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DRAFT MINUTES

These minutes might be subject to slight alteration

**The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th March 2015
 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr's I Vigus (Chair), D Barber, Mrs T Brock, C Gillett, R Gibson, R Milton, Mrs H Warne and Miss R Warne.

In attendance: PC A Micallef, County Cllr J Yabsley, eleven members of the public and the Clerk Mrs J Larcombe.

151/03/15. Police Report. It was agreed to move this item forward. PC Micallef reported that there had been no crime or calls from East Anstey in the last six weeks and it had been generally quite quiet elsewhere in the area. There was a break in at Witheridge Post Office and £2000 worth of cigarettes were taken. Two men were arrested in Exeter in connection with this crime. There have been a few shed break-ins at Bishops Nympton and Chittlehampton and petrol has been siphoned from vehicles.

PC Micallef left the meeting.

152/03/15. To discuss the Village Fete (13.06.15). Standing Orders were suspended so that members of the public could join in the discussion. Cllr Milton joined the meeting during this item. The following points were discussed and decided.

- The fete will start at 1pm. Cos Wood and Jenny Blake will be asked to open it. Sid Blake to be asked if Jenny cannot do it.
- A Temporary Events Notice is required from NDC and the Clerk will apply for this. Tracy and Joe Brock will run a bar which will be open from the end of the run. Tracy has the appropriate licence.
- Mrs Wynn will organise a Dog Show and would like to hold it on the main field if possible. A list of classes was given to the Chairman. She will bring bags and buckets to clean up after the dogs. The Council's insurers would like all dogs to have public liability insurance (which is part of pet insurance) but it was suggested that there could be a disclaimer instead,
- Ian Bewes will bring his two shire horses. There will also be pony rides.
- Anstey Garden Club will run a plant stall.
- The Marie Curie Exmoor Group will have a stall.
- Anstey Young Farmers Club will organise a tug of war and welly throwing or similar.

- The WI will do teas and coffees.
- The Church will run a cake stall.
- There will be a display of older vehicles.
- Clare Vigus to be asked to do face painting.
- Mr & Mrs Ridewood will organise a “Guess the weight of a Longhorn” competition with an animal on site.
- Dave Barber to arrange a 250KW generator. The power requirements for stalls will need to be known before the fete.
- Ian Vigus will speak to the Hunt about hiring a marquee. This will be used for teas and possibly the bar. If stalls are to go in here the space they require will need to be identified. He will also arrange hire of temporary toilets.
- Arrangements to be made to borrow tables and chairs from West Anstey Village Hall.
- There will be a hog roast for the end of the run.
- Heather Warne to print 140 flyers for the next In Touch magazine. Rebecca Warne to produce along with posters.
- Advertising to be arranged:- website, facebook, notice boards, In Touch, school newsletter, Dulverton paper etc.
- Stalls will be asked to give a percentage of their profits and this will be divided between St Margaret’s Hospice, Taunton and Devon Air Ambulance.
- There will be an entry fee of £1 per adult. Children will be free.
- Mark James will be asked to provide a bouncy castle.
- Competitions are needed to keep people at the fete. A skittle alley will be organised.
- The school will organise running races.
- The Froude Run (7 miles) will start on the bridge outside the Froude at 12:50. Drink stations will be arranged and stewards organised. There will be a shorter race for under 13’s.

There will be another discussion at the May Parish Council meeting.

153/03/15. To receive apologies. Apologies were received from District Cllr E Ley.

154/03/15. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures.

155/03/15. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th February 2015 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.

156/03/15. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. There were no matters arising.

157/03/15. Planning

a) To make a recommendation on any other planning applications received by the council. No applications received.

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

c) Any other planning matters. The wind turbine has been erected at Slade

Farm, West Anstey. It was questioned whether the barn being built at Woodburn Cross is the same size as on the approved plans. There has been clarification on permitted development Class MB to allow a change of use from agricultural buildings to residential and Local Planning Authorities will no longer be able to use the remoteness of the location as an excuse to turn the application down.

158/03/15. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. It was reported that the stonework on the bridge over the former railway line is crumbling. It is not known who is responsible for the bridge so the Clerk will report it to highways in the first instance. A large amount of litter is being dumped along highways. NDC is responsible for this and a report of the Council's concerns will be made to them. The usual highways issues remain a concern.

b) Any other highways issues. A parishioner contacted Cllr Mrs Brock about a field gate that had been left open as he was worried about travellers getting into the field. The gate has since been shut.

