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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th October 2017 at Allways End Methodist at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's I Vigus (Chair), D Barber, J Griffin, R Milton, Mrs S Stanley and Miss R Warne.

In attendance: County Cllr J Yabsley, twelve members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

74/10/17. To receive apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr's R Gibson and Mrs H Warne. Apologies were received from District Cllr E Ley.

It was agreed to bring the following item forward on the agenda.

75/10/17. To receive the following reports:

a) County Cllr. Cllr Yabsley reported he would be driving around the parish next week with Richard Sables, DCC Highways Neighbourhood Officer, to look at the condition of the roads. He was reminded the surface of Broomball Lane is in a very poor condition. Everyone was encouraged to keep reporting potholes online to get roads onto the patching list. Cllr Yabsley was asked to check whether what has always been thought to be a passing place on the road between Tuckers Moor Cross and the B3227, belongs to highways or to the owners of the Whitemoor Equestrian Centre. A query has been raised with the Parish Council after a trailer was parked on this area for a period of time. Similar concerns have also been raised in relation to the cones across the entrance to the property. Cllr Yabsley informed the Parish Council he had recently chaired a Working Group meeting regarding the future supply of private land for housing. This information has to be supplied to the Planning Inspector as part of the Joint NDC and Torridge Joint Local Plan.

b) District Cllr. Cllr Yabsley presented the report on Cllr Ley's behalf. With regards to planning application 62638 Erection of solar panels at Melcoe Park Farm, East Anstey a decision needs to be made on what is in the application and not on what might happen in the future. The Chief Planning Officer does not feel there is justification for a decision to be made by the Planning Committee. There is a risk of the applicant making an appeal if the application is refused. It was reported there is now a mobile home on the site and this will be reported to Planning Enforcement. Cllr Yabsley reassured the Council that the underlying planning issues have been recognised and will be looked at if they develop.

No planning application has been received yet for the chicken sheds which continue to be erected at Hillands. This is despite Mr Harrington's advice that any works carried out without planning permission are at the applicants own

risk as the application might not be approved and any development would then be subject to planning enforcement.

Cllr Yabsley left the meeting.

76/10/17. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures.

77/10/17. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 6th September as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

78/10/17. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. There were no matters arising.

79/10/17. Public Question Time. There were no questions.

80/10/17. Planning

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

b) To note any decisions made on planning applications by NDC. There were no decisions.

c) Exmoor National Park Partnership Plan Consultation. The consultation is for the plan from 2018 - 2023 and details are on the Exmoor National Park website. Anyone can respond. Cllr Milton explained the plan is a statement of fact and there was not much change from the existing plan. It is of more interest to anyone who wants to make a planning application within the national park.

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

81/10/17. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. No other problems noted.

b) Any other highways issues. No other issues than those raised under County Cllr's Report.

82/10/17. Finance:

a) To approve invoices for payment. It was resolved to make the following payment: Mrs J Larcombe - £85.90 Clerk's salary and expenses.

b) External Auditors Report. On the basis of Grant Thornton's review of the annual return, in their opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practises and no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements have not been met.

83/10/17. Play Area

a) Any points to note from the weekly inspections. There were no points to note. There will be a working party in the spring to sand down and paint the wood on the side of the slide

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

c) To consider quotes for replacement swings. Cllr Mrs Warne had obtained four quotes to supply and install a set of timber frame flat seat swings and a timber frame birds nest swing plus safety surfacing. The Council agreed the best

quote was from Rhino Play Ltd who had quoted £5,340.00 plus VAT. Metal sleeves will need to be put around the bottom of the wooden uprights to prevent damage from strimming. An application will need to be made for funding and it was felt that another piece of equipment could be added to make a better application. The Clerk will use the quote from Rhino Play Ltd as a basis for the grant application. Within its reserves the Council has money earmarked for a new piece of play equipment and this can be included in the application.

d) Any other matters arising. The bin in the play area is locked and the key has been lost following the death of Cllr Gillett. The lock will need to be removed to empty the bin.

In reply to a question from a member of the public it was confirmed that a springie had been removed from the play area and will be disposed of as it is not worth repairing.

Cllr Gillett was responsible for the flagpole and hoisting an appropriate flag as necessary. A parishioner will be asked if they are willing to take this on. It was thought the Union Jack flag was missing and it was agreed a new one would be purchased. Cllr Griffin will look online to find one to purchase.

84/10/17. Update on VETS scheme for the defibrillator. This is ongoing. Cllr Mrs Warne hopes to complete arrangements before the next meeting.

85/10/17. Update on proposed conversion of phone box to display notices and posters. A budget of £100 for materials for the conversion was agreed. Volunteers have offered to paint the phone box and they need to be asked whether they are expecting the materials to be supplied.

86/10/17. Update on Air Ambulance night landing site. The field that was put forward is not suitable due to it being used for cattle grazing. The Parish Council is exploring the possibility of purchasing a piece of land to improve community facilities for the parish but will not be able to report further until the end of the year. If this possibility is successful this piece of land might be suitable as a site for a night landing site.

87/10/17. Opportunity to raise any questions on items discussed during the meeting. It was agreed the phone box should be painted red when it is given a new coat of paint.

88/10/17. Correspondence received by the Parish Council. There was no further correspondence. Discussions on planning for the fete will start at the January meeting. A date needs to be agreed well ahead.

89/10/17. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st November at 7.30pm at Always End Methodist Hall.