EAST ANSTEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th May 2026 at East Anstey Primary School at 8.00pm

Present: Cllr's Miss L Moore (Chair), I Fasham, Miss J Gannon, R Gibson and Mrs C Warne.
In attendance: three members of the public and the Clerk. Mrs J Larcombe.

15/05/26. To receive apologies. Apologies were received from County Cllr R Hopley and District Cllr R Milton. The resignation of Cllr Milton from the Parish Council was noted.

16/05/26. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. Cllr Mrs Warne declared a personal interest as a lot of East Anstey residents purchase eggs from her.

17/05/26. To agree the Part 1 minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th May 2026 as an accurate record of the meeting. The Part 1 minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chair. The Part 2 minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

18/05/26. To decide on type of community event to be held in late summer. At the meeting held on 6th May councillors agreed to support a proposal to hold a fete on the Village Green on 30th August, the day of the Froude Run and the Sunday of the late summer bank holiday weekend. The person who put forward the proposal changed his mind and said he didn't want to organise the fete and then changed his mind again and said he did want to organise a fete but would only work with Cllr Mrs Warne. The Froude Run is being organised by Anstey Young Farmers Club and they have the insurance for this event. They cannot commit to organising a fete but would organise the tug of war if there is a fete. It was noted that there is a bell ringing event planned for the Saturday of the bank holiday weekend and Hawkridge Revel is being held on 31st August, Bank Holiday Monday. Cllr Mrs Warne had put forward her view that the fete shouldn't be held on a Sunday because the Village Green is close to the home of an older, long-term resident of East Anstey who is a committed Methodist. One option was to move the fete to the Saturday but it was felt that it was too short notice now to organise a fete and a committee of people will be needed to organise one. The Parish Council cannot take this on and cannot work with someone who keeps changing their mind about organising it. Cllr Mrs Warne's preferred option is to hold a bring and share afternoon tea and chat on the Village Green on Sunday 13th September from 4pm to 6pm. Tables and chairs could be hired or borrowed with a backup plan for poor weather. Cllr Mrs Warne's suggestion was agreed.

19/05/26. Finance

a) To approve any invoices for payment. It was resolved to make the following payment: Mr D Passmore - £260.00 grass cutting on Village Green (Payment ref: 2627/03)

b) Appointment of internal auditor. Quotes are being obtained.

c) To agree the Annual Governance Statement. Agreed.

d) To agree the Accounting Statement. The accounts were presented at the

Annual Parish Meeting, held before this meeting. Agreed.

20/05/26. Play Area

a) To agree work planned for the shelter. Following a site meeting a quote for the work to prepare the floor of the shelter, lay a membrane and cover with hard core has been received. Merlin Eggs have offered to pay for the scalpings and Cllr Miss Moore will provide the membrane. The offers were accepted. It was agreed to accept the quote from Poole Plant.

b) To agree the ordering of benches and picnic tables. It was agreed to repair one bench and order a recycled plastic picnic table with wheelchair access. The notice board outside of the Village Green will be repaired free of charge.

21/05/26. Date of the next meeting. 8th July 2026.

A decision will be made on what to do with the phone box by the Village Green, which is owned by the Parish Council. Residents will be consulted on whether it should be sold or refurbished for another use and Cllr Mrs Warne will put a notice up and collect the responses. Should the decision be made to refurbish the phone box a resident offered to donate some perspex to replace the broken window panes if children from the school can paint on it.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed: Date:
Chair