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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held virtually on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

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

In attendance: District Cllr E Ley, County Cllr J Yabsley, Rex Milton, Chair of West Anstey Parish Meeting and 2 members of the public.

277/03/21. To receive apologies. Cllr Miss Warne had advised that she would be late.

278/03/21. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures.

279/03/21. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2021 as an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

280/03/21. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. There were no matters arising.

281/03/21. Public Questions. There were no questions from members of the public.

282/03/21. Planning

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

72858 Change of use of existing barn and adjacent agricultural land to stabling and machinery/hay storage at New Park Farm, East Anstey. Grid Ref: 286769; 125297. Comment: East Anstey Parish Council has no objections to the granting of approval.

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

c) Any other planning matters. Notice of a planning appeal was received after the agenda was circulated.

APP/X11118/W/20/3264903 (NDC planning application 71380)1) Erection of one storage building. (2) Variation of condition 4 (personal use restriction) and removal of condition 5 (own horses only) attached to planning permission 61739 (change of use of land from agricultural to equine & erection of stables together with formation of manege). Piggingswood Stables, East Anstey. The Parish Council decided not to comment on this planning application when consulted by NDC and it was decided that it would not be appropriate to make any comment at the appeal stage.

Cllr Yabsley joined the meeting.

283/03/21. Highways - any highways issues. It was reported that the road from Oldways End to Hawkwell Cross would be closed next week. Councillors questioned whether this was for work to be carried out for Airband's superfast broadband scheme. Cllr Vigus reported that there was a lot of litter on the South Molton road and asked for this to be reported to NDC. NDC usually organise a litter pick along the A361 in late March/April.

284/03/21. Reports

a) District Cllr. Cllr Ley reported that NDC had received five applications for funding from the Parish Climate and Environment Grant Fund of £10,000. This included the application from East Anstey Parish Council for funding of £10,000 for a new heating system for Anstey Village Hall, to be powered by the electricity generated by the solar panels purchased using funding from the first round of CEG funding. One Parish Council had decided to rescind their application before the committee met to look at the applications. The committee had agreed to award a grant of £120 to one of the applicants but there was not enough funding left to award the full amount applied for by the other three applicants. The committee had decided to request further information from the three applicants to check if the projects would go ahead if the full amount of funding requested was not awarded. Cllr Ley referred to the questions the CEG committee had asked and suggested to the meeting how they should be answered by the Parish Council. He reminded councillors about the gentleman's agreement that NDC would repay the £27,940 S106 funding from Blackerton that was used towards the cost of the new leisure centre at Barnstaple and suggested emailing Cllr Worden to remind him about not being deprived of that funding. Cllr Yabsley, as a member of the CEG Committee, gave feedback about East Anstey's application and said the proposed extension to the bar area should not have been mentioned. The Clerk expressed her concerns about the position that she and the Parish Council had been put in, and the stress she had been put under, as a result of Cllr Worden, Leader of NDC, and a senior officer suggesting to Cllr Ley that East Anstey Parish Council should apply to the CEG for funding towards solar panels and a new heating system for Anstey Village Hall as a way of repaying up to £20,000 of the S106 funding. The initial suggestion had been made less than 3 weeks before the closing date for the first round of applications which had put pressure on the Clerk and the Chairman of Anstey Village Hall to meet the deadline of 31st August 2020. The solar panels have been installed but until a new heating system is fitted the electricity generated can only be used for heating water and the majority will be going to waste. After receiving the £10,000 funding for the solar panels it was realised that the systems quoted for were domestic and would not generate enough electricity to power the heating system for the hall and additional funding had had to be found to purchase an improved system. The Parish Council, having contributed towards the additional cost of the solar panels, confirmed they would not contribute any additional funding towards the heating system. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Warne, Valerie Jackson, Chair of West Anstey Village Hall Committee, Rex Milton and the Clerk would have a virtual meeting to decide the Parish Council's response to the questions.

b) County Cllr. Cllr Yabsley reported that DCC had set their budget for 2021-22. DCC's share of the Council Tax will increase by 4.99% and 3% of this is for adult social care. NDC's share will increase by 2.6%, the Police 6.73% and the Fire Authority 1.99%. This is the last meeting that Cllr Yabsley will attend in his

2017-2021 four-year term as Ward Councillor. The County Council elections will take place on 6th May and purdah starts on 24th March. Cllr Yabsley was thanked for the work he had done for East Anstey.

Cllr Yabsley left the meeting.

285/03/21. Finance

a) To approve invoices for payment. The following payment was agreed: Mrs J Larcombe - £90.40 Clerk's salary.

b) Review of Financial Regulations. The Clerk reported that no changes were required and this was agreed by the Parish Council.

286/03/21. Play Area

a) Any issues arising from playground inspections. No issues reported. Cllr Griffin reported that the Village Green is hardly being used at present.

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

c) Change to arrangements for the grass cutting contract for 2021. Due to family illness the contractor appointed at the last meeting to carry out the grass cutting for 2021 is now unable to do the work. New quotes will be obtained.

d) To arrange a working party, in line with Covid arrangements. Cllr Mrs Warne and Cllr Griffin will meet to work out what needs to be done. The benefit of the working party not being limited to councillors and of getting 'buy in' from the families who benefit from the play area was noted.

287/03/21. Review of Standing Orders. With the addition of 'Meetings can be held remotely until 7th May 2021 following The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020 coming into force April 2020 to allow local authorities to conduct meetings remotely' at 3 y the Standing orders were agreed.

288/03/21. Consultation on updates to the 'Scheme' for West Anstey Village Hall. The secretary reported that there had only been a few responses received from the consultation and the ones received had all been positive.

289/03/21. Correspondence. There was no further correspondence.

290/03/21. To agree the date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on 7th April 2021 via Zoom.