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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th July 2023 at East Anstey Primary School at 7.50pm

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

In attendance: One member of the public and Mrs J Larcombe (Clerk).

17/07/23. To receive apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mrs Warne. In her absence the meeting was chaired by Cllr Miss L Moore, Vice-chair.

18/07/23. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. Cllr Milton declared a personal interest in planning application 77168 as ward councillor.

19/07/23. To agree the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 19th May 2023 as an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and were duly signed by the Chair of the meeting.

20/07/23. Matters arising from the minutes, not included on the agenda. There were no matters arising.

21/07/23. Public Questions. The member of the public did not wish to speak.

22/07/23. Planning

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

77168 Outline application for the erection of 2no Dwellinghouses with some matters reserved (access, landscaping, layout and scale) at Land at East Anstey. Grid Ref: 286814; 126096.

Comment: While East Anstey Parish Council has no material objection to this application, even though this piece of land is not allocated for housing in the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan, it does have concerns. Policy EAN: East Anstey Spatial Strategy refers to one additional site in the village centre for approximately 3 dwellings which are currently being built and are covered by Policy EAN01: Land at East Anstey -

(1) Land opposite the Froude Arms, as shown on Policies Map 44, is proposed for approximately 3 dwellings with an emphasis on providing small dwellings to reflect local needs. As that site adjoins this site the Parish Council suggest that that there is a condition similar to Condition 15 of the approval for application 73012 to restrict the total internal floorspace of each these 2 dwellinghouses to a maximum of 100 square metres to make them affordable and meet local need. Conditions on construction and drainage as for application 73012 are also

requested.

Should the application be approved the Parish Council request a S106 contribution towards improvements to the play facilities in the village.

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

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

23/07/23. Highways: any highways issues. Notice has been given of a proposed road closure for the road from Barton Cross to Hawkwell Cross, East Anstey on August 28th. USL, a utility contractor working on behalf of BT Openreach, have a telegraph pole to replace at the above location. Cllr Milton explained DCC's criteria for blocked drains.

24/07/23. Reports

a) District Cllr. Cllr Milton reported that he was trying to find out about the Community Councillor Grant Fund. Each District Cllr has a budget of £1,000 for the financial year which starts on 1st April. As Cllr Milton wasn't elected until 5th May there is a possibility that some of the 2023-24 funding might have already been allocated. He has also been asking NDC for details of where Government funding for the Rural Grant Programme has been used. He attended the Devon Community Foundation event at Knowstone Village Hall to find out what funding is available for rural communities.

b) County Cllr. No report.

25/07/23. Finance:

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

Mr D Passmore - £210.00 2 cuts of playing field (Payment reference 2324/11)

Mrs J Larcombe - £173.50 – Clerk's salary for May and June plus expenses (Payment ref 2324/12)

HM Revenue & Customs - £40.00 PAYE (Payment ref: 2324/13)

Mrs J Larcombe - £354.68 repayment re Zurich Annual Insurance (Payment ref 2324/14)

Funds will be transferred between the current account and the instant access account to leave £1,000 in the current account.

b) To note any receipts since the last meeting and the bank balances.

c) To receive the Internal Audit Report. Since the last meeting bank interest of £24.20 has been received. Current account balance: £982.00 and Instant Access account balance: £7,608.11.

c) Bank reconciliation at 30th June 2023. The bank reconciliation was noted.

e) Budget monitoring report for 1st April to 30th June 2023. The report which only covered the spending agreed at one meeting was noted.

26/07/23. Play Area

a) Any issues arising from playground inspections. No issues.

b) To agree who will carry out inspections until the next meeting. If Cllr Mrs Warne is unable to carry out the inspections Cllr Miss Moore offered to do them.

c) Progress with applying for funding for new play equipment. The two members of staff dealing with applications to the Batsworthy Cross Wind Farm Community Fund have both suddenly left Devon Community Foundation who administer the fund and the fund has been temporarily closed. Cllr Milton will ask about S106 funds.

27/07/23. Exmoor National Park Authority

a) Result of 2023 election. Andrew Bray, Michael Ellicott, William Geen, Jeremy Holtom and Nicholas Thwaites were elected. These were the candidates the Parish Council voted for.

b) Proposed ENPA Committee Changes Survey. It was delegated to Cllr Milton to complete the survey.

28/07/23. Correspondence. The notice board at Always End has collapsed and the Parish Council has been asked whether it is their responsibility to repair or replace it. This notice board is not the responsibility of the Parish Council. The Clerk noted the Parish Council notice board by the Village Green was in need of tidying up. This will be addressed when entrance to the field is altered.

29/07/23. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on 6th September 2023.

Signed:
Chair

Date: