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### **The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 2nd March 2016 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr's I Vigus (Chair), D Barber and Miss R Warne.

**In attendance:** Seven members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

**145/03/16. To receive apologies.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr's Mrs T Brock, R Gibson. C Gillett, R Milton and Mrs H Warne. Apologies were received from District Cllr E Ley and County Cllr J Yabsley. Cllr Gillett is attending a PCC meeting and will try to get back to the Parish Council meeting.

**146/03/16. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda.** There were no disclosures.

#### **147/03/16. Planning for the Village Fete – Standing Orders to suspended for this item to allow members of the public to take part in the discussion.**

The main points from the discussion were:

- The fete will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June and will open at 1.30pm. There will not be an entry charge. Event to be continued into the evening. Bar to be asked to stay for evening and people to be asked to bring their own music.
- The money raised from the fete will go towards the cost of purchasing a defibrillator with a donation being given to the British Heart Foundation.
- The Fun Run will be organised by Ian Vigus. The children's run to start at 4pm and the adults at 5pm. Arrangements need to be made for an adequate number of drink stations on the route.
- A new site layout is being planned by Dave Barber. He will make different arrangements for a water supply this year. He will also arrange for the fete to be filmed.
- Phyll Wynn will organise the Dog Show which will start at 2pm with the children's classes.
- Anyone in East Anstey parish and adjoining parishes will be allowed to have a stall (subject to suitability). There will also be a Marie Curie stall.
- Arrangements to be made to borrow tents and portaloo from the Hunt. Other people to be asked to bring gazebos. There are 10 tables that can be borrowed from Allways End Methodist Hall. Dave Barber to arrange to borrow tables from West Anstey Village Hall Chairs can also be borrowed from West Anstey.
- Ian Vigus to speak to Cos Wood, WI, regarding teas

- Hog Roast to be arranged. In view of the success of the fete in 2015 it was felt the Council could ask for a larger donation. Bar to be arranged. Ian Vigus to discuss with Jimmy as it is hoped to extend the event into the evening.
- Chris Warne to organise Tug of War.
- Dave Barber has arranged for 2 organs to be brought to the fete.
- Rebecca Warne to try and arrange pony rides and a coconut shy
- Jo Pugsley to organise the draw. Draw to take place before the Tug of War.
- The school and PTA will be asked if they want to be involved.
- Ian Vigus to find out about a 'Beat the Goalie' competition.
- Iain Bew will bring his heavy horses.
- Publicity. Rebecca to produce posters. Dave to promote fete on website. Heather Warne to be asked to contact 'In Touch'.
- The fete arrangements to be reviewed at the start of each Parish Council meeting until the fete.

**148/03/16. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd February 2016 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.

**149/03/16. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda.** There were no matters arising.

**150/03/16. Public Question Time.** There were no questions from the public.

**151/03/16. Planning**

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

Mr & Mrs Ridewood have contacted the Clerk to say the Council's comment on their planning application had an inaccuracy. The field referred to as sold was not sold at that point, it was under offer.

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

**c) Barnstaple Town Council Planning & Environment School – invitation to book a place/s.** No one is able to attend.

**d) NDC Planning Enforcement Review - to discuss the Council's view on the enforcement priorities for this parish.** The Council's view is that planning enforcement needs not to be selective but deal with all breaches

**e) Any other planning matters.** Torridge and North Devon Wind Farm Consultation. The Clerk reported that Cllr Yabsley had commented to her that, in his opinion, small wind turbines used on farm's to reduce energy bills should not be ruled out. There was no formal comment from the Parish Council. Councillors were concerned that NDC did not take any notice of their Comments

**152/03/16. Highway**

**a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out.** Everyone was urged to report potholes to DCC. Cllr Barber said he was impressed with the resurfacing of roads in the parish. County Cllr Yabsley has told the Clerk the road between Woodburn Cross and Countiesmeet is on the list to be done but he doesn't know when.

**b) Any other highways issues.** It is believed the planned works between Barton Cross and Allways End is for superfast broadband.

**153/03/16. To receive the following reports:**

**a) District Cllr.** No report.

**b) County Cllr.** No report.

**c) Police.** No report. Note: an email was received from PCSO Bray the day after the meeting. She was on leave for the period during which the Police received notice of the meeting and the meeting date. The only issue the Police have recorded for East and West Anstey is a report of a dog worrying livestock at Higher Bidbrook Farm, West Anstey. The email was forwarded to councillors.

**154/03/16. Finance:**

**a) To approve invoices for payment.** It was resolved to make the following payment: Mrs J Larcombe - £109.69 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 232)

**b) To discuss the quotes received for cutting the Village Green grass and agree which to accept.** It was agreed to accept the quotation from Mr Hill for an annual cost to cut the field, up to a maximum of 15 cuts.

**c) Allways End Methodist Hall – any update regarding the future of the hall.** Lorna Jones, NDC Corporate and Community Support Officer has advised that North Devon Council are not in a position to allocate s106 funding to the purchase of the hall. The Head of Legal Services has written to Cllr Eric Ley advising "At present, my understanding is that the Methodist Hall is currently available for community use. If that is the case, then I do not see how the use of the funds to purchase the Hall can be justified. This is because, all we would be doing is using the funds to change the ownership of an existing community facility. It would mean that the funds were not being used to provide additional community facilities to serve the development. There might be some exceptions to this. An example could be if the Hall is currently planned to be closed or sold for development. In that situation, it might be possible to justify the use of the funds to secure the community use as it would be clear that without it, the community facility would be lost. Another exception could be if the purchase of the Hall would give rise to a facility that was improved in some way so as to enable greater or more extensive use by the increased local population". It was agreed to withdraw the offer to purchase the Methodist Hall at this point. The Council would like to be informed if the Methodist Circuit decides to sell the hall and would then look at how the funds could be raised. Ms Jones has advised the Clerk that NDC will be supportive and help the Council look at how the funds could be raised if a decision is made to sell the hall.

**155/03/16. Play Area**

**a) Any points to note from the weekly inspections.** Cllr Gibson noted on the report form that the 'No parking in front of the gate' sign needs replacing. A new sign will be purchased.

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

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

- 156/03/16. Batsworthy Cross Wind Farm Community Fund Consultation – to make a response.** The Council will make a response explaining that it is looking at how it can raise funds to purchase Allways End Methodist Hall, should the Methodist Circuit decide to sell it, to protect it for community use.
- 157/03/16. Exmoor National Park Authority Historic Signpost Workshop on 11<sup>th</sup> March.** No one is available to attend this workshop.
- 158/03/16. To discuss the best site for the proposed defibrillator.** Suggested sites for the defibrillator are: the phone box; the exterior of the school; SGB and Allways End Methodist Hall. Cllr Barber will have a look to see if there is a power connection to the phone box.  
The Community Centre raised £500 from the Pancake Lunch and a donation will be made from this towards the cost of the defibrillator.
- 159/03/16. Matters Brought Forward at the Discretion of the Chairman.** There were no matters brought forward.
- 160/03/16. Correspondence received by the Parish Council.** The following correspondence was noted:  
Clerk & Councils Direct – March 2016 issue
- 161/03/16. Date of the next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on 6th April 2016 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in May.

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