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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th October 2016 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm

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

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

81/10/2016. To receive apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Miss Warne.

82/10/2016. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures.

83/10/16. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th September 2016 as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

84/10/16. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. There were no matters arising.

85/10/16. Public Question Time. Four residents from Blackerton (formerly Care Blackerton) spoke about their concerns regarding plans for a hall and cinema at Blackerton House. They felt there were some discrepancies in the plans submitted for planning application 60066. They have reported the alleged discrepancies to NDC who are going to investigate the matter. The Council has received information that one member of the Planning Enforcement team has left and they are not expected to be replaced before Christmas. This will inevitably leads to delays in investigating complaints. It was suggested the residents should speak to Cllr Eric Ley, their NDC ward councillor, about their concerns. Cllr Mitton suggested they could use the Freedom of Information Act to get information which is in the public domain. Cllr Ley joined the meeting during this item and left the room to speak to two of the residents.

Five or six children from Blackerton have to wait at the end of the drive for the school bus in the morning and there is no shelter from the weather. Their parents have approached DCC to ask for a shelter to be erected and the Parish Council has been informed about the request. Another member of the public said there were other stops without shelters where children had to wait for the bus and most parents wait in vehicles with their children. The residents are willing to put up

their own shelter and it was suggested a mobile garden shed erected on privately owned land might be the answer. They would also like Highways to erect a 'Slow Down' sign but Councillors didn't think Highways would provide one.

86/10/16. Planning

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

61756 Demolition of one existing and erection of one new dwelling, Oak Haven, East Anstey. Applicant: Mr G Turner.

Comment: East Anstey Parish Council support the granting of approval.

61739 Erection of stables together with formation of menage, Land at 286573, 124157 (South of Hillvera Farm), East Anstey. Applicant: Ms Julie Price.

Comment: East Anstey Parish Council ask that appropriate consideration is given to the cumulative landscape impact of this proposal. The expectation is that any lighting is low level and confined to the development. The Parish Council recommend that a condition should be attached to any approval stating that should the use of the proposed stables and menage cease the land should be returned to agricultural use.

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

c) Any other planning matters. No other planning matters.

87/10/16. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. The usual problems remain. Councillors noted media coverage about 'Road Wardens' and the work they were undertaking in some communities. A member of the public said trees on the sides of roads should be cut back to help protect the roads. Overhanging trees cause roads to remain wet and this is a factor in the deterioration of the road surface.

b) To consider the recommendation for the best site for the 'School Crossing' warning sign. The sign has been removed and Councillors agreed they should ask Highways to put it back because of the speed of traffic coming into the village and the risk to children. Previously there were two warning signs. Councillors felt the sign should be sited on the Oldways End side of the bridge and above the railway line.

c) To discuss a parental request to DCC for a bus shelter for children waiting for the school bus at Blackerton. This was discussed during item 85/10/16.

d) Any other highways issues. No other highways issues.

88/10/16. To receive the following reports:

a) District Cllr. Cllr Ley gave a very short report at the end of the meeting.

b) County Cllr. No report.

c) Police. No report. The Police did attend the last coffee morning.

89/10/16. Finance

a) To approve invoices for payment. It was resolved to make the following payment: Mrs J Larcombe - £84.70 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 245)

b) To note External Auditor's Report. Grant Thornton UK LLP has reported that, on the basis of their review of the annual return, in their opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no

matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. Other matters not affecting their opinion which they wish to draw to the attention of the Council for the year ending 31st March 2016: The Parish Council has considered, approved and signed the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) and the Accounting Statement (Section 2) on the same day and under the same minute reference. The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 stipulate that the Annual Governance Statement must be considered, approved and signed before the Accounting statements. In future the Parish Council will make sure the minutes clearly show the Annual Governance Statement was approved before the Accounting statements.

90/10/16. Play Area

a) Any points to note from the weekly inspections. Cllr Mrs Warne reminded Councillors that the sides of the slide need to be sanded down and painted properly in the Spring.

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

b) To discuss the options for the replacement springie. The Clerk has asked Cllr Yabsley for a form to make an application for funding from his locality budget towards the cross of a new springie. The Council will consider the options once they know how much funding they have towards a new springie.

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

91/10/16. To note the defibrillator has been ordered. To discuss how best to make parishioners aware/stay aware of how to access the defibrillator. The defibrillator has been ordered and should soon be delivered. Cllr Mrs Warne will find out how much it will cost to get fridge magnets and key rings printed with the code for the defibrillator. These could be given to parishioners to make them aware of the code and to make it easy for them to find the code if they need it. Enquiries will be made to find an electrician to install the defibrillator. There was concern about a large hole beside the phone box. A contractor has been laying a water pipe and during the process lost the 'mole' that was being used and he had to dig the hole to find it. He will be asked to fill in the hole.

92/10/16. Batsworthy Cross Wind Farm Community Fund Grants – to answer queries from the last meeting. No update. The Clerk will follow this up.

93/10/16. Matters Brought Forward at the Discretion of the Chairman. Councillors discussed their concerns that Exmoor National Park Authority had not made any comment on the planning application to extend the permission for 54402 (app/x1118/a/14/2211328) (installation of solar farm with static arrays of photovoltaic panels & ancillary plant, fencing & electrical equipment (additional information)) to allow siting for an additional 5 years at Molland Solar Farm Bommertown Farm, Bottreaux Mill with Cllr Milton. He said the Council should ask David Wyburn, Head of Planning ENP, about their policy on solar panels and why they didn't support local Parish Councils who objected to the proposal for a five year extension to the permission.
The Chief Executive of ENP is taking early retirement.

94/10/16. Correspondence received by the Parish Council. The following correspondence was noted:

Exmoor Rural Housing Network – information posters about the network. It was suggested the funding from the Batsworthy Cross Wind Farm might be better used for a Community Housing Fund.

95/10/16. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on 2nd November 2016 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm

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