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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th December 2019 at Anstey Village Hall, Yeo Mill at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr I Vigus (Chair), R Gibson, Ms L Moore, Mrs H Warne and Miss R Warne.
In attendance: Eight members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

96/12/19. To receive apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr's D Barber and R Milton. Apologies were received from District Cllr E Ley.

97/12/19. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures of interest.

98/12/19. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2019 as an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

99/12/19. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. There were no matters arising.

100/12/19. Public Questions. Members of the public had attended to discuss their continuing concern and frustration regarding the ongoing tipping of spoil at Whitemoor Equestrian Centre, something that has been going on for two years now. There are as many as forty lorries per day and they start arriving from 6.45am. Noise and mud on the road remain a concern when the lorries deliver to the site and red soil has been brought in recently, which is very different from the local soil. It was reported that a piece of the bank had been taken away at Whitemoor Lane but this was also reported to have historically been a gateway which can be extended by 3 metres either side without planning permission being required. There was concern that someone was going to get hurt as a result of the lorry deliveries and bad feeling. Everyone's health and well-being is important. Parishioners are frustrated that the Police, Highways and Environment Agency (EA) do not want to know about the problems being caused. At the last meeting a letter from Mr & Mrs Gosling was read out and it mentioned re/wilding some areas and it was questioned what this was. It was explained that this meant turning back to what it was, something someone from the EA was reported to be unaware of when they talked to a parishioner. Cllr Mrs Warne read out further correspondence from Mr Gosling regarding a site meeting held on 2nd December between himself, two officers from the EA, Horizon Geo Technology and CC Haulage Management. The aim of the meeting was to assess progress, talk through plans moving forward and to address issues in order to minimise disruption. The project was reported to be over halfway. Opening up the gateway is to

prevent spoil on the lane and once this phase is complete it will be replaced with hedgebank. It has been agreed there should be frequent reminders towards sympathetic driving. Whilst routes of travel have been altered any input is welcomed. As there is a willingness from both sides to try and improve relationships it was decided to ask if Mr and Mrs Gosling would be willing to talk to two or three councillors about the issues.

Cllr Griffin joined the meeting during this item.

101/12/19. Planning

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

70723 Demolition of existing conservatory together with extensions to dwelling including south facing balcony & installation of flue at Glenfern, Waddicombe Dulverton TA22 9RY.

Comment: East Anstey Parish Council has no objections to the granting of approval.

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

No decisions received.

c) Update, if any, on the decision from the Planning Inspectorate for the appeals against NDC's refusal for applications 64059, 64060, 64061, 64062 and 64063, Oaklands Poultry Farm. The decision is still awaited. It was noted that the applicant has been trading for two years on the site.

d) Parish Housing Needs Survey. Richard Henshaw, the planning consultant representing the owners of the Blackerton Care Village site in East Anstey, has been in discussion with NDC on how to progress the part implemented scheme at Blackerton. The scheme has not been completed because of problems with viability, and it therefore seems unlikely will continue without modification. A central part of the project is the provision of affordable housing and the owners are reported to be keen to work with the local community to find a way to achieve delivery. NDC officers have advised a Parish Housing Needs Survey would help to determine the quantity and type of affordable housing that is required. For this to be meaningful, it is considered best for the survey to encompass East Anstey and surrounding parishes, to ensure a robust questionnaire response and up to date evidence of housing need to the Parish Councils along with the District. The owner is willing to fund the survey, which it is intended would be undertaken by the Devon Rural Housing Partnership. It was agreed that East Anstey would like to be part of the survey.

e) Any other planning matters. There were no other planning matters.

102/12/19. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. In addition to the usual issues it was reported that the lorries travelling to Whitemoor Equestrian Centre are damaging the verge at Tuckers Moor Cross and a telegraph pole is in danger of collapsing. Mud on the road is an issue. There is a massive hole close to the White House turning to Molland.

b) Any other highways issues. No other highways issues.

103/12/19. To receive the following reports:

a) District Cllr. No report. Details of the unveiling of a memorial statue in Bishops Nympton were given.

b) County Cllr. No report.

104/12/19. To discuss co-operation between East Anstey Parish Council and West Anstey Parish Meeting. It was agreed to invite Rex Milton and David Mair, Chair and Clerk of West Anstey Parish Meeting, to the next East Anstey Parish Council meeting so this could be discussed. NDC are proposing to hold Community Governance reviews in the future but in order to plan they would like to know what Parish Councils would like reviewed. A Community Governance Review can make a number of changes to parish governance when there is clear evidence to do so.

105/12/19. Finance.

a) To approve invoices for payment. It was resolved to agree the following payments:

Mr M Godfrey, Exmoor Web Design - £130.00 domain name renewal, hosting and website support (Chq no 316)

Mrs J Larcombe - £106.10 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 317)

West Anstey Village Hall - £10.00 room hire (Chq no 318)

Devon Air Ambulance has thanked the Council for the donation of £350.00 from the proceeds of the Village Fete.

b) To agree the precept and budget for 2020-21. The Clerk presented a draft budget, which was discussed. In order to raise additional money towards the play area refurbishment it was agreed that the Precept would be the amount raised if the Band D rate for the parish is £45. The total amount of the Precept will be confirmed at the next meeting, once NDC produce the Tax Base for the parish.

c) Update on moving the Council's bank accounts from NatWest Bank and Nationwide Building Society to Unity Trust Bank. Paperwork is being signed.

106/12/19. Play Area

a) Any points to note from the weekly inspections. It was agreed that Cllr Vigus would arrange the purchase of new gates for the play area from Mole Valley Farmers. This is likely to be in early 2020.

b) To agree who will carry out inspections for the next month. Cllr Ms Moore will carry out the inspections until the next meeting.

c) Update on applying for funding/quotes for the replacement of play equipment. Further quotes are being obtained.

d) To discuss quotes for cutting the grass at the Village Green in 2020. This was deferred until the next meeting.

e) Any other matters arising. There no other matters arising.

107/12/19. Update on the possible Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Site. It looks like the proposed site will not go ahead due to the very high cost that South West Water has quoted to move the water pipe. It was suggested that Cllr Vigus and Cllr Gibson might have a field that could be suitable and Toby Russell, DAA should be asked to have a look. Cllr Gibson said it was important for everyone to know that the nearest Air Ambulance Night Landing site is the football ground at Bampton. A family member had an accident and needed to be taken to hospital after dark and he had been unaware of where it was.

- 108/12/19. Update on the defibrillator.** The Community Heartbeat Trust has replaced the defibrillator. The Council is still waiting for the electricians to move it to the school.
- 109/12/19. Opportunity to raise any questions on items discussed during the meeting.** A member of the public said it would be helpful if phone numbers on the website could be dialled from a screen. It was explained that the website had been kept simple and it wasn't planned to include this.
- 110/12/19. Correspondence received by the Parish Council.** There was no further correspondence.
- 111/12/19. Date of the next meeting.** As the first Wednesday of January is New Year's Day the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at Anstey Village Hall, Yeo Mill.