159/03/15. To receive the following reports:

a) District Cllr. No report.

b) County Cllr. See item 162/03/15.

160/03/15. Finance

a) To approve invoices for payment. It was resolved to make the following payment: Mrs J Larcombe - £94.06 Clerk's salary and expenses (chq no 209).

b) Outcome of plans for TAP Fund Application. The quote for SWW to install a water supply to the Village Green was £1200 - £1300. As this was far more than anticipated it was decided by the Chairman and Clerk not to make an application to the TAP Fund. Councillors were in agreement with that decision.

161/03/15. Play Area

a) To agree who will carry out inspections for the next month. Cllr Vigus will carry out the inspections until the next meeting.

b) New signs for the play area. Cllr Vigus has purchased some "Please shut the gate" signs and will donate them to the Parish Council. The Clerk has laminated two general information signs. Cllr Vigus will put up the signs when he is carrying out an inspection.

c) Any matters arising. Cllr Mrs Brock reported on the inspections that she had carried out. She found a lot of polystyrene in the field and some safety matting in the hedge. Following heavy rain a big dip between the hedge and the slide fills with water. Some bolts on the springie are not covered and one of the swings needs some oil. The wood on the bench and the gate both need treating with oil or wood preservative. The annual Rospa inspection is being carried out in March and the report will hopefully arrive in time to be discussed at the next meeting. A decision on what work is required will be made then.

County Cllr Yabsley joined the meeting.

162/03/15. County Cllr Report. Cllr Yabsley reported that there had been an amendment to the National Planning Policy Framework regarding

sustainability for Permitted Development Class MB applications. The budget has been set at DCC and there is £1million within it for enabling work to try and get funding from the infrastructure fund for improvement works to the A361. DCC will need to lose a significant number of staff in the next two years to balance its budget. There is £30million for highways work when £65million is required just to stand still on maintaining the 9000 Km of roads in the county. A lot of money is spent on C class roads and DCC will be having a serious look at removing from the network some class 10, 11 and 12 roads that only lead to single properties. Cllr Yabsley suggested that the Parish Council might consider discussing which roads in East Anstey parish this might apply to before DCC contact them. Information was given about the rebuilding of South Molton Community College and the amalgamation of the infant and junior schools.

Cllr Yabsley left the meeting.

163/03/15. Parish Council Elections. The Clerk had a supply of nomination papers and distributed them to councillors. Any member of the parish can obtain a set of papers from the Clerk or NDC. The closing date for nomination forms to be delivered to NDC is 4pm on April 9th. The Clerk will pass onto Cllr Barber any forms that need to go onto the notice board. Cllr Barber will also be putting information on the website.

164/03/15. Community Right to Bid. To inform councillors about the process. The Clerk has contacted NDC for guidance and has received information and an application form to complete. If the application is successful it would give the community a six month period to decide whether to try to purchase the hall and to find funding if a decision was made to sell it. It is understood that the Methodist Church has no immediate plans to sell the hall and an agreement has been made to hold three services a month in the hall to keep it in the community. It was agreed to complete the form and to look for possible funding.

165/03/15. Newsletter. Although most of the information is on the website it was acknowledged that some parishioners like to receive a paper newsletter. The newsletter was being printed by SGB Agriculture but for the past two copies it has been printed by the Clerk and she has driven from Tiverton to deliver the copies to Cllr Gillett. A way to print it more locally will have to be agreed. It was agreed to produce a newsletter in May with the names of the councillors following the Parish Council elections.

166/03/15. Public Question Time. No questions.

167/03/15. Matters Brought Forward at the Discretion of the Chairman. A key for Allways End Methodist Hall will be cut and Cllr Vigus will keep this. The Parish Council will pay for the key to be cut. Arrangements to hire the hall need to be made through Sid Blake and that information will be added to the parish website.

168/03/15. Correspondence received by the Parish Council. The following correspondence was noted:
Clerk and Councils Direct – March 2015

Details of the Exmoor Forum Meeting 26 March 2015.

169/03/15. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th April 2015 and it will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm.

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