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DRAFT MINUTES

These minutes will be agreed at the Parish Council meeting on 2nd December and might be subject to slight amendment

The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held virtually on Wednesday 4th November 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Present: Cllr's J Griffin (Chair of meeting), R Gibson, R Milton and Ms L Moore.

In attendance: County Cllr J Yabsley, District Cllr E Ley, one member of the public and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

222/11/20. Election

a) Chair. Cllr Mrs H Warne was elected as Chair. Proposed by Cllr Griffin and seconded by Cllr R Milton.

Cllr Mrs Warne was unable to attend the meeting due to a family commitment, but she was aware that she would be proposed as Chair in her absence.

b) Vice-chair. A Vice-chair will need to be elected as the Vice-chair has now been elected as the Chair. It was decided to defer this to the next meeting when more councillors should be present.

c) Chair for the meeting. In the absence of the Chair, and no Vice-chair, Cllr Griffin was elected as Chair for this meeting.

223/11/20. Apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mrs H Warne and Cllr Miss R Warne. Cllr Gibson had advised the Clerk he might be late.

224/11/20. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures.

225/11/20. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2020 as an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

226/11/20. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. There were no matters arising.

227/11/20. Public Questions. There were no questions.

228/11/20. Planning

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

72255 Prior Approval for the erection of steel framed portal building to be used for storing straw & farm machinery following prior notification 71678 at Oaklands Poultry Farm, West Anstey. Due to the unusual circumstances of this

site councillors decided they needed advice on how to respond to this application. The Clerk will contact Michael Tichford, Head of Place, NDC. It was noted that it was important to hold Mr Tichford to his word that the retrospective planning applications recently submitted for Oaklands Poultry Farm would not be decided because of the enforcement notice that had been issued.

Cllr Gibson joined the meeting at this point.

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

c) Any other planning matters. No other planning matters.

229/11/20. Highways - any highways issues. Cllr Yabsley reported that last week he had been out looking at the condition of roads with Richard Sables, Neighbourhood Highways Officer, and they had agreed to put the road to Tuckers Moor Cross on the books for patching next year.

230/11/20. Reports

a) County Cllr. Cllr Yabsley noted an email from DCC about the second Covid-19 lock down for England. He reported that he had attended a Zoom meeting to brief councillors on Western Power Distribution's (WPD) plans to go ahead with producing a more intelligent grid. This will produce more electricity for heating homes and for electric vehicle charging points. Fast charging electric charging points need to be 18 amps and the structure will need upgrading to provide enough charging points for the future. Electricity produced by solar panels, solar and wind farms will be going in and out of the grid. Cyber security for unmanned sites is a risk and concern. Cllr Yabsley will send the Powerpoint slides to the clerk for circulation. WPD has circulated an email with details of how to apply to their Festive Community Support Grant for funding to support vulnerable people over the winter. Cllr Yabsley still has some money in his Locality Budget and it was agreed to apply for a grant towards decorating the exterior of Anstey Village Hall and new markings for the car park. Councillors were encouraged to keep reporting potholes. Work is being carried out on the A361 to remove trees suffering Ash Die Back and to clear out stops.

b) District Cllr. Cllr Ley reported that it was quiet at NDC due to the Covid pandemic. He asked about the solar panel project at Anstey Village Hall because the grant funding needs to be spent and he will speak to the Chair of the Village Hall Committee.

c) Any other reports. No other reports.

231/11/20. Finance: to approve invoices for payment. It was resolved to make the following payment: Mrs J Larcombe - £90.40 Clerk's salary.

232/11/20. Play Area

a) Any issues arising from playground inspections. The play area is being used very little at present and that is not likely to change until the spring. Before then it needs a tidy up and the springie and goal posts need to be removed.

b) To agree who will carry out inspections for the next month. Cllr Griffin agreed to continue carrying out the inspections.

233/11/20. Update on co-option of a councillor to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council. Notices inviting applications for co-option will be put on the website, notice board and Facebook page. Cllr Ley suggested inviting applications from West Anstey as well to support applications for grant funding for Anstey Village Hall.

234/11/20. Correspondence. An email has been received from Claire Holmes-Elliott, Landlady of the Jubilee Inn, updating councillors on the limited opening during the pandemic and her current plans to offer wood fired pizzas on a Thursday evening. She is considering creating a small farm shop predominantly to provide supplies from local producers for local people with a central distribution point. Before she looks at making an investment to provide this facility she would like to know what people's thoughts are about what they need, how they would use it, and how that may change after the Covid-19 pandemic. The Parish Council has no objection to a shop in principle. Comments from Mr Gosling, included in the August 2020 minutes under 186/08/20, have been challenged in an email received by the Parish Council. The email included photos. The Parish Council has previously raised concerns with the relevant authorities over matters brought to their attention and does not feel it can do any more. It cannot get involved in disputes between neighbours. Plastic Free North Devon has emailed the Parish Council to ask for support for their campaign to remove, from retail sale, cheap polystyrene bodyboards in North Devon by passing a motion of support. They also requested help in gaining support from district councillors in North Devon by inviting them to do the same. It was agreed to pass a motion of support. Cllr Ley was aware of the campaign. WPD - Festive Community Support Grant. The Clerk will have a look to see if an application needs to be made.

235/11/20. To agree the date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on 2nd December via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 20.30pm

Signed by the Chair

Date