH COUNCIL

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### DRAFT MINUTES

**These minutes are subject to slight alteration**

**The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday  
7th September 2016 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr's I Vigus (Chair), C Gillett, J Griffin, Mrs H Warne and Miss R Warne.  
**In attendance:** Seven members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

**66/09/16. To receive apologies.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr's D Barber, R Gibson and R Milton.

**67/09/16. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda.** There were no disclosures.

**68/09/16. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 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.

**69/09/16. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda.** There were no matters arising.

#### **70/09/16. Planning**

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

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

**c) Any other planning matters.** Cllr Vigus reported he had attended the NDC Planning Committee meeting to speak in support of granting approval for planning application 61358 erection of a dwelling on land adjacent to New Park Cottages, East Anstey. The Planning Officer's recommendation was to refuse permission but the Committee decided to grant conditional approval but the dwelling will have to be an affordable home. The cost of the NDC Planning Committee is £3000 and these only happen when necessary.

At the meeting he also objected, on behalf of the Council, to the application for a variation of condition 3 (time limit) attached to planning permission 54402 (app/x1118/a/14/2211328) (installation of solar farm with static arrays of photovoltaic panels & ancillary plant, fencing & electrical equipment (additional

information)) to allow siting for an additional 5 years at Molland Solar Farm Bommertown Farm Bottreaux Mill. The Committee approved the variation to the condition. Cllr Vigus said there was no correspondence from Exmoor National Park to give their view on varying the condition and extending the time limit. It was thought Cllr Milton might know why they had not commented.

**71/09/16. Public Question Time.** A member of the public asked if the missing 'School Crossing' warning sign was going to be replaced. Cllr Griffin said the sign had been moved to the opposite side of the road because he wanted to erect a fence where the sign was. Highways did want Cllr Griffin to pay for their sign to be moved off his bank. People hadn't noticed it had been moved and it was felt this wasn't the best place for it. There were various suggestions about the best place for the sign to be sited. Cllr Griffin and Mrs Brock will have a look and make a recommendation to be considered at the next meeting.

**72/09/16. Highways**

- a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out.** The same problems continue and the Parish Council will continue bringing them to the attention of Highways. A road closure notice was issued at very short notice for Dunsley Lane but the planned surface dressing did not happen and the road was not closed. The Clerk had questioned why there was such short notice for the road closure and had been told it was due to the volume of applications for road closures that Highways had been dealing with. Mr Bew has been trying to get Euroforest to repair the damage they caused to Dunsley Lane when removing timber from Dunsley Wood but has been told they wouldn't be able to get a road closure at short notice. Highways are aware of this work and it is disappointing the two bodies cannot work together to achieve this.
- b) Any other highways issues.** No other highways issues.

**73/09/16. To receive the following reports:**

- a) District Cllr.** No report.  
**b) County Cllr.** No report.  
**c) Police.** No reports.

**74/09/16. Finance: 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 243).

**75/09/16. Play Area**

- a) Any points to note from the weekly inspections.** Cllr Griffin reminded the Council that the broken springie hasn't been removed. Arrangements will be made to do this. He noted the rubbish bin was half full and asked who emptied it. Cllr Gillett empties the bin for the Council.
- b) To agree who will carry out inspections for the next month.** Cllr Mrs Warne will carry out the inspections during the next month.
- c) To discuss replacing the springie.** The Clerk is trying to get the application form to apply for a grant from Cllr Yabsley's locality budget towards the cost of replacing the springie. The Council will look at the various options and costs and will try to get a replacement installed before the Spring. If it is installed before the next annual Rospa inspection it will be checked to see if it is correctly installed.
- d) Any other matters arising.** A mains water pipe is being put in near to the

entrance of the Village Green. Contractors are trying to mole the pipe rather than digging a trench but have been experiencing difficulties.

**76/09/16. Update on ordering the defibrillator.** It was agreed to go ahead and order the defibrillator using the Community Heartbeat Trust's managed solution option. The Council will pay them £1775.00 (Chq no 244). As the Council is using the managed solution option no VAT is charged. A community awareness session will be held at Allways End Methodist Hall once it is installed. The South West Ambulance Trust will not give the keypad code, which unlocks the defibrillator, to people who live more than 200 metres from the defibrillator. Cllr Mrs Warne will investigate how much it will cost to purchase fridge magnets or key fobs and have this information printed on them. They could be given out to all parishioners so they can make sure the information is easily accessible if they need it.

**77/09/16. Response to complaint about the Batsworthy Cross Wind Farm Community Fund Grants Panel Composition.** The Clerk wrote to Kathryn Harries, Community Investment RWE Innogy UK Ltd, to complain about the composition of the Grants Panel. In her reply she said RWE had worked closely with the parishes immediately neighbouring the wind farm in both the design and delivery on the consultation on development of the fund and the structure of the fund itself. It was in fact at the request of their parish councils that the wider area of benefit was agreed. Following further community consultation it was agreed that Devon Community Foundation would be appointed to administer the fund which includes the recruitment of the panel. She said the composition of the panel membership will change regularly throughout the lifetime of the community fund, which could be up to 25 years, so there will be many more opportunities for local residents to nominate themselves to join the panel. Only the three closest parishes to the wind farm were guaranteed places on the panel. Skills, expertise and experience would then take precedence over geography when allocating the remaining places. Ms Harries confirmed that DCF had only received one application from East Anstey and Cllr Vigus's application had not been received. He was the only person who has complained about their application not being received. The Parish Council would like to know whether meetings are open to the public when the panel sits and would like confirmation that it will be informed if there is a vacancy on the panel.

**78/09/16. Matters Brought Forward at the Discretion of the Chairman.** There were no matters brought forward.

**79/09/16. Correspondence received by the Parish Council.** The following correspondence was noted:  
Exmoor Parishes Forum – information on their next meeting.  
South Molton & District Community News Sptember 2016.  
The Church Harvest Festival will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm and their will be a supper afterwards.

**80/09/16. Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm