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## **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th June 2019 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr I Vigus (Chair), D Barber, R Gibson, J Griffin, R Milton and Miss L Moore.  
**In attendance:** District Cllr E Ley, eight members of the public and the Clerk,  
Mrs J Larcombe.

**18/06/19. Election of Chair.** Cllr Barber, Vice-chair, took the Chair and reported that Cllr Mrs H Warne had resigned as Chair. Nominations were called for and Cllr I Vigus was nominated by Cllr D Barber. This was seconded by Cllr J Griffin. There were no other nominations and Cllr Vigus was unanimously elected as Chair. He signed the Acceptance of Office as Chairman Form before taking the Chair.

Cllr R Gibson joined the meeting.

**19/06/19. To receive apologies.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr's Mrs H Warne and Miss R Warne.

**20/06/19. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda.** Cllr Milton declared a personal interest in item 30/06/19 because he was one of the nominees.

**21/06/19. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2019 as an accurate record of the meeting.** The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**22/06/19. Matters arising from the minutes.** There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**23/06/19. Public Questions.** A member of the public from Oldways End spoke about her planning application which had been submitted to Somerset West and Taunton Council. This application is in Brushford Parish Council but it was decided the Clerk would circulate the details to councillors in case they wanted to make a comment.

### **24/06/19. Planning**

**a) To make a recommendation on any planning applications received by the council before the meeting.** No applications were received.

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

- c) To receive an update regarding the lodging of an appeal against NDC's refusal for applications 64059, 64060, 64061, 64062 and 64063, Oaklands Poultry Farm. To agree the cost of representation at a formal hearing if necessary.** The applicant has submitted an appeal against the refusal of one of the five applications. The Planning Inspectorate has asked him to submit appeals against the refusal for the other four applications. There is also a possibility that the application to site a mobile home at Oaklands Poultry Farm might also be decided at appeal. Concern was raised that NDC has not issued the applicant with an Enforcement Notice but the Clerk has been told that an appeal could be made against an Enforcement Notice and it would take even longer for the matter to be resolved. Mike Kelly is willing to represent the Parish Council if there is an appeal hearing and the charge would be for a day.
- d) Any other planning matters.** There were no other planning matters.

#### **25/06/19. Highways**

- a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out.** The grass on the verges at Woodburn Cross has not been cut. The white line around the pothole at Woodburn Cross has disappeared and the pothole remains. The surface of the road past Whitemoor is in a bad condition and this is being made worse by the large number of lorry loads of soil being delivered and tipped at the equestrian centre.
- b) Any other highways issues.** No other highways issues. The state of the road surface will be reported to highways.

#### **26/06/19. To receive the following reports:**

- a) District Cllr.** Cllr Ley spoke about S106 funding and reminded the Parish Council about the money held by NDC from the development at Blackerton. If S106 money is not used in five years it can then be used in other places. Money has had to be found to fund the proposed new leisure centre and swimming pool and unused S106 funding has been allocated. The Clerk said she had been contacted recently and asked to complete a form to give details of the Parish Council's priorities for using the funding for East Anstey. She will complete the form and send to Cllr Ley before it is submitted. The purchase of a strip of the field next to the playing field and a community meeting place are priorities.
- b) County Cllr.** There was no report.

#### **27/06/19. Finance.**

- a) To approve invoices for payment.** It was resolved to make the following payments:  
Mrs J Larcombe - £119.03 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 304)  
HM Revenue & Customs - £8.20 Clerk's PAYE (Chq no 305)
- b) To receive the Internal Audit Report.** A new internal auditor is required and it was unanimously agreed to ask Karen Ward, an experienced Clerk with suitable financial and governance expertise, to carry out the internal audit. Proposed by Cllr Vigus and seconded by Cllr Milton.
- c) To approve the Annual Governance Statement.** It was unanimously agreed to approve the Annual Governance Statement.
- d) To agree the Annual Accounting Statement for 2018-2019.** It was unanimously agreed to agree the annual accounts.
- e) To agree the signing of the Certificate of Exemption for 2018-2019.** It

was unanimously agreed to sign the Certificate of Exemption.

**28/06/19. Play Area**

**a) Any points to note from the weekly inspections.** Cllr Mrs Warne carried out the inspections in May/June but she was unable to attend the meeting so there were no points to note..

**b) To agree who will carry out inspections for the next month.** Cllr Griffin will carry out the inspections for the next month.

**c) Plans for replacement of play equipment.** Power was delegated to Cllr Mrs Warne, the Clerk and Chair to apply to Awards4All and the Batsworthy Cross Wind Farm Community Grant Fund for funding to replace the play equipment. £1000 is available from Cllr Ley's Community Grant Fund. The Clerk will also make a list of other grant funding possibilities.

**d) Any other matters arising.** There were no other matters arising.

**29/06/19. Village Fete and Froude Run – update from Cllr Barber.** Cllr Barber reported that preparations were well in hand. He is preparing the running order and it will be very similar to last year. A risk assessment has been produced for the fete and the run. A meeting is planned for 17<sup>th</sup> June to go through the final details. Cllr Vigus's daughter has been helping with the arrangements and promotion of the run.

**30/06/19. Election of parish members to the Exmoor National Park Authority.** Cllr Milton declared an interest because he had been nominated by the Parish Council. Thirteen nominations had been received and the Council agreed how to cast its 5 votes..

**31/06/19. Opportunity to raise any questions on items discussed during the meeting.** Parishioners raised concern about the continuing tipping of soil at Whitemoor Equestrian Centre and the nuisance caused by the lorries delivering the soil. Concern was raised about the difficulties in measuring the amount that is being tipped. The Clerk was asked to contact the Environment Agency and NDC again.

**32/06/19. Correspondence received by the Parish Council.** Cllr Barber reported on a meeting held at Blackerton on 12<sup>th</sup> June to discuss affordable housing. The son-in-law of the developer who purchased the site is taking the project forward but needs to make the scheme viable. This could mean altering the number of affordable and open market homes to be built on the site. He was accompanied at the meeting by a planner and architect. Cllr Barber, Councillor Miss Moore and the Clerk were able to discuss the issues involved with them. The developer's team then travelled to NDC for a meeting with Jean Watkins to discuss the issues and options for taking forward the development and providing affordable housing. The Clerk was informed that the meeting was productive and it was felt that a Housing Needs Survey should be carried out in East Anstey and neighbouring parishes. This will be paid for by the developer's son-in-law and organised by NDC. Expressions of interest need to be obtained from people interested in the affordable housing. Neighbouring parishes will be informed by the Clerk and asked to collect expressions of interest. Affordable housing will be discussed at the next meeting.

**33/06/19. Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm.