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The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Present: Cllr's Mrs H Warne (Chair), Miss J Gannon, J Griffin, R Milton, Ms L Moore, I Vigus and Miss R Warne.

In attendance: District Cllr E Ley, County Cllr J Yabsley, Rex Milton, Chair of West Anstey Parish Meeting, Clive Leworthy, Community Ambassador Airband, Tony Watkins, Business Development Executive Airband, two members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

263/02/21. Presentation from Airband Community Internet Ltd – an update from the presentation at the October meeting. Mr Leworthy and Mr Watkins updated the meeting on Airband's progress with bringing high speed broadband to the premise to East Anstey. They are licenced to use existing underground ducts and poles but will also put up their own poles etc to bring fibre to the premises. There needs to be enough take up to make it affordable. Anyone interested can register through the Airband website and it is hoped to deliver in April/May/June. The standard installation cost is £99, subject to survey. There is a 30 day cooling off period once someone has signed up. Airband will credit up to a fixed amount for anyone who terminates an existing contract early. There are options to upgrade from 40mbs to 100mbs. Mr Watkins was asked if Airband was putting in cable in Oldways End in February and he said he would check. He was asked how Airband worked with the existing BT landline system and he explained they had nothing to do with the copper telephone line. People can keep their existing phone number and make and receive phone calls over the internet using the one connection. In 2025 they will be stopping all phone calls over cable and changing them to internet as it is more economic to deal with.

Mr Watkins and Mr Leworthy left the meeting.

264/02/21. To receive apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr R Gibson.

265/02/21. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. There was no disclosure of interests.

266/02/21. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2021 as an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

267/02/21. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. There were no matters arising.

268/02/21. Co-option of a councillor. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Judith Gannon as a councillor. Proposed by Cllr Milton and seconded by Cllr Griffin. Cllr Miss Gannon signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and joined the meeting

269/02/21. Public Questions. There were no questions.

270/02/21. Planning

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

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

c) Any other planning matters. APP/X1118/C/20/3262727 Oaklands Poultry Farm (pt Hillands), East Anstey. An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against an enforcement notice issued by North Devon District Council on 9th October 2020. The enforcement notice was issued to remedy the alleged breach of planning control: unauthorised development consisting of the siting of concrete pads, erection of mobile poultry houses with feed silos and creation of internal tracks. Cllr Ley noted that there had been an error in the enforcement notice as it referred to 10 concrete pads and not 20. NDC has informed the Planning Inspectorate. The Parish Council will make the following comment to the Planning Inspectorate 'East Anstey Parish Council supports the enforcement noticed served by North Devon Council and the reasons given by the Planning Inspector in his appeal decision'.

271/02/21. Highways - any highways issues. Potholes were reported on the B3227 just before the Jubilee Inn, heading in the South Molton direction. Another pothole on the South Molton side of the Jubilee Inn is becoming very large. Cllr Yabsley reminded councillors to keep reporting potholes online.

272/02/21. Reports

a) County Cllr. Cllr Yabsley reported that patching work is due to be carried out on the road between Blackerton Cross and Tuckers Moor Cross. Cllr Ms Moore has responded to Stuart Howell, DCC Public Rights of Way Officer, regarding a diversion order. There are problems progressing it due to Covid. Cllr Yabsley asked whether councillors felt the Covid vaccination programme was working well. Cllr Griffin said he knew of a number of people aged over 80 who had received their vaccinations. Cllr Milton complimented Highways on recent work to jet drains and tidy up verges. He reported that drains that have not worked for 20 years are now running again. It was felt the improvement was due to a local contractor carrying out the work. It was good to see that they had not only cleared the drains that had been marked but had also looked to see why they were marked. Rex Milton said some people who were over 80 and housebound had not heard anything about their vaccination. It was suggested the Parish Council should contact their medical practice, but some people are registered with a practice in Dulverton and others with a practice in South Molton. It was advised that it would be better to contact Cllr Paul Henderson, Mayor of South Molton.

Cllr Yabsley left the meeting.

b) District Cllr. Cllr Ley expressed concern that some of the older people in the area seemed to be falling through the net and had not received their Covid vaccination. Knowstone parishioners are having to go to Taunton Racecourse to receive theirs. He had been to the vaccination centre at Barnstaple Leisure Centre but, in his opinion, it was painfully slow. He noted that the Parish Council's second application for funding from the NDC Climate and Environment Grant had been submitted. It is not known how long it will take to get a decision on the enforcement appeal at Oaklands Poultry Farm. No decision has been made on the planning applications at Whitemoor and Cllr Ley asked if the Parish Council would attend if the applications went to the NDC Planning Committee to be decided. Council tax bills for 2021-22 will increase by about £50 for a Band D property.

273/02/21. Finance

a) To approve invoices for payment. It was resolved to make the following payments: Mrs J Larcombe - £90.40 Clerk's salary

Exmoor Creative LLP - £45.00 website hosting and domain name renewal

b) To note the payments for the solar panels for Anstey Village Hall. The Climate and Emergency Grant of £10,000 has been received from NDC. Two invoices of £3,785.00 and one of £7,571.60 have been paid. Contributions have been received from West Anstey Parish Meeting and West Anstey Village Hall. A second application has been made for funding for replacement heating which will use electricity produced by the solar panels. Quotes are still awaited, it has been difficult to get them because of Covid. It is expected that the Batsworthy Cross Wind Farm Community Grant Scheme will open again in April.

c) To approve the Business Risk Assessment updated for Covid-19.

The Business Risk Assessment February 2021 was approved.

274/02/21. Play Area

a) Any issues arising from playground inspections. There were no issues to report.

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

c) To agree the grass cutting contract for 2021. It was agreed to accept Mr Cable's quote for grass cutting for 2021. Payment will be made in two parts.

d) To decide what needs to be done about the condition of the multiplay piece of equipment and replacing other equipment. The goal post and springie have been removed. The toddler swing and multiplay piece of equipment are the only pieces of equipment left from the Rospa inspection carried out in March 2020. They have been classed as risk level medium with a recommendation for early replacement. It will cost £4,500 - £5,000 to repair the multiplay piece of equipment which is getting quite old now. This is similar to the replacement cost and the Council will need to have a look at finding funding to replace it. It was agreed to have a working party to look at what could be done to tidy up the area. The annual inspection will be put off until this has been done. The flat seat and basket swings were installed mid 2020.

Arrangements for the working party, in line with Covid regulations, will be made at the March meeting. The equipment is not being used at present because it is winter and very few children are attending school due to the lockdown. The old seat (Presented by SW Television in 1992) has had its day and will be removed. Cllr Vigus has got a 6' gate but is waiting for a 4' gate. Once he has both he will replace the gates to the playing field. Cllr Vigus and Cllr Griffin

were thanked for the work they had done. Cllr Mrs Warne will get 'No Parking', 'Keep the Gate Closed' and 'No dogs' signs to put on the new gates. Cllr Griffin will have a look at the condition of the sign which says the playing field was donated by Charles Gillett. If necessary, it will be replaced.

275/02/21. Refresher training for the defibrillator. Training will be arranged once Covid restrictions are relaxed. There is likely to be an opportunity to share a session and costs with Oakford Parish Council.

275/02/21. Correspondence. There was no correspondence to discuss.

276/02/21. To agree the date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be on 3rd March 2021 via Zoom.