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DRAFT MINUTES

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**The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 3rd August 2016
at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr's I Vigus (Chair), D Barber, R Gibson, C Gillett, J Griffin and R Milton.

In attendance: District Cllr E Ley, County Cllr J Yabsley, PCSO Bray, seven members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

50/08/16. To receive apologies. No apologies were received.

51/08/16. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures at this point.

52/08/16. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th July 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.

53/08/16. Matters arising from the minutes. There were no matters arising.

54/08/16. Public Question Time. There were no questions from the members of the public.

55/08/16. Planning

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

62/64/16/001 Proposed installation of a telecommunications pole and ancillary equipment (12m high timber telegraph pole above ground, supporting radio equipment and cabinet). Venford Farm, Road from Five Cross Ways to Slade Bridge, East Anstey. (Easting 286187, Northing 129589).

Applicant: Mr R Peel, Airband Community Internet Ltd.

Cllr Milton declared a personal interest as a member of the Exmoor National Park Authority. This application is part of the 'Connecting Devon & Somerset Project and will offer people an opportunity to have an improved broadband Service if the application is approved.

Comment: East Anstey Parish Council fully supports the granting of planning approval.

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

c) Any other planning matters. The following application was withdrawn before it could be discussed by the Parish Council.

61391 Installation of a 500 Kg incinerator for the disposal of carcasses at The Kennels, East Anstey. Applicant: Mr Hugh Maund, Dulverton Farmers Fallen Stock Co.

Correspondence regarding planning application 61358 was received following the last meeting. The comments were noted.

PCSO Bray joined the meeting. It was agreed to bring the Police Report forward on the agenda.

56/08/16. Police Report. PCSO Bray reported that since the 1st July there had been two reported incidents. One was a RTC involving a cyclist and the other concerned a party at Partridge Arms Farm, West Anstey. Cllr Barber asked PCSO Bray how she could be contacted and she said she could be contacted by email Beverley.Bray@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk or by phoning 101. PCSO Bray is planning to attend the coffee morning at Allways End Methodist Hall in September.

57/08/16. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. The Council is continuing to press for repairs to the road surface between Woodburn Cross and Countiesmeet.

Cllr Ley joined the meeting.

b) Any other highways issues. Further to the two Devon Highways conferences held in October last year, and subsequent feedback received, DCC intend to hold more events this year but would like to try a different approach whereby they hold workshop style events, possibly by district area, which are less formal and are more focused on responding to the subjects that parishes would like to discuss. Initial suggestions are that the sessions will last for a morning and that a lunch will be provided at the end of the workshop. However, the length of the events does all depend on the number / type of subjects that parishes would like to discuss. DCC are asking for information on the subjects parishes would like to discuss.

c) To discuss a request for the Parish Council to consider calling a public meeting to review two sections of road, firstly between Hollowalls and New Park Farm and secondly from the County boundary to Countismet.

Following discussion it was felt that the issues with this piece of road are:

- The poor condition of the road surface means that motorists have to go into potholes. The sides of the road are breaking down
- There are no road markings limiting where vehicles can park so anyone can park along this road. Moving vehicles have to go around parked cars.
- There is no pavement for pedestrians.
- Speeding

Highways will be told that the condition of this piece of road is making it unsafe. A public meeting will not be called but members of the public can raise any concerns at Parish Council meetings.

There has been concern about a gateway into the lay by, adjacent to New Park, being opened up. The matter has been investigated by Planning Enforcement who has confirmed there is no planning breach because it opens onto private land and not the highway. The only people who would have jurisdiction are North Devon homes who own the land.

58/08/16. To receive the following reports:

a) District Cllr. Cllr Ley referred to the A361 North Devon Link Road consultation and said the Parish Council should make a response. Stage 1 only addresses the issues between South Molton and Bideford but if that work gets done there is a possibility of a Stage 2 to address issues between South Molton and Tiverton. NDC are considering changes to the waste collection service to improve recycling rates and reduce service costs. One of the three options put forward would mean that black bins would only be emptied every three weeks. At present they are emptied fortnightly. Another option is to charge for a garden waste collection for those that want it while introducing a weekly food collection for all households. A decision is expected to be made this month. Cllr Griffin said it will only work if NDC supply the correct receptacles. He has experienced difficulties in obtaining receptacles. The Parish Council does not agree with the black bin collection being reduced to every three weeks. Mr Dedames now has a licence to sell alcohol.

Cllr Yabsley joined the meeting.

b) County Cllr. Cllr Yabsley also encouraged the Council to respond to the Link Road consultation. He reported that he has been arguing with DCC to try and get the road surface between Woodburn Cross and Countiesmeet repaired and he asked the Parish Council to give him whatever support they can. The more people that complain about the poor condition of the road the more likely it is that something will get done. Cllr Barber will send out an email telling people how to report and complain and information will also be put on the website. There is still money for pothole repairs but the work is being prioritised on how much the road is used. On minor roads it can take up to 28 days to get a pothole repaired. Cllr Vigus thanked Cllr Yabsley for contacting South Molton Community College about the noise building contractors working on the new school were making while GCSE exams were taking place. There was an improvement after Cllr Yabsley contacted the school.

Cllr Yabsley left the meeting

59/08/16. Update - Batsworthy Cross Wind Farm Community Fund Grants Panel

Composition. Cllr Vigus has contacted Devon Community Foundation because they said they had not received his application to be on the panel. He has been told the panel is decided now and that he can apply when a vacancy occurs. Three people from East Anstey applied to be on the panel and not one of them got a place. Councillors were very concerned about the disproportionate representation on the panel and it was agreed the Council would make a complaint. It was felt that people were now fighting over money produced from something they didn't want. .

PCSO Bray left the meeting.

60/08/16. Finance

a) To approve invoices for payment. It was resolved to make the following payments:

Methodist Church - £132.30 room hire and electricity at Allways End Methodist Hall (Chq no 239)

Mrs J Larcombe - £86.78 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 240)

b) Request for funding contribution from Exmoor Young Voices. The Parish Council needs to finish its own projects before it can consider contributing to outside organisations.

61/08/16. Play Area

a) Any points to note from the weekly inspections. There were no points to note.

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

c) To discuss replacing the springie. An application will be made for a grant of £500 from Cllr Yabsley's Locality Budget. This will be used towards replacing the springie.

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

62/08/16. To discuss ordering the defibrillator. Parish Council responsibilities once it is installed. Cllr Mrs Warne was not at the meeting and there were no figures for the Council to consider. Power to Act was delegated to Cllr Mrs Warne, Cllr Vigus and the Clerk so a decision can be made and the defibrillator ordered as soon as possible.

Two further donations have been received, adding a further £60 to the funds. Consideration will be given to tidying up the phone box.

63/08/16. Matters Brought Forward at the Discretion of the Chairman. There were no matters brought forward.

64/08/16. Correspondence received by the Parish Council. The Devon Rural Housing Partnership in partnership with North Devon District Council is offering a training session on Devon Home Choice with the aims of familiarising delegates with how Devon Home Choice works with particular reference to affordable homes in rural areas and equipping delegates with the knowledge required to explain how Devon Home Choice works to people looking for affordable housing in North Devon. Time and Date: 1st September 2016, 10.30am-12.30pm. Cllr Barber might be able to attend.

65/08/16. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on 7th September at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm. Cllr Milton gave his apologies.