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DRAFT MINUTES

These minutes will be agreed at the Parish Council meeting due to be held on 31st January 2024 and might be subject to slight amendment

The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 29th November 2023 at East Anstey Primary School at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Mrs J Larcombe (Clerk).

43/11/23. Apologies. No apologies received.

44/11/23. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. No disclosures.

45/11/23. To agree the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th September 2023 as an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chair.

46/11/23. Matters arising from the minutes, not included on the agenda. None.

47/11/23. Public Questions. No members of the public present.

48/11/23. Planning

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

77885 Variation of condition 2 (plans) attached to planning permission 71445 (replacement of existing dwelling) to allow for design changes at Hilltop, West Anstey. Grid Ref: 284558; 125350. Comment: no objections.

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

c) Any other planning matters. There was concern that the Jubilee Inn has been let for housing. The bar has been removed and the owners are claiming that it hasn't been used as a pub since 2014. Councillors thought that it had been used as a pub since 2014. No application has been submitted for a change of use. A check will be made to see if it is still a licenced premise.

49/11/23. Highways: any highways issues. The road from Woodburn Cross to Woodburn

Water is in a poor condition and there has been some flooding which makes it difficult to see potholes. The damaged road surface at Black Cat has finally been resurfaced.

50/11/23. Reports

a) District Cllr. Cllr Mitton reported that NDC are looking at making changes to waste collection which would mean that non-recyclable waste would be collected less frequently. All planning applications now have to show bio-diversity net gain. The planning team is very small and NDC are using lots of agency staff. The turn around time for minor applications is 16 weeks and 52 weeks for a major application.

The regeneration of the pannier market at Barnstaple has been completed. There will be a full road closure on the B3224 between Exford and Wheddon Cross from January 2 until May 10 for repairs to an embankment. The regeneration of North Devon Hospital is being looked at.

b) County Cllr. No report.

51/11/23. Finance:

a) To approve the pay award for the Clerk as agreed by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services. Approved.

b) To approve invoices for payment. It was resolved to make the following payments: Mrs J Larcombe - £304.70 Clerk's salary September, October and November 2023 plus backpay (Payment ref: 2324/23)

HM Revenue & Customs - £72.80 PAYE (Payment ref: 2324/24)

Since the last meeting two payments of £210.00 have been made to Daniel Passmore for cutting the grass (Payment ref: 2324/21 and 2324/22)

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

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

A donation of £500 has been received from Anstey YFC towards the defibrillator

Current account balance: £780.00

Instant Access account balance: £9642.29

d) To discuss and agree the budget for 2024-25. Councillors discussed the draft budget prepared by the Clerk. The cost of living crisis has resulted in increases to expenditure and the need to increase the precept.

e) To agree the precept for 2024-25. It was agreed that the precept would be £7,100.00.

52/11/23. Play Area

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

b) To agree who will carry out inspections until the next meeting. Cllr Mrs Warne will carry out the inspections.

c) Progress with applying for funding for new play equipment. The Batsworthy Cross Wind Farm Community Grant Fund will be reopening in the new year. The quotes that have been received are now out of date so new quotes will have to be obtained and the quote resubmitted.

53/11/23. Advertising the Parish Council vacancies. This will be pursued in the new year. Something will be put in the 'In Touch' magazine and some flyers will be produced.

54/11/23. Correspondence. There was no further correspondence.

55/11/23. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be on 31st January 2024.

Signed:
Chair

Date: