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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 1st November 2017 at Allways End Methodist at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's D Barber (Chair), R Gibson, J Griffin, R Milton, Mrs S Stanley, Mrs H Warne and Miss R Warne.

In attendance: District Cllr E Ley, sixteen members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

90/11/17. To receive apologies. Apologies were received from Cllr Vigus.

91/11/17. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures of interest.

92/11/17. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 4th October as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

93/11/17. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. There were no matters arising.

94/11/17. Public Question Time. Nigel Down, agent for Len Chappell, spoke to the meeting about the organic poultry rearing enterprise at Hillands. He explained planning approval had been granted for the brooder unit where chicks would be reared from day old to three weeks of age. Initially the advice was that planning approval would not be needed for the mobile units but now hardstandings have been laid for the units Mr Chappell has been advised that he needs to submit a planning application. Mr Down said there would be heaters in with the chicks but no lights for the mobile units. The site looks a mess at present because it has been so wet but it will be levelled and trees planted. There will up to 10,000 birds on site at any time. Birds will be collected once a month and feed will be delivered every three weeks. Mr Down insisted the site would be kept tidy. Hook2Sisters, who will be purchasing the reared chickens, have high welfare standards.

95/11/17. Planning

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

63745: Extension to dwelling at Parkfield Farm, East Anstey.

Applicants: Mr & Mrs Plume and Stimpson.

Comment: East Anstey Parish Council support the granting of approval.

63924 Retrospective Listed Building application for replacement of 5 windows at West Liscombe Farm, Waddicombe, Dulverton. Applicant: Mr R Connell.

Comment: East Anstey Parish Council has no objections.

It was noted that work should not be carried out on listed buildings before planning permission is given.

b) To note emails re 63825 Parking at Blackerton House and Alder Cottage

This is an application for a non-material amendment to planning permission 60066 in respect of reduction in parking spaces and would not normally be subject to consultation. A complaint was made that the application appeared to have been determined before the statutory period end on 23rd October and the Planning Officer explained the tracker on the application might be defaulting and included the Parish Council in an email which gave anyone the opportunity to comment on the application until the 20th October. Councillors were informed but no comment was made.

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

62638 erection of a ground mounted solar photovoltaic panel array (1 row, 11.96 kwp). Melcoe Park Farm, East Anstey.

Decision: conditional approval granted.

It was noted there is now a letter box at Melcoe Park Farm and a Tesco delivery van was seen delivering to the mobile home. Councillors will monitor the situation and NDC are already aware of the Parish Council's concerns about the use of the mobile home.

63302 change of use of land to allow glamping site & erection of facilities building at Hillands, West Anstey. Decision: permission refused.

d) Affordable housing at Blackerton – an update on the transfer of land to English Rural Housing Association.

The Clerk reported she had been contacted by Ian Gillespie, Technical Development Manager at English Rural Housing Association (ERHA) and he had told her arrangements to amend the Blackerton S106 agreement were progressing and ERHA expected ownership to be passed to them within the next few weeks. At present there does not seem enough interest to build the nine planned affordable homes. Only seven people are on the housing list for East Anstey and adjoining parishes and one of them does not have a local collection. It is likely the affordable housing will be built in stages and all units will be for rent unless someone expresses a specific interest in part ownership. A new planning application will be submitted in the New Year and ERHA will hold an event to consult with everyone. An effort will be made to encourage anyone in the parish with an interest in having an affordable home to register on the NDC housing waiting list. A letter will be sent to adjoining Parish Councils/Meetings asking them to do the same. Carol Drummond's contact details have also been given to Mr Gillespie because of her role as Local Housing Contact with the Exmoor Rural Housing Network and as a Blackerton resident.

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

96/11/17. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. The usual problems remain. The East Anstey sign is missing at Blackerton Cross.

b) Any other highways issues. There were no other highways issues.

c) Devon Highways Conferences. Councillors were reminded about the four highways conferences DCC are holding in November.

97/11/17. To receive the following reports:

a) District Cllr. Referring to the conditional approval granted for planning

application 62638 Cllr Ley said there was a need to concentrate on contesting important cases and he had been involved in contesting a more important land fill application. The issue of the five windows that were replaced without a listed building application has been going on for some time and Cllr Ley is not sure about the outcome. He was asked if the applicant could go to appeal if permission was refused and, if they could, would NDC fight it. He said he hoped that common sense would prevail. Parish grants for small parishes are to be cut completely by 2018-20. In answer to his question the Council confirmed there was no news on the future of Allways End Methodist Hall. .

b) County Cllr. No report.

98/11/17. Finance:

a) To approve invoices for payment. It was resolved to make the following payment: Mrs J Larcombe – Clerk’s salary and expenses £85.90 (Chq no 264)

b) To note loss of 50% of NDC Parish Grant for 2018-19 and 100% thereafter. Noted. Planning the 2018-19 budget will start at the next meeting.

99/11/17. Play Area

a) Any points to note from the weekly inspections. The gates at the entrance to the Village Green are looking tired and might need replacing.

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

c) Update on funding application for play equipment. The clerk is completing an application to Awards for All. It was suggested an application could also be made to the Batsworthy Cross Wind Farm Community Fund. An application will be made to the Town and Parish Fund for new gates to the Village Green.

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

100/11/17. Update on VETS scheme for the defibrillator. An email has been sent to everyone who has expressed an interest in being involved in the scheme. Once names have been confirmed they will be given to the Community Heartbeat Trust. A further training session is being arranged for these volunteers. Cllr Mrs Warne is putting together a map to show all the properties in the parish. A selection of articles such as fridge magnets will be purchased to enable people to be easily reminded of the code to the defibrillator box

101/11/17. Update on proposed conversion of phone box to display notices and posters. The Community Heartbeat Trust has supplied the paint for the phone box as initially it was planned to install the defibrillator in it. Once Cllr Mrs Warne has completed setting up the VETS Scheme she will arrange a working party to convert the phone box to display posters and notices.

102/11/17. Opportunity to raise any questions on items discussed during the meeting. No questions were raised.

103/11/17. Correspondence received by the Parish Council. The following correspondence was noted:

NDC: Invitation to Parish Forum on 13th November at Brynsworthy

104/11/17. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th December at Allways End Hall at 7.30pm.