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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 2nd September 2015 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr's I Vigus (Chair), D Barber, C Gillett and Mrs H Warne.

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

**68/09/15. To receive apologies.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr's Mrs T Brock, R Milton and Miss R Warne. Apologies were received from County Cllr J Yabsley.

**69/09/15. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda.** There were no disclosures.

**70/09/15. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th August 2015 as a true record of the meeting.** The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.

**71/09/15. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda.** Plans for a defibrillator for East Anstey will be discussed at the next meeting.

**72/09/15. Public Question Time.** There were no questions from the members of the public.

**73/09/15. To discuss the sale of Allways End Methodist Hall.** It needs six members to form a class and there are only five members in East Anstey. There have only been twenty four other meetings held at the hall in the last year. As the hall is not used a great deal it was felt that the hall will probably be sold. Cllr Barber will put something in the news section on the website to warn parishioners that the hall could be sold once formal notification is received. It was agreed to make a 'Community Right to Bid' application which, if successful, would give the community six months to try and raise funds to purchase the hall if that is what the parish wants to do. It was suggested that a bid could be made to the lottery for funding. An open meeting to hear parishioner's views will be held at the start of the October meeting.

#### **74/09/15. Planning**

**a) To make a recommendation on any other planning applications received by the council.**

There were no applications.

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

There were no decisions.

**c) To note further correspondence regarding Exceptions Housing Land Allocation – land adjacent to Oldway Road, East Anstey.** A further letter has been received from Adam Bennett of Ken Parke Planning Consultants. He has asked the Council to keep the details of the site on file and to consider it as a deliverable opportunity to provide a rural exceptions site should any further need for affordable housing within the parish arise at any time.

**d) Any other planning matters.** There were no other planning matters.

#### **75/09/15. Highways**

**a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out.** Lorries removing timber from Barton Wood have caused a lot of damage to the hedges and verges. The lane to Barton Wood has been widened by at least three foot beyond the tarmac. The entrance to Barton Wood has also been widened and Mr Chinneck has agreed in writing to reinstate the corner.

**b) Any other highways issues.** The Clerk has emailed Cllr Yabsley to see if there is any news about work to repair the road surface between Woodburn Cross and Countiesmeet.

#### **76/09/15. To receive the following reports:**

**a) District Cllr.** Cllr Ley asked if anything had happened about the affordable housing at Care Blackerton and he was told that nothing had happened yet. The Town and Parish Fund has been renamed the Community Fund and the deadline for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Ley asked for people's views about the wind turbine that has been erected at Slade Farm, West Anstey. It was felt that most people would prefer that it wasn't there.

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

**c) Police.** No report.

#### **77/09/15. Finance:**

**a) To approve invoices for payment.** It was resolved to make the following payment: Mrs J Larcombe - £84.69 Clerk's salary and expenses (chq no 225)

**b) To note another thank you letter for a donation from the money raised by the fete.** A letter has been received from St Margaret's Hospice thanking the Council for the £500 donation.

**c) To consider a request from the Church for a grant towards the cost of work on trees.** The PCC is still trying to obtain another quote. This item will be carried forward to the next meeting.

#### **78/09/15. Play Area**

**a) Any points to note from the weekly inspections.** Cllr Mrs Brock had sent a report to say the sign on the gate is looking tatty as is the sign on the side fencing. She has suggested that the Council purchase permanent signs. It was agreed that the Council would purchase permanent signs and the Clerk and Cllr Mrs Warne will liaise about this and the signs will be ordered. Cllr Mrs Brock also noted there was no 'Please shut the gate' sign on the little gate from the

playground into the field. Cllr Vigus will put up a sign. There are some small cracks appearing on the rubber handle bar of the baby swing for the Council to be aware of. It was agreed to purchase some paint for the wooden sides of the slide. Playways have advised the Council on the details of the paint they used when they put in the new piece of equipment and utilised the slide.

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

**c) To discuss how the problem of dog mess in the play area could be dealt with.** No dog mess was reported in the play area in the last month.

**d) Any other matters arising.** No other matters arising.

**79/09/15. Oldways End – update on issue of legal ownership of land opposite Allways End Methodist Hall.** Mr Matthews has spoken with Oldways End residents regarding the circulating document and gossip. He has made it clear that there is currently no doubt as to the ownership of the land and consequently no further action will be taken by residents and the matter has now been put to bed. He has spoken with Mr Deering and advised him of the same. The Parish Council will consider paying for a legal document to be drawn up pertaining to the use of the land for car parking if the Allways End Methodist Hall remains as a community facility. Mr Matthews will be speaking to Mr Deering again regarding the centre bollard and will respectfully request its removal to facilitate the safe discharge of children from the school bus.

**80/09/15. Village Fete – to discuss whether a fete will be held next year and, if so, when.** It was agreed to hold the fete and fun run again in 2016. Cllr Barber said he was unable to do any date in June but didn't want that to stop the fete being held in June. A date will be agreed for late June or early July. A viewing of Cllr Barber's film of the 2015 fete will be arranged. Cllr Vigus and Cllr Barber will see if the viewing could be held on a Saturday night at the Jubilee, now it has reopened.

**81/09/15. Matters Brought Forward at the Discretion of the Chairman.** There were no matters brought forward.

**82/09/15. Correspondence received by the Parish Council.** There was no further correspondence.

**83/09/15. Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting was changed to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at 7.30pm as Cllr Vigus and Cllr Barber will both be unable to attend a meeting on the planned date of 7<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Ley gave his apologies.

